

# **DECEMBER 2019**



## **Newsletter**

**Scole - Harleston - Brockdish  
Thorpe Abbots - Needham  
Billingford - Redenhall with Wortwell**

**7** welcoming churches at the heart of our communities  
learning to put Jesus first; sharing love and Good News.

## **Ramblings from the Rectory: December 2019**

I've made a resolution to myself. It's a little ahead of January but I didn't want to wait that long. My resolution is to find space in my day, every day, just to be still and quiet. Time to let the business drop away and let my mind work again. I've made this resolution early because I know that December is going to be incredibly hectic. I will need time to calm if I am going to be able to truly enjoy it all.

It is urgent. I can't delay. The danger is that in the midst of all that Christmassy activity, I will skate over all that is happening as I dash from one thing to another, and never really soak up the wonder of where I am, the wonder of the people around me and the wonder of the God who gives meaning to it all.

I find that my mind tends to settle in line with my breath. So I am going to stop at the beginning of each day, focus on my breathing and let it settle. Into the quiet I will bring all of the events that are planned for that day and thank God for the specialness of each one (even the sad or difficult ones). I hope to have a moment of quiet during the day too. Then at the end of the day, just before settling down, I will go through the process again. I will listen to my breathing and let it slow and deepen. If I haven't fallen asleep, into the stillness I will remember the events of the day, again thanking God for each of them, offering up my joys and my difficulties. Then my resolution is just to be still and quiet for a while, listening for a still small voice that I know is there inside, waiting to be heard.

I've made a resolution to myself. A resolution to take the time to let Jesus in as Christmas flashes by.

God bless,

Nigel.



## **CHRISTINGLE**

**St Peter's Needham** 1st Dec 4.30pm Followed by Carol singing.

**All Saint's Thorpe Abbots** 8th Dec 4pm

**St John's Harleston** part of Chatty Church 21st Dec 2pm

**St Andrew's Scole** 24th Dec 4.30pm



## **CHRISTMAS SONGS & LEGENDS**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH, HARLESTON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**3.00pm**

Come along and enjoy a Christmas singalong with light refreshments and raffle

Tickets cost £5 and are available from Sheila (852762) or Gill (852597)

ALL PROCEEDS TO ST JOHN'S CHURCH BUILDING FUND



## **SCOLE WINTER WARMER**

St Andrew's Church, Scole

**Saturday 7th December.**

**10am - 12noon**

Stalls, Serving Coffee/Tea, cakes & savouries.

## **St Leonards Billingford Carol Service By Candlelight**

Please join us for carols by candlelight at **St Leonard's Billingford**  
**December 15th 6pm** Mince pies and mulled wine. Please bring a torch



## **TUESDAY LUNCHES Christmas Special**

**St John's Church Harleston Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**12 noon at £6.50 per head.**

If you would like to come please sign the list in the church.

## **Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols**

**Friday 20th December at St John's Church**

**2pm**

Everyone welcome.



## **Harleston - St John's**

**Tuesday Informal Singing** is every Tuesday from 11.00am to 12noon. Refreshments available.

**Winter Light Lunches** will be a **Christmas Special** in St John's Church on the 17<sup>th</sup> December from 12 noon at £6.50 per head. If you would like to come please sign the list in the church.

**Chatty Church** is on Saturday 21st December at 2pm. Activities for the children and plenty of chat for the adults. Everyone welcome.

**Midweek Mingle** every Wednesday in Term Time from 9.15am to 11.30am. Toast and refreshments, Everyone welcome from newborn to the young at heart!



### **Harleston Choral Society Christmas Concert**

Saturday 14th December in St John's, Harleston  
at 7.30pm. Tickets from H.I.P or on the door.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike, Walk or Drive

Maureen, Jean and Michael visited 21 churches/chapels in Norwich and raised £344 to be divided between St John's Church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. Well done!

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this event possible and successful.

Gill Green  
Local Organiser

St Leonard's Billingford

Thank you to Jo Redgrave & Nik Bell for participating in the Churches Trust Cycle ride for St Leonards.

31 churches visited and just over £200 raised

Trevor Clarke  
Harleston Centre  
Of Mission

### ***Dare to share?***



Have you ever shared anything with anybody in your life? Do you share a house with someone, perhaps a family member, have you ever shared a meal, or even given your last rolo to someone? Church Army is big on sharing, sharing our faith. It is something that I love to do, and I want to encourage so many more people to do this. This Christmas, I am proposing a mission initiative for the amazing people of St John's to participate in. It is something that we can all take part in, whether we are young or young at heart. The picture above is of many presents wrapped up beautifully. They were prepared by my wife, Bonnie and some volunteers. Inside, they have some chocolate, a card which tells us that that Jesus is our gift, and some information about St John's services. Can you help to forward the mission of St John's by helping to make these with Bonnie and me or provide Roses chocolates to go inside? ( we use Roses chocolates because they have allergy advice on the packaging). I would like to form teams of people to come along to our home at times that are suitable, perhaps for an hour or so, to help make these, so that they are ready for the Christmas Fayre on Sat 30th November, where they will be given out, perhaps one or two of us could even sing some carols at the entrance to the church and give them out from time to time. I will be providing a sheet at church on November 17th for people to sign up to help make the gifts at our home and for people who would prefer to supply Roses chocolates. I am hoping to make over a hundred of these for us to give away. I would also like us to take some home with us on Sunday 1st December, Perhaps we could give these to our neighbours and friends. Church Army's strategy is called DARE, which stands for: doing, advocating, resourcing and enabling evangelism. It would be great if you could help enable evangelism to happen and be able to take part in mission this Christmas. Do contact me if you would like to help in some way. Every blessing, Trevor  
Lead evangelist - Harleston Centre of mission.

### Scole - St Andrew's

**Winter Warmer** Saturday 7th Dec 10am -12noon. Coffee and lunch with Stalls and food. Details from Georgie (740127)

**Chistingle** Tuesday 24th Dec 4.30pm-5.30pm



**Toddler Group: Scole Church, Wednesday, term time only 9 am to 10.30 (ish!)**

Enjoy - play, song, refreshments and chat. Cost is £1.50.



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revsue@7churches.org.uk, for more information .

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

**STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION**

**Free & Open to All**

Monthly on a Wednesday - 7.30pm to 8.30pm

***9th October - 6th November***

***11th December - 8th January***

***5th February - 4th March***

Oasis Prayer Space

Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston

Revd Nigel Tuffnell - 01379 308905

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### **AN EVENING OF FUN AND CAROLS**

Tuesday 10th Dec at 6pm. - St John's Church

Let us celebrate this festive season together raising joyful voices as one, in this special thriving town 'Harleston'. Tea, coffee and mincepies will be offered after our exhilarating merriment.

### **CHRISTMAS MIDWEEK MINGLE**

Wednesday 18th December - 9.15 - 11.30pm - St John's

This will be the last Midweek Mingle before the school Christmas break. Great opportunity to meet new people and mingle.

Open to everyone!



### **TRADITIONAL 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS**

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2PM ST JOHN'S CHURCH  
HARLESTON. EVERYONE WELCOME.

### **CHATTY CHURCH WITH CHRISTINGLE**

Saturday 21st Dec - 2pm - St John's Church. Games and activities.

Party snacks and refreshments. Great fun for children with their families.



### **CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT**

Christmas Eve - 6pm - St Mary's, Redenhall  
with the Salvation Army Band followed by  
Mincepies and Mulled Wine.

Church open from **5pm** for seating.

Remember to bring a warm coat & a torch!

### **Christmas Day Informal Family Communion**

9.30am - St Mary's Redenhall

11.00am - St John's, Harleston.



## Pledge to Protect the Planet

In their words : **Reminder number 4**

To celebrate Earth Day Harleston Primary Academy pupils sent messages to everyone asking for our help to Protect the Planet and why:

*'Turn off lights when not needed ...  
we need to save power'*

says Nianh ... if outside it helps to reduce light pollution so we can see the stars.

*We need the Planet ... the Planet needs us ... and we all need each other ... if we don't act, who will?*

*Time for Action ...here ... NOW*



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## Funerals and Interments

24th Oct	Jean Turner	St Peter's Needham
30th Oct	Marylin Hatch	St Mary's Redenhall

Jane Debenham, Ken Deighton, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Jean Roper, Lyn Veness,  
Maurice & Frances Cormack, Marion Courtney, Stan Faulkner, Paul With  
Mel Veness and Paul Cooke

If you have a loved one who is very ill and would like them to be on our prayer list then please get in touch with one of our ministers. (*details page 12*).

SEVEN  
CHURCHES

Evensong (BCP)  
St Andrew's, Scole Sunday 1st December 6pm

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Compline  
St Leonard's Billingford Thursday 12th December 6.30pm

Compline  
St Mary's Redenhall Sunday 15th December 4pm.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays 9.30am Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.

Thurs 11th 7.30pm Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Space,  
Dec Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.

Thursdays    9.15am    Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole.  
                   10.00am    Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.



## **CAROL SERVICES**



St John's Harleston 10th December at 6.00pm

St Andrew's Scole 15th December at 11.00am  
St Leonard's  
Billingford 15th December at 6.00pm

St Peter's Needham 15th December at 6.00pm

St Peter & St Paul's Brockdish 22nd December at 6.00pm

St Mary's Redenhall 24th December at 6.00pm



## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**



Crib & Cristingle 4.30pm at St Andrew's, Scole

Carols by Candle Light & Salvation Army Band 5.30/6pm  
at

St Mary's, Redenhall. Remember to bring a torch.

Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm at All Saints Thorpe Abbots.

Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm at St John's, Harleston.



## **CHRISTMAS DAY INFORMAL SERVICE**



St Lenoard's Billingford 9.30pm

St Peter & St Paul's Brockdish 9.30am

St Mary's Redenhall 9.30am

St Andrew's Scole 11.00am

St Peter's Needham 11.00am

St John's Harleston 11.00am



## DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>SUNDAY 1ST</b>  Advent 1	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Crib/Christingle service	St Peter's Needham
	6pm	Benefice Evensong BCP)	St Andrew's Scole
<i>Romans 15.4-13 / Matthew 24.36-44</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 8TH</b>  Advent 2	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	4.00pm	Christingle/CribService	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	6pm	Joining With Wortwell Chapel	St Mary's Redenhall
<i>Romans 15.4-13 / Matthew 3.1-12</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 15TH</b>  Advent 3	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holly Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Carol Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	4pm	Compline	St Mary's Redenhall
	6pm	Carol Service	St Peter's Needham
	6pm	Carol by Candle Light	St Leonard's, Billingford
<i>James 5.7-10 / Matthew 11.2-11</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 22ND</b> Advent 4	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	6pm	Carols by Candle light	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
<i>Romans 1.1-7 / Matthew 1.18-25</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 29TH</b> Christmas 1	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Hebrews 2.10-18 / Matthew 2.13-23</i>			

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