

EARSHAM GROUP OF PARISHES: ROTA AND READINGS – September / October / November 2026 – FINAL EDITION
Series – The Lesser-Known Apostles

	Date	Sunday Year A	Colour	Alburgh	Denton	Earsham	Broome	Ditchingham	Hedenham	Theme for the Week	First Reading	Gospel Reading	Away
1	6 Sept	Trinity 14	Green	9am BCP HC CH	9:30/10am St Mary's BC/SC	10:30am FE Lay	NO SERVICE	10am HC CH	6pm Evensong BC/CH	Andrew – The Master of Introductions	1 Cor'thians 2v1-5	John 1v35-42a	RK
2	13 Sept	Trinity 15	Green	10am HC BC	Chapel KT	10:30am HC SC	10am HARVEST CH/RK	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Nathanial – The Honest Seeker	1 John 1v5-10	John 1v43-47	
3	20 Sept	Trinity 16	Green	NO SERVICE	9:30am HC KT	10:30am FE Lay	NO SERVICE	10am MS HARVEST CH/RK	NO SERVICE	Philip – The Practical Pragmatist	Philippians 4v4-9	John 6v1-9	CH maybe in Liverpool
4	27 Sept	Trinity 17	Green	10am MS HARVEST CH/LH/(RK?)	Chapel GH	10:30am FE Lay	10am HC BC/SC	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Matthew – The Transformed Outcast	Romans 8v1-10	Matthew 9v9-13	CH Maybe in London
1	4 Oct	Trinity 18	Green	9am BCP HC CH	10:30am HARVEST CH/CW	10:30am FE Lay	NO SERVICE	10am HC RK	6pm HARVEST CH	James the Less – The Quiet Servant	Philippians 2v1-11	Mark 3v13-19	BC/SC/ LH
2	11 Oct	Trinity 19	Green	10am HC CH	Partnership	10:30am MS -----	10am MS JP	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Simon the Zealot – The Redeemed Radical	1 Cor'thians 1v10-17	Luke 6v12-16	BC/SC/ RK/KT/ LH
3	18 Oct	Trinity 20	Green	NO SERVICE	9:30am HC BC/SC	10:30am FE Lay	NO SERVICE	10am MS KT	NO SERVICE	Thaddaeus – The Focused Disciple	2 Timothy 3v10-17	John 14v19-24	
4	25 Oct	Trinity 21	Green	10am MS LH/CW	Chapel Basham	10:30am FE Lay	10am HC RK	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Mary Magdelene – The Apostle to the Apostles	1 Cor'thians 1v18-25	Matthew 28v1-10	BC/SC
1	1 Nov	All Saints Sunday	White	9am BCP HC BC	9:30/10am St Mary's FS GH	10:30am FE Lay	NO SERVICE	10am HC CH	6pm Evensong CH/BC	All Saints	Revelation 7v9-17	Matthew 5v1-12	
2	8 Nov	Remembrance	Red	10:50am – Service at All Saints, Alburgh with Reading of the Alburgh, Denton and Earsham Names CH/BC			10:50am – Service at St Michael's Broome with Reading of Broome, Ditchingham and Hedenham Names RK/KT			Remembrance	Romans 8v31-39	John 15v9-17	
3	15 Nov	2 nd Before Advent	Red	NO SERVICE	9:30am HC CH	10:30am FE Lay	NO SERVICE	10am MS RK	NO SERVICE	Parable of the Bags of Gold	1 Thes'nians 5v1-11	Matthew 25v14-30	
4	22 Nov	1 st Before Advent	Red	10am MS SC/LH	Chapel Awty	10:30am FE Lay	10am HC CH	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Sheep and the Goats	Ephesians 1v15-23	Matthew 25v31-46	RK
5	29 Nov	Advent 1	Purple	10am Benefice Holy Communion – St Mary's Denton – GH/CW Visiting Speaker from Mission Aviation Fellowship – Kenneth Thom						Mission	TBA	TBA	CH at Pulham

All Souls Service – 1st November 3:30pm – Earsham – CH/RK

Autumn Series 2026 - The Lesser Know Apostles

Week 1: Andrew – The Master of Introductions

- **Focus:** Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, is often remembered for simply bringing people to Jesus.
- **Key Concept:** Personal evangelism. He brought his brother to Christ, and later the boy with the loaves and fish.
- **Application:** Identify one person in your life you can introduce to Jesus this week.

Week 2: Bartholomew (Nathanael) – The Honest Seeker

- **Focus:** Known for his initial scepticism ("Can anything good come out of Nazareth?").
- **Key Concept:** Jesus honours genuine questions and honest searching.
- **Application:** How to process doubts and seek the truth without closing your heart to faith.
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Week 3: Philip – The Practical Pragmatist

- **Focus:** Philip was analytical and logical. When faced with the 5,000, he immediately thought of the logistics and budget.
- **Key Concept:** Jesus uses our minds and our desire for practical solutions, even when His answers go beyond our math.
- **Application:** Bring your logical doubts and practical problems to Jesus rather than letting them lead to discouragement.

Week 4: Matthew – The Transformed Outcast

- **Focus:** Matthew, the tax collector, was despised by his own people but became a devoted follower and gospel writer.
- **Key Concept:** Radical transformation and gratitude. He left everything behind to follow Christ.
- **Application:** Reflect on the depth of your own salvation.

Week 5: James the Son of Alphaeus – The Quiet Servant

- **Focus:** Often called "James the Less" to distinguish him from the brother of John. He served Christ faithfully in obscurity.
- **Key Concept:** Kingdom faithfulness does not require a public spotlight.
- **Application:** Learn to serve joyfully behind the scenes without needing recognition.

Week 6: Simon the Zealot – The Redeemed Radical

- **Focus:** Before following Jesus, Simon belonged to a radical political group that sought the violent overthrow of Rome.
- **Key Concept:** The Gospel unites people with opposing backgrounds. He sat at the same table as Matthew the tax collector.
- **Application:** Surrendering political, social, and personal divides for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Week 7: Thaddaeus / Judas (son of James) – The Focused Disciple

- **Focus:** Known for a single, profound question to Jesus in the upper room regarding why Jesus would reveal Himself to them and not the world.
- **Key Concept:** Understanding the personal nature of God's revelation and the distinct, intimate relationship we have with Him.
- **Application:** Focus your life on knowing and enjoying God's presence.

Week 8: Mary Magdalene – The Apostle to the Apostle

- **Focus:** Along with other women, she travelled with Jesus and supported his ministry financially using her own resources.
- **Key Concept:** The resurrected Jesus appeared first to her and commanded her to go and announce his resurrection to the male disciples.
- **Application:** God calls the unlikely but faithful to be his servants.