The Norfolk Broads

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Church's seasons and festivals.

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Nearest Staithe: Thurne Village Staithe

Horning Church is the other church connected St Benet’s abbey: Best approached from the river, little remains of what was the first Benedictine monastery founded in Norfolk in the 11th century. An medieval gatehouse and the outlines of the abbey church and huge fishponds remain. The Bishop of Norwich is still the Abbot of St Benet’s and holds an annual service in August when he arrives by boat to lead the worship.

Nearest Staithe: Own staithe

Burgh St Peter, St Mary

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Loddon, Holy Trinity

An imposing medieval church, with a huge churchyard set in the centre of a picturesque Norfolk village. It has an imposing font and interesting screen, look out for the figure of St William of Norwich in particular. Visit the room over the church porch to gain an insight into local history. Loddon is next to Chedgrave where there is another beautiful church to visit. Nearest Staithe: Chedgrave Common

Surlingham, St Mary

A bit of a walk from the staithe, along the Wherryman’s Way, but worth passing the ruins of St Saviour’s where the naturalist Ted Ellis is buried, and the RSPB Bird Reserve. St Mary’s has a lovely carved seven sided font and remains of medieval glass in later windows. Nearest Staithe: Surlingham Ferry

Thorpe St Andrew Episcopi, St Andrew with The Good Shepherd

The present church, 19th century with a medieval church in front, which had to be left as a ‘picturesque ruin’. The screen has Apostle faces of religious and political leaders from the early 20th century. This church is a wonderful amalgam of items from former churches on the site and those specific to this church. An interesting tabernacle is to be found on the high altar and the altar frontals tell the story of the Church’s seasons and festivals. Nearest Staithe: River Yare Moorings

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USEFUL WEBSITES & FURTHER INFORMATION

Church Opening Times: Most churches are open during daylight hours or provide details of a nearby keyholder, but please confirm locally. All the churches hold regular worship services; further details can be found at the church or at www.norwich.anglican.org

Further information can be found at: Norwich Diocesan website www.norwich.anglican.org Norfolk Tourist Information Centres and www.visitnorfolk.co.uk Broads Authority: www.broads-authority.gov.uk

Detailed maps of the area can be found on: Ordinance Survey maps of Norfolk OL40 Explorer Map, The Broads OL134 Landranger Map: Norwich & The Broads www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

Other useful websites: The Churches of East Anglia; Norfolk www.norfolkchurches.co.uk

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