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PUDDLE DUCK CAFÉ DATES

Saturday 20th September

Saturday 25th October (NB 4th Saturday)

Saturday 15th November

Saturday 13th December (2nd Saturday) is...

PUDDLE DUCK CHRISTMAS!

11am – 1.30pm

**With Christmas Brunch, Christmas Emporium,
Music and Quizzes!**



MAILING FROM JO

September 2025

Dear Friends,

2025 has reached Autumn already!

The cooler days are here, with the beautiful colour changes of the trees and the abundance of fruit and vegetables we celebrate every year at Harvest Festivals. Autumn is God's colour palette spread across the land for us all to see and enjoy. The colours of Autumn leaves might also give us a reason to pause and reflect on what God is saying and giving us, through the beauty of the natural world.

The Autumn colours can have meaning:- Brown is the colour of stability, protection, endurance and simplicity. Red speaks to us of passion, determination, love and adventure. Orange is the colour of balance, warmth and freedom, and magenta of harmony. Finally, purple in autumn leaves prompts our imaginations and stirs our spirituality, which can bring transformation and wisdom.



The colours of the autumn leaves are a small glimpse into the richness and diversity of the loving life moments God has for us. So be aware as you notice the changing leaves and be present to all that God gives us of Himself through creation. God has even gifted us the trees to remind us to stand tall and reach for God. They remind us to stay aware of our surroundings by being mindful of what is right in front of us. They also remind us to be

patient and to remain still and calm while we wait for the seasons to change.
The Bible reminds us of this in the book of James 5:7:-



'Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.'

Reaching for God and having patience are sometimes difficult when things in our life aren't going according to plan. It is easy to forget to give thanks for the gift of a new day. But that new day is a chance to reach out to those we love and even those who might need to know they are loved. It is a chance to enjoy and give thanks for good food, lovely friends and wonderful family.

It is always good to reflect on the things we are grateful for and Autumn is a good time to do that, when nature is winding down and getting ready to sleep for the winter. Think about those things and keep smiling, because when we fill our minds and hearts with gratitude, there will be no room for worry.

At the Chapel over the summer, we have had a lot to smile about and be grateful for. We celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, in June with balloons and cake.



In July we had a memorable visit to Wrentham Chapel near Beccles and picked the only rainy day to try and have a picnic! Sandwiches were eaten inside, and then Ian challenged us with a quiz to explore the history of the building before we shared in a lovely Communion service together.

WORSHIP AT WATTISFIELD

September	7th	11am	Jo Patel (Communion)
	14th	10.30am	Visit to Southgate Church, Bury St Eds (No service at Wattisfield URC)
	21st	11am	Ron Wade, Thetford
	28th	11am	Keith Lewis

October 5th HARVEST THANKSGIVING & GIFT DAY



	11am	Service led by Rev'd Ian Fosten followed by a soup lunch in aid of RABI	
	12th	11am	Rev'd Robin Pagan, Diss (Communion)
	19th	11am	Jo Patel
	26th	10.45am	United service at Diss URC (No service at Wattisfield)

November	2nd	11am	Jo Patel (Communion)
	9th	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday at St Margaret's
	16th	11am	Ron Wade, Thetford
	23rd	11am	Keith Lewis, Coney Weston
	30th	11am	David Freeman, Rickingham

December	7th	11am	Rev'd Robin Pagan, Diss (Communion)
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ST MARGARET'S

Services are held on the 4th Sundays of the month, and the service on September 28th will be Harvest Festival.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER			
Date	Time	Event	Where
Wednesday 10th	2-4pm	CrafTea Time	Connie's Room
Saturday 13th	9am-5pm	Suffolk Churches' Ride & Stride	Suffolk and beyond!
Sunday 14th	3-4pm	Taizé service	Diss URC
Saturday 20th	10.30am	Puddle-Duck Café	URC
Wednesday 24th	2-4pm	ScrabbleTea time	Connie's Room
Tuesday 30th	7.15pm	Church meeting	Connie's Room
OCTOBER			
Wednesday 8th	2-4pm	Craftea time	Connie's Room
Sat 25th (NB 4th Sat)	10.30am	Puddle-Duck Café	URC
Wednesday 22nd	2-4pm	ScrabbleTea time	Connie's Room
NOVEMBER			
Wednesday 12th	1-3pm	Craftea time	Connie's Room
Saturday 15th	10.30am	Puddle-Duck Café	URC
Sunday 24th	Last date for contributions to Contact		
Wednesday 26th	1-3pm	ScrabbleTea time	Connie's Room



August saw us singing our hearts out as we were taught how to breathe properly, stretch and use our hands to remember the words. In just 2 hours we learnt 2 new songs at the 'Singing and Sandwiches' morning. The sound was amazing and the singing on Sundays has

continued to improve each week since! Watch this space for details, as we will be inviting teacher Tom back again in the New Year.

In the coming months we will be celebrating Autumn colours and Harvest over a whole weekend, when the chapel will be beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables for us all to enjoy. There will also be cream teas available, so do plan to join us for the first weekend in October to celebrate and give thanks for everything God has given us to enjoy this Autumn.

Jo



... to our esteemed Elder, friend and cousin Michael on his recent milestone birthday. As one of his fellow Elders drily remarked "he's nearly as old as the church is!" He's already had 2 parties, one with family and one at the Flying Club and another is planned at the chapel in the near future. In case you're wondering how old Michael is, that's only one party for every 30 years of his life!

BOOK AID

This is a charity which has been providing Christian books and Bibles to people in 'Book Famine' areas - mainly Africa, Asia and the Caribbean - since 1987 and is always in need of further supplies. If you are able to donate any new or used books or Bibles for this good cause, Sharon knows of someone who is a 'Book Aider' and will take them.

Since the start of the programme 30 million Bibles and Christian books have been shipped to 'book hungry' areas. Books considered unsuitable to send are sold in the charity's second-hand bookshops to help cover administration and shipping costs. The charity is manned by volunteers and funded by donations.

Further information can be found on the table at the back of the church.

Join us at DISS United Reformed Church,

Mere Street, Diss IP22 4AD

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

3pm – 4pm

for a reflective Taizé

service of music & prayer

Refreshments afterwards

KEEP IT SHORT!

Advice from an experienced minister to a beginner:

"If you haven't struck oil in the first 10 minutes, stop boring!"

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

at Wattisfield Chapel

Saturday 4th October

from 12 – 4pm with Cream Teas



On Sunday 5th October

a HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE at 11am

(details p7)

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God of harvest,
gardener supreme,
you place us at the centre,
feed us, equip us and,
having provided for us,
look to a different harvest,
a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you,
and others.
God of harvest,
feed us,
prune us,
harvest us,
that our lives
might bring glory to you.