Open Gift Day Programme

Open 9am - 5pm

Delicious Homemade Refreshments
served all day.
Bacon Rolls, Light Lunches, Cakes and Savouries.

Learn about St Mary's 900 year history with
Dr Mary Fewster.
11:30 and 14:30

Meet the Rector, Revd Christopher Ellis.
09:00-11:30 and 14:00-16:00

Browse the Churchyard Sale of pre-loved Bric a Brac, books and toys.

Also, the 12th of September is
The Norfolk Churches Trust 50th Anniversary Bike Ride, Walk and Drive Day.
Get sponsored to Bike Ride, Walk or Drive round some of our local churches. Help maintain these beautiful buildings and
support our own village church.
For more details and sponsorship forms please contact Liz Bloomfield, 01508 493958, or visit the Norfolk Churches Trust website.

St Mary's Church

Yelverton with Alpington

Open Gift Day

Saturday 12th September

9am - 5pm

A Chance to Support Your Village Church
Why not come and join us for plentiful refreshments, a chance to explore the history of the building and browse through our **Churchyard Sale** of pre-loved goods, books, toys etc.

A Message from the Rector

Church Open Gift Day on Saturday 12th September 2026

The Church of St Mary has been a gathering place in our community for many generations and a focus for regular worship, weddings, baptisms, funerals or simply for quiet reflection. Our parish would be much diminished if the church was no longer open and active in our midst, but the reality is that our parish church has never been under greater threat than it is today, with an attendance and funding crisis threatening the existence of a building that has stood as a beacon of light for hundreds of years. This is why we turn to our community to support our Open Gift Day each year.

Please consider making a gift at the church on: **Saturday 12th September.**

Thank you for your support.
The Revd Christopher Ellis (Rector)

The responsibility for the upkeep, care and maintenance of our historic church falls on the shoulders of the congregation and volunteers from the community.

Please help by giving, if you can, either:

Using the attached envelope to give cash or cheque, made out to Yelverton PCC, at the Open Gift Day, or

by post to **The Revd Christopher Ellis, The Rectory, Ashby Road, Thurton, NR14 6AX**, or

by Bank Transfer to: Yelverton PCC Sort Code 12-09-25
Acc. No 00971300 Please quote ref: Gift Day

If you are a taxpayer, please complete the **'Gift Aid'** declaration on the attached envelop which will increase the value of your gift by 25%.

To discover more about this Grade 1 Listed building; join a guided talk by Dr Mary Fewster.
11:30 or 14:30

Find out more about what your village church can offer you.

If you live in Alpington or Yelverton,
no membership is required, we are open to you for:
Regular Worship

Baptisms, Weddings, Blessings and Funerals.

We also offer a place of calm where you are welcome to just sit and ponder.

The Church is Open Every Day.

Local organisations can use the church as a wonderful venue for concerts, exhibitions and social events.

Did You Know?

St Mary's Churchyard is the Parish Graveyard and is available to parish residents for burials and cremation interments.

It is beautifully maintained by a small team of volunteers who would love to have more helpers.

ABOUT THE NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST

For 50 years the Trust has been giving grants for repairs and restoration to churches and chapels of all denominations, in Norfolk, to keep them open to the public. £7.1 million has been awarded to 732 urches. This event, raising more than £100,000 each year, makes an important contribution. THANK YOU!

PLACES OF WORSHIP VISITED

Please fill in the names of the churches visited and the times here. If there is someone to greet you, it can be signed off by them. Don't forget to also sign the white form in the church.

CHURCH/CHAPEL	Time	Initials	CHURCH/CHAPEL	Time	Initials
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Please complete the total number of churches visited. **TOTAL:** _____

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BIKE RIDE, WALK & DRIVE • SPONSOR FORM

12th September 2026
9am – 5pm

Raise money to help preserve churches and chapels across Norfolk by visiting as many of them as you wish by bike, on foot, by car, or by any other means you would like. Make your own donation and/or invite friends and family to support you on the form overleaf or by using **JustGiving** – details overleaf.

Visit **www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk** for information on:
• How to Fundraise • Exciting competitions • Ideas for a route that may suit you

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name: Tel:

Address:

Post code:

Email:

Mode of transport:

NAME OF CHURCH to which you want The Norfolk Churches Trust to pay half your sponsor money. If you wish all of your money to go to the NCT, please leave blank

MEMBERSHIP ◯ I am a member ◯ Tell me more about membership

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HOW TO TAKE PART

We hope you will invite friends and family to sponsor you for each place of worship you visit. You can also/alternatively make a donation yourself.

The money can either be shared between your local or favourite church and the Norfolk Churches Trust or it can all be given to the Trust to be allocated to churches and chapels that need it most for repairs and restoration.

JustGiving is the easiest way for you and your sponsors to manage the fundraising. It is also the simplest for the Trust. **Justgiving.com/campaign/bikeride26**

GIFT AID increases the value of your fundraising by 25%. If people give through **JustGiving** it is handled by that website. For all sponsors giving to you directly, please encourage them to allow their gift to be treated as a Gift Aid donation. Then add their name, first line of their address and postcode clearly on the sponsorship form, tick the box for Gift Aid and add the gift date so the Trust can claim this tax benefit and enhance your fundraising.

For more ideas on how to take part and fundraise, visit **www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk**

AFTER THE EVENT

Please send your completed form to The Norfolk Churches Trust (address overleaf) or hand it to your local organiser by 15th October, 2026. Please collect money NOT given via JustGiving and include a cheque with this form, or, to pay by another method, email: **finance@norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk**

SAFETY

1. READ and FOLLOW the bicycling section of the HIGHWAY CODE.
2. Ensure your BICYCLE IS ROADWORTHY and CHECK THE BRAKES.
3. Ride with CARE and CONSIDERATION at all times, remembering at junctions it might be SAFER to dismount and walk your bike across the road.
4. Ride in SINGLE FILE and NOT in large groups and use high visibility clothing and wear helmets.
5. Parents are responsible for the safety of children in their charge.
6. For more on safety, including a risk assessment, go to: www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/how-to-take-part/
7. It is a condition of entry, save to the extent required by law, that the Trustees of The Norfolk Churches Trust accept no liability in respect of death or injury sustained by any participant in the sponsored Bike Ride, Walk & Drive.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Preservation of your privacy is important to The Norfolk Churches Trust, and we are committed to letting you know how we use your personal information and to making only responsible use of your data. You can read our Data Privacy Statement on our website at www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk

To print more pages like this, go to: **www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/how-to-take-part/**

SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION

PLEASE WRITE WITH CARE IN BLOCK CAPITALS!

Participant name:

SPONSOR First name	SPONSOR Last name	First line of address Including house name and/or number	Postcode	Gift Aid? ✓	Amount per church £	Total amount £	Date paid
RICHARD	*SMITH*	*23 ANYTOWN ROAD*	*NR13 7FA*	✓	*10*		
Are you making a donation yourself? Please complete the last four columns. Thank you!							

For NCT use only	GiftAid Total	GASDS Total	No GiftAid Total	Cash	Cheque	BACS

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TOTALS RECEIVED via JustGiving

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GIFT AID DECLARATION FOR ALL SPONSORS GIVING TO THE NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST

☐ If the box for GIFT AID is ticked, I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want the charity named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less income tax and/or capital gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax for every £1 that I have given.