



The Windmill United Benefice

Burstow – Horne – Outwood

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Sunday 4 October 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Francis of Assisi

Collect Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament: **Genesis 1:24-29**

Gospel: **Luke 12:22-34**

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Alan's Absence

Due to his ongoing health issues, and a hopefully impending heart operation, the Rector is now on an extended period of sick leave, and is not expected to return to his Windmill United Benefice duties until the New Year.

During this period please **contact your Churchwardens** in the first instance, or **Steve or Charles** to discuss any issues.

Please do not contact the Rector regarding any Benefice matters until his return, and hold Alan and Rachel in your prayers at this difficult and stressful time for them and their family.

We are very grateful to **Area Dean Michelle** and **Archdeacon Geoff** for their support to the United Benefice during this period.

Wardens

Burstow

Kay Hammond, 07808 322440

Ann Sheppard, 01342 842386

Horne

Andrew Goudie, 01342 843550

Outwood

Nick Case-Green, 01342 842373

Darren Emerton, 07948 583946

Weekday Services

Please note that until further notice there will be no weekday Morning Prayer, or Midweek Communion services.

Vision Morning

In case you have pencilled in your diaries the planned **Vision Morning for the Benefice** on Saturday 3 October, this has now been postponed until 2027.

Services in Church

This Sunday, 4 October – St Francis of Assisi

9:30am Holy Communion

10am Animal Service

11am Holy Communion

St Bartholomew, Burstow

St Mary the Virgin, Horne

St John the Baptist, Outwood

Next Sunday, 11 October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion

10am Morning Worship

11am Holy Communion

3pm Café Church

St Bartholomew, Burstow

St Mary the Virgin, Horne

St John the Baptist, Outwood

Smallfield Church Hall

Gluten-free Wafers

If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer at Communion, please speak to the Sidespeople before the service.

St Francis Service

St Mary's Horne is holding a **St Francis Animal Service with Pet Blessing** today at 10am.

Everyone and all pets are welcome. Please ensure your pet is safe and secure – more information is on the Windmill Benefice website, windmillchurches.co.uk.

Larger pets should be kept on a lead, smaller pets should be in a carrier or cage. If your pet is shy or scares easily, you could bring a photo of your pet or a cuddly toy instead.

A proportion of the collection taken at the Animal Service will be donated to the *British Wildlife Centre*, which is based in the Parish of Horne and cares for over 40 species of native wild animals.

Followers of the Way

The Followers of the Way continue their journey through the book of Romans tomorrow, **Monday 5 October**, at 7:30pm in Smallfield Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Silent Auction

Burstow's event published in the Parish News to take place on 15 October is postponed and rescheduled for **12 March, 2027**. Reminders with full details will be given in the New Year.

Photography

Please do not take photographs or videos in our services without asking first. Speak to a Sidesperson.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

Please send **items for the next notice sheet** to Peter Nye
(peternye44@gmail.com) by 6pm on **Wednesday 7 October**