



BANNINGHAM • COLBY • FELMINGHAM • SKEYTON • SLOLEY
SUFFIELD • SWANTON ABBOTT • TUTTINGTON

**Part-time Rector for the United
Benefice of King's Beck**

Banningham, Colby, Felmingham,
Skeyton, Sloley, Suffield,
Swanton Abbott, Tuttington

**"EIGHT BUILDINGS,
ONE CHURCH"**

We are a community of people called by God to respond to and draw others into his love, joy and peace, by working together, sharing in worship, witness service, and personal discipleship.

King's Beck is looking for a priest who with congregational support will be able to care, guide and inspire the church family, not only through worshipful services but also through community links and developing an inclusive welcome to all who live in our villages.

As a family we are reaching out through prayer to be active exciting places where all ages may become involved in worship/devotion, caring and service, to answer to the love and joy of God and welcome him into their busy lives.



WE NEED SOMEONE

- Who will be seen and recognised in all 8 villages
- Who is enthusiastic to develop community involvement
- Who motivates and has a creative approach
- Who listens and is approachable
- Who incorporates traditional with new flexible ideas for our worship
- Who appreciates other people's skills and abilities
- Who has an inclusive approach to encourage lay members and those coming new to Christian life
- Who will embrace opportunities for involving young people in our schools to share God's message in accessible lively ways

WE CAN OFFER

- A sincere, warm welcome to the person sent by God to lead us
- An established part time post which has been working well for quite a few years
- A recognised, committed and motivated Lay Ministry Team
- One PCC incorporating representatives from each Church & Churchyard/Friends Committees
- A united solidarity across all 8 churches
- Supportive co-operation and an ability to share and solve problems
- A volunteer Admin. Assistant who organises the rotas, etc.
- Established avenues of charity work locally, national and international
- Strong contacts with our two primary schools, including an Open the Book team
- Our treasurer is also Lay Director of Norwich Anglican Cursillo.
- The energy to reach out to our communities
- A detached 4 bedroomed house offering a separate office and room for meetings, with a manageable, fenced garden at the rear.



THE MINISTRY TEAM

This team comprises of six members of the congregation who are committed to supporting the Priest in worship, in developing their mission and vision for our church. Resuming our outreach to schools and the community. We are also developing our personal and corporate journeys as we strive to bring the word of God to others.

The Team who are all lay members: Heather McEwen, Sue Byrch, Viv Edwards, Jeanie Feneron, Jan Lodge, Diane Speck. We all gather together to plan services usually with tea and cake and for example on Good Friday, Heather did the welcome, prayers and collect. Jan, Jeanie and Viv were the three voices reading The Passion, Sue chose the music for reflection and did the final blessing, and Kathleen (who stepped in for Diane) read the Reflection. Viv is the one who does recorded music for us when we don't have an organist/guitarist. We try to swap roles for other services, so when we did the World Day of Prayer different people were reading and someone else did the prayers. We do other jobs such as arranging readers for the Carol Service and making posies for Mothering Sunday.

We also have a team of five members of the church family who are able to offer the chalice during communion.



SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

At King's Beck, we take seriously the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We follow the national Church of England guidelines for safeguarding, and all our ministers and volunteers have undergone a safer recruitment process, including a check at the appropriate level from the Disclosure and Barring Service. Our Safeguarding Policy and other information is clearly displayed in all our church buildings.

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Additional information can be found at
www.dioceseofnorwich.org/safeguarding

RESOURCES & FINANCE

The Parish Budget for 2026 showed an Income figure of £44,800 and an Expenditure figure of £50,792 but obviously things change during the year and this is based on estimated figures for electricity, etc. We pay a direct debit each month for the Parish Share and then around November time, make an additional payment. At the present time, we look to be paying a minimum of 67% this year. The congregation of King's Beck contribute financially by way of service collections on which GASDS is claimed and direct financial donations on which as much Gift Aid as possible is claimed. Following a recent appeal in the Benefice newsletter, £2150 extra was received. Individual churches fund-raise under normal circumstances and make contributions to the King's Beck funds twice annually towards insurance and electricity payments.

Our churches also fund raise in order to maintain their buildings and churchyards. Two of our churches have legacies which help enormously and one a Trust fund which supports not only the church it was left to, but other areas when appropriate.

Voluntary human resources also play a huge part in supporting the upkeep of these ancient buildings. We are fortunate that individual churches have fostered help and support from the local community and are working hard to increase this involvement.



SERVICES

At the present time we hold a Sunday morning Eucharist at one of our eight churches. All festivals and special services are shared equally amongst the group in a flexible manner. We are willing and open to consider a different approach to this regular pattern. Perhaps there is a place for family services and non-Eucharistic alternatives which we would be happy to explore. During the winter months, although all eight churches remain open for weddings, baptisms and funerals, only five are used for Sunday worship (three have no heating)

We hold study groups during Lent. We are open to other courses being made available to our church family and community.

BELL RINGING

At Felmingham, we are fortunate to have a Bell Tower Captain with a growing team of bell ringers, which means that bells can be rung for Sunday worship and also for Weddings, Remembrance, the New Year and celebrations.

Other churches have one bell which can be tolled on occasions.



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

We are happy for Baptisms to be part of the Sunday service or as a private event. Members of the Ministry Team attend courses when offered by the Diocese in respect of Life Events and also support at the services.

All of our churches are more than happy to accommodate weddings. Each church has a churchwarden/representative and they are happy to be involved and meet with the couple to discuss their needs for the service, rehearsals, flowers, etc. and to support the priest in any way.

Funerals and burials take place at all eight churches and at the local crematoria.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Ministry Team have worked successfully with children from both primary schools for several years. The Lantern Walk at Swanton Abbott is very popular with the school and village community and is held at the start of Advent. Felmingham Church has regular class visits from Colby Primary School. We recognise the huge benefit for everyone involved in this on a spiritual and educational level. We are keen to continue seeing this evolve.

Coffee mornings are held at the churches on a regular basis to promote community togetherness. Lunches for the elderly are held at Banningham, arranged by Jeanie Feneron.

Individual churches also have their favourite annual events which include Saints Days, Norfolk Day, Craft Fayres, Art Exhibitions and Flower Festivals. Other opportunities are embraced for example, Sewing Bee, live music concerts and seasonal activities like World Day of Prayer, Christmas events including carol singing on village greens, Harvest celebrations and sponsored Easter lilies also take place.



THE RECTORY

The Rectory is on a large plot of land in Felmingham with unrestrictive views over farmland to the rear from a secluded garden area. It is within easy walking distance from the church, a shop combined with a post office and the village hall. There is also a playing field and children's play area owned by the Bartram Felmingham Church Trust.

Felmingham is a busy and expanding hamlet located approximately two miles from the market town of North Walsham, which has direct road and rail links to Norwich.

A variety of excellent educational facilities are easily accessible, including Colby Primary School, Swanton Abbott Primary School, Paston Sixth Form College and North Walsham High School. There is also a High School in the market town of Aylsham and private education is on offer in nearby Holt at Greshams.

Nearby are The Norfolk Broads and the fabulous Norfolk Coast. Inland is littered with stately homes and National Trust properties e.g. Blickling Hall, Felbrigg Hall, Holkham Hall and Sandringham Estate. The city of Norwich is close by, which is a 'jewel in the crown', and everybody knows Norwich Cathedral, the history of the Tudors and Norwich City Football Club.



STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

Our strengths are that we are a strong, established, committed team with one PCC who work together in a very honest and forthright manner. We all have an understanding of our individual situations and the work that is needed at local level. Through good communication, linking our Friends groups with the PCC and Ministry Team, we can operate singly but also as one. This is obvious when we come together for our Sunday services where there is evidence that people are happy to move around the Benefice in order to share worship. As a team we support each other and work together to solve problems. We are open to new ideas and embrace new opportunities.

The PCC is made up of two churchwardens from each parish where applicable and two parish representatives where available. We meet four times a year as a PCC with reports from individual churches being a key part in our discussions. This also enables the PCC to understand the workings, concerns and successes of the Friends groups which are working at a local level and meet more regularly or as needs arise. Members of the PCC work as conduit between the Friends, the Vicar and the Diocese.

Felmingham sits in the middle of the Benefice map with the seven remaining churches radiating out in all directions for approximately 5 miles. The congregation averages 30 on a Sunday morning with more people attending celebrations and festivals. We have held open air carol singing on the village green in two villages for a few years now and both are very well attended. Swanton Abbott Primary School use St Michael and All Angels for Christmas and educational purposes. The challenges we face centre around encouraging youth attendance and forging established links with community agencies.

Music – We have organists who are willing to play at services, weddings and funerals and occasionally other musicians, including a guitarist, and we also use recorded music where appropriate. We occasionally hold concerts with visiting artists usually as a fund raiser.



OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

- To continue to be open minded, honest and good listeners moved by the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News.
- To have a close and loyal working relationship with our Pastoral Leader.
- To serve and develop networks of relationships in the local communities and to nurture the church family as it grows in depth and breadth.
- To continue through grants and fund raising to maintain and improve our church buildings.



OUR CHURCHES AND PARISHES



ST BOTOLPH,
BANNINGHAM



ST MARGARET OF
ANTIOCH, SUFFIELD



ST GILES,
COLBY



ST MICHAELS,
SWANTON ABBOTT



ST ANDREWS,
FELMINGHAM



ST PETER & ST PAUL,
TUTTINGTON



ALL SAINTS,
SKEYTON



ST BARTHOLOMEW,
SOLEY

ST. BOTOLPH'S BANNINGHAM

Banningham is a village in the heart of North Norfolk. Our Parish Church, part of the United Benefice of King's Beck (the stream that connects the 8 villages that make up the Benefice) includes Felmingham, Skeyton, Sloley, Suffield, Swanton Abbott and Tuttington, as well as Colby.

Information about the history of the church is available inside the church including the decorated hammerbeam roof, painting of St George and the dragon and the 15th Century glass which is part of Hungate Stained Glass trail. Exhibitions have been held about the bats inside the church and the history of St Botolph. Local residents manage the churchyard and it is part of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

The church has been awarded a bronze award from Rocha. The church has electricity but no mains water or toilet. We have an ethos of everyone is welcome to our church and we open all day, every day in the Summer and at weekends in the Winter.

Our Church Warden Jeanie Feneron is the Lay Director of Norwich Anglican Cursillo which is an international movement of the church providing the opportunity for Christians to deepen their faith.

Our catchment includes Colby School, with its wonderful eco-reputation. It has 142 pupils aged from 4 –11 years old. It had an Ofsted inspection in June 2026. The school achieved "Strong standard" in Attendance/ Behaviour and Personal Development/Wellbeing; "Expected standard" for Achievement, Curriculum, Early Years, Inclusion, and Leadership.

There is also a great pub and restaurant "The Banningham Crown," which has a compelling reputation and attracts visitors from all over the area. We have our Playing Field Eldons Retreat on Bridge Road which we share with Colby. It is maintained by the Parish Council, with help from residents.



This area has benefited from copse maintenance, re-wilding, and community planting of five hundred trees in support of NNDCC Carbon Reduction. A wildflower margin has been created and the area is used for relaxation, play, picnics and walks.

Our Village Green is located opposite St Botolph's Church and The Banningham Crown. It is maintained by the Parish Council and used by Banningham Bowls Club.

The village has 3 Allotments on Colby Road, owned by the Parish Council together with a piece of arable land called 'The Pyghtle', all of which are active. Our Village Hall has recently benefited from council grants including updating heating, new windows and interior decorating. Local groups meet in the hall and it is available for private hire. A Village Hall Committee manages the facility.

ST GILES COLBY

The village of Colby is effectively in two sections with half attached to Banningham and the other half about a quarter of a mile away. St Giles church stands in a lovely peaceful setting in this latter area.

Unusually the church has no electricity or water, hence none of the facilities that make holding fundraising and social events easier. In many ways this gives the church a unique character.

We have held an annual Open Day for many years which is very well attended. The Friends take on managing various elements including the tombola, bric-a-brac/book stall, jams/chutney stall and refreshments (we hook up electricity and carry water from the old rectory nearby). At last count, over 25 people helped on the day who are not churchgoers and it is heartening to see the community support for the event and the church. In recent years we have also hosted a Ukelele Concert (who would have expected to hear "When I'm cleaning windows" in church), a History Talk, a Norfolk Dialect event, a professional Wildlife Photographer's talk, etc.

The churchyard is a lovely place to sit and is managed by local residents under the Norfolk Wildlife Trust Churchyard Conservation scheme. Details of the church's history are available inside and there is a History Corner containing much information about Colby, including some fascinating newspaper clippings of scandal and tragedy. The church is normally unlocked during British Summer Time and opened at weekends during the Winter Time.



ST ANDREW'S FELMINGHAM

St Andrew's Church stands in the centre of the village and is a small and active hub for the community as well as being used for regular worship. We have coffee mornings in the church that are well appreciated by the walkers, ramblers and locals who pop in to join us for refreshments and a chat. You can walk directly from the church onto Weavers Way and also down to the Heath. There is a history of the church available inside. The church is open every day to welcome visitors throughout the year.

We have a busy Friends of St Andrew's group who meet regularly to plan events, services and new projects.

The church bells provide a meeting place for a band of local ringers for social and mental well being as well as providing a much appreciated service to the church and local community. The church building including the tower are in good condition. The church holds a Bronze Eco Award. There is a wildflower area on the south side of the church and a wildlife area in the south east corner of the graveyard which includes a large bug hotel, hedgehog house and much more.

The church does benefit from having a kitchen and a toilet and is large enough to accommodate class visits from Colby Primary School to further their religious studies. Fund-raising events are held including craft fayres, concerts and social occasions which are well attended and most enjoyable.

Felmingham has an active village hall with a playing field beside it. There is a smaller playing field to the right of the hall which is owned by the Bartram Church Trust and has play equipment for young children on it. At the end of the playing field stands the village bowls club. There is a shop and post office in the centre of the village. There are also village allotments.



ALL SAINTS SKEYTON

All Saints Church in Skeyton sits on top of one of the few hills in this area. It is often visited by cyclists and walkers who stop for a rest and a snack while they get their breath back. Some just stop to visit the Church and take in the wonderful view, which is quite breathtaking. Our church is always open, even in the winter months for visitors and for services when it is our turn on the Kings Beck Rota.

Most of the activities in Skeyton take place in the Village Hall. These range from demonstrations of flower arranging, quiz nights, a weekly sewing bee (organised by members of our church family), table tennis groups, dog training, and the very popular dances to live music with a buffet and bar.

Art Festivals are also held in the village hall, all of which were very successful.

The Village Hall Committee arrange activities on a monthly basis when possible and have a large BBQ used for social occasions. Everyone is always welcome and prices are always reasonable.

The church is open every day and is well looked after.



ST BARTHOLOMEW SLOLEY

St Bartholomew's has been part of the Benefice for 7 years. There is no churchwarden at the church or, Friends committee. A local lady unlocks the church daily, weather permitting. The small church stands away from the village and support from locals is limited. As a Benefice we still hold occasional services there, however, we recognise that a lot of energy and resources will be required to support the upkeep of this beautiful church.



ST MARGARET'S SUFFIELD

Suffield is divided into two parts, Suffield Common and Suffield Green and is a village and civil parish. There are 129 permanent residents and a few holiday homes. It has a unique village hall where there is a monthly coffee morning. The church is large. The church is currently held under the Diocesan Churches Trust.

There are village flower stalls and vegetable stalls. There is no public transport and no street lighting. Market towns are about five miles away, accessible by car.



ST MICHAEL'S SWANTON ABBOTT

We have been part of the King's Beck Benefice since 2018, and we soon felt part of the church family of 8 buildings, but 1 church. As a group of 8 there is a strong togetherness of 1 church and this continues to be a supportive community of worship.

Swanton Abbott church stands on a hill between two parts of the village and we are neighbours to the local Community Primary school (with approximately 70 pupils) and Preschool, and also in the opposite direction a Care Home for vulnerable adults. We have an excellent relationship with the school, fostered by fortnightly assemblies of "Open the Book" with our team of 6 volunteers. The school holds services at our church for Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations when the church is packed to capacity. We are also fortunate to display their amazing artwork.

Over the past few years the parish council have actively supported community development in many aspects of village life. The village has its own bi-monthly magazine which enhances the communication of events being held by various groups to develop community spirit. The Revels Group hold an annual Village Fete which brings groups together in support of many charitable causes to enhance village life.

As I write, we are looking forward to improving our building over the coming years due to a kind lady leaving her cottage to us for the "upkeep of the church".

So, we have many challenges and opportunities to continue to improve and develop fellowship, ministry and community growth.



ST PETER & ST PAUL TUTTINGTON

The church of St Peter and St Paul has been at the heart of the village of Tuttington for nearly 1000 years. The local community remains modest in size but not in personality. Tuttington shares a civil parish with the neighbouring village of Burgh-next-Aylsham which sits on the upper reaches of one of Norfolk's premier rivers, the Bure. Tuttington is surrounded mainly by arable farmland but it is close to the thriving historic market town of Aylsham located midway between Norwich and the beautiful north Norfolk coast. Tuttington has one of Norfolk's prized round-towered churches at the centre of the village. It is also famous for its medieval carved pew ends. The church is a meeting place for regular devotional and secular activities. Tuttington does not have a village hall or other village building in which the community can meet.

Residents hold regular fund-raising events to help with church maintenance and repairs. Activities in the church have included a local history evening, music concerts, regular coffee mornings, craft events for children and other social activities; it is also the venue for Parish Council meetings. The village hosts well-attended open-garden days, a village show on the Green, the village picnic, the Big Night Out with a quiz in the local pub, and bric-a-brac sales.

We have also been actively applying for grants in recent years to enable essential repairs and installation of heating in Church. We have been successful in gaining grants not only from the Diocese but also from Historic England, the Round Tower Churches Society, Geoffrey Watling Trust and the Norfolk Churches Trust. A community Christmas tree is erected on the village green each year which is the focal point for carol singing and a convivial evening. This raises funds for charity organisations nominated by the benefice. There is more to learn about our village from its website, the Tuttington Hub (<https://tuttington.org/>).



Helpful links

Diocese of Norwich

www.dioceseofnorwich.org

Church of England

www.churchofengland.org

Living and working in Norfolk – Norfolk County Council

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/jobs-training-and-volunteering/
living- and-working-in-norfolk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/jobs-training-and-volunteering/living-and-working-in-norfolk)



The background of the entire page is a purple-tinted image of a large stained glass window. The window features several panels depicting religious figures, likely saints or apostles, in various poses. Some are seated and holding books, while others are standing. The intricate leaded glass patterns and the variety of figures create a rich, historical visual texture.

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