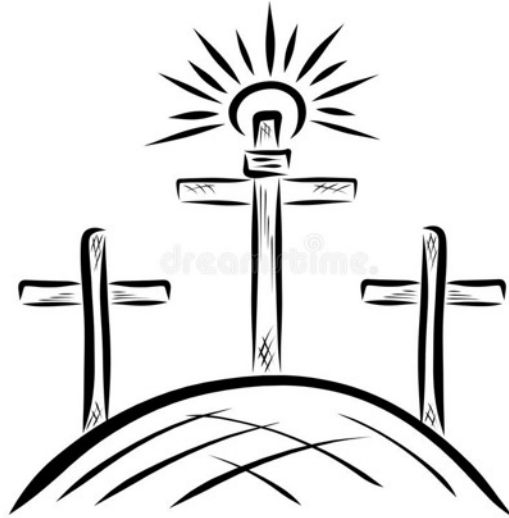


# April 2022



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## Ramblings from the Rectory

I like riddles. I'm not good at solving them but I do like riddles. An easy one from "The Hobbit":

*A box without hinges, key or lid,  
Yet golden treasure inside is hid.*

Answer: (see the end of this article)

Another riddle, that I found online:

*What is greater than God,  
more evil than the devil,  
the poor have it,  
the rich need it,  
and if you eat it, you'll die?*

Answer: Nothing

I'm sure anyone reading this could add their own personal lines to that second riddle. I'd add, "What's more fun than a bike?" or "What's better than a pint?" What would you add? Perhaps, "What's more crazy than starting a war?"

If I want more riddles, I just have to look out of the window. As I write this I have no idea what April will bring, but if it is as strange and unpredictable as 2022 so far, anything could happen. Perhaps, this is the year the aliens will land? Or perhaps not!

Whatever else April brings, it will definitely have Hope at its centre. On 17<sup>th</sup> April we will be celebrating Easter Day. A time of new hope for me, and for the troubles of this world. A hope of life: life lived to the full now and eternal life after this body is broken or wears out. How Easter works is a bit of a riddle. I know it involves Jesus; hope out of despair and life out of death. The wonder of Easter cannot be explained in words, it is something that I feel, that changes me inside, something that I need to experience. Easter is a riddle whose answer is beyond our imagining.

Easter is a riddle whose answer can be only be lived, and can never be caged in words. So, I have two more lines to that riddle earlier:

“What is more hopeful than Spring,” or

“What is more wonderful than Easter.”

Answer: Nothing.

Oh, and that first riddle. The answer if you haven't got it yet is, “An egg”.

For April 17<sup>th</sup> onwards: “The angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. He isn’t here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would. Come, see the place where his body was lying. Now hurry! Tell his disciples that he has been raised to life.”” *Matthew 28:5-7a (CEV)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Happy Easter and a hope filled Spring,  
Nigel.

# **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

**STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION**

**Free & Open to All**  
***Wednesday 6th April***  
***7.30pm to 8.30pm***  
***The Rectory, Harleston***

Contact Nigel Tuffnell- 01379 308905  
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## **St John's, Harleston**

### **Coffee and cake Morning**

St John's Harleston  
Saturday 2nd April  
9.30am till 12noon

### **Tea, coffee and Singing**

St John's Harleston  
Every Tuesday from 10.40am for tea and coffee then  
11.00am to 12 noon for singing.

### **Foodbank**

Every Tuesday 1.30pm to 3pm  
With community cafe 2pm to 3.30pm

### **Midweek Mingle**

St John's Harleston  
Every Wednesday  
9.15am to 11.30am  
All welcome for a cuppa and biscuit

## **St Peter's Needham**

### **Saturday 9th April**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

10.30 to 12.30pm

Join us for a completely free Easter egg hunt as we explore the Easter story! All ages welcome - Refreshments after!

## **St Andrew's Scole**

### **Spring Lunch and Coffee Morning:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Coffee or drink /cake / sausage rolls / cheese scones are available from **10am** for £3.00. **Lunch** - two courses and a drink - is available between **11am - 1pm for £12**. This includes Quiche / ham, salad, new potatoes, pudding with tea and coffee. **Booking is essential** (Georgie 740127; Kay 741054; Carol 742713); There will also be a raffle.

## St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

**Saturday 16th April**

**Easter Egg hunt**

2pm-4pm

In the grounds of Brockdish Church . Cake and tea provided!!  
Come along with or without a child!!

**Saturday 30th April**

**Quiz Night**

7.30pm for 8.00pm

table up to 6 people £5 per person, to include light supper.  
Tel: Jan 01379 668630 for bookings and further information.

	<b>7churches Benefice Services</b>	
<b>Sunrise Service</b>		
Ocean Pit, Weybread, Sunday 17th April 6.00am		
<b>Compline</b>		
St Leonard's Billingford, Thursday 28th April 6.30pm		
<b>Celebration Service</b>		
St Andrew's , Scole, Sunday 24th April, 4.30pm		

## **THE REGISTERS - 25TH FEBRUARY 2022 TO 25TH MARCH 2022**

### **Funerals and Interments**

11th March Leonard Huggins, St Andrews Scole.  
22nd March John Hales, St Leonard's Billingford

## **Holy Week Services**

### **Holy Monday 11th April 6.30pm**

St Peter & St Paul , Brockdish, Congregation reading Matthew's Gospel.

### **Holy Tuesday 12th April 6.30pm**

All Saints, Thorpe Abbots, Evening Devotions.

### **Holy Wednesday 13th April 6.30pm**

St Peter's Needham, Evening Devotions

### **Maundy Thursday 14th April 6pm.**

St John's Harleston, Holy Communion

### **Good Friday 15th April**

11.00am St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish, Devotional Half Hour

12noon St Mary's, Redenhall, Devotional Half Hour

1.00pm St Peter's, Needham, Devotional Half Hour

2.00pm St Andrew's, Scole, Devotional Half Hour

3.00pm All Saints, Thorpe Abbots, Devotional Half Hour

4.00pm St Leonard's, Billingford, Devotional half hour

6.00pm St John's, Harleston Stations of the cross

### **Holy Saturday 16th April 10.30am**

St John's, Harleston, Morning Devotions

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Philip Wood, Lyn Veness, Kathy Wood.

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 on the back).*

## APRIL SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 3rd Lent 5 (Purple)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's , Redenhall
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Philippians 3.4b-14/John 12.1-8</i>			
<b>Sunday 10th Palm Sunday (Red)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbott
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Psalm 118.1-2,19-29/Luke 23.1-49</i>			
<b>Sunday 17TH Easter Day (Gold)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's , Redenhall
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
<i>Acts 10.34-43/John 20.1-18</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 24TH 2ND OF EASTER (WHITE)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Marys, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Acts 5.27-32/John 20.19-31</i>			

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