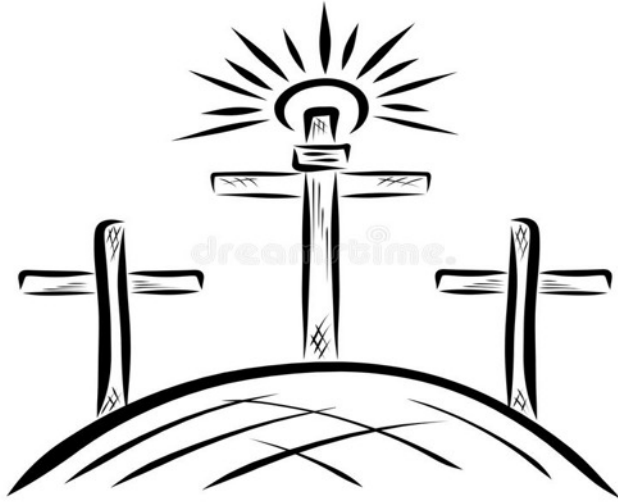


April 2023



Benefice Newsletter

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Ramblings from the Rectory

I see and read the news and there is so much to get me down, but not this year. This year I refuse to let it all get to me. I'm looking forward to the future.

Throughout Lent, we have been reading and reflecting on passages from John's Gospel. We have heard again that the divine Word Jesus came into the world to reveal who God is, and make it possible for all of creation (even us) to be God's children. We have been learning about God's love for us, and how that love can shine from us into the world. That is what it means to be God's child. This is the hope of eternity that came early on that first Easter Morning.

We are now ready to celebrate Easter once again. On 9th April it is Easter Day. I will be up for the 6am Sunrise Service at Weybread Ocean Pit. I always groan when the alarm goes off, but love it once I am there. It is beautiful to see the sunrise over the water. To welcome the dawn light, and the dawn of hope. It's great to be with good people from different local churches too. Oh and bacon butties too! Then later on Easter Morning there will be Easter Celebrations in each of our churches across the benefice.

Easter is a time when we are encouraged to shine brightly in the world, for the good of all. I hope that all of you will feel equipped and empowered by the Spirit to shine brightly for good in your town or village. As St. Paul wrote to Timothy, I pray for you, "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1.6-7)

Easter is the time when I remember Jesus rising from the dead. I have the hope of sharing eternity with him, and enjoying something of God's kingdom on earth, here and now. This message of hope transformed my life entirely, a good few years ago. I now want others to have a taste of this new way of living and being. That is why I do what I do. The church can drive me mad at times (I can already feel my blood pressure rising), but the message underneath never ceases to inspire me.

Happy Easter,

Nigel.

St Andrew's - Scole

Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st April

10.00am to 12noon

come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, and friendly chat
All welcome.

Experiences of an ex-Bluebell Girl – 17th March

With apologies to all who bought tickets for this event, which has had to be postponed due to Jane Hoggar having tested positive for Covid. This has been re-scheduled to take place on Friday, 21st April at 7.30pm in Scole Church. There may be a few tickets available due to some folk being unable to make the new date. (This wretched Covid will not go away!)

Thank you all for your understanding.

Lynda (Mansfield)

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 8th April

St Peter's Church at 2.00pm

Refreshments at Needham Village Hall
from 3.00pm

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

St John's Harleston
Saturday 1st April
9.30am till 12noon

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 13th April
10.30am - 12.30pm

Chatty Church

Saturday 22nd April
11.00am to 1.00pm

Community Cafe

Every Tuesday
2pm - 3.30pm

Informal singing group

Every Tuesday
11am -12noon

Foodbank

Every Tuesday 1.30pm to 3pm

Midweek Mingle

Every Wednesday
9.15am to 11.30am
All welcome



Forget-Me-Not Café & Church

**A café & support group
for those with Dementia and their carers**

13th April

10.30am – 12.30pm

Thursday, St. John's Church,

**As well as the café there will be stimulating
activities, refreshments and cakes; fully
supported by our volunteers.**

**Plus an optional short, simple church service.
Please be assured of a very warm, friendly
welcome for everyone.**

Just turn up or to find out more contact:

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**This month is kindly sponsored by:
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Saturday 6th May



Do you want to celebrate the
Coronation of King Charles by watching the event
together with others?

If that is you, come along to St. John's Church and
watch it with us.

The church will be open from 9.30am for the build-up
and light refreshments will be served.

See you there!

Save the Date - Sunday 7th May

Afternoon Tea in Celebration of
Charles' III's Coronation
Needham Village Hall from 1pm



Launching Saturday 27th May 2023

All Welcome!

PILGRIMS



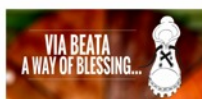
What: *Pilgrims* is a new initiative exploring the spirituality of pilgrimage and the monastic life, considering how these can inform life as a follower of Jesus today

When: *Pilgrims* launches on Saturday 27th May, 8.30am - 4.30pm, with a day-long 12-mile walk along the Via Beata pilgrim way, starting with a simple time of morning prayer at All Hallows' Convent in Ditchingham and concluding with a short service of thanksgiving at Great Moulton Church

Who: Everyone is welcome to worship and/or walk! The Bishop of Norwich and author of *The Way Under Our Feet*, Graham Usher, will also be joining

How: If you're excited to learn more and would like to come along, please email revdjshelton@outlook.com. More information is available at earshambenefice.org.uk/pilgrims

Event partners:



Updates from Needham Village Hall **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday 18th March - **BINGO**

Doors open 7.00pm, Eyes down 7.30pm

Cash bar for drinks and bar snacks

£6 for 6 games - £3 for 3 games

Saturday 8th April – **EASTER EGG HUNT**

St Peter's Church at 2.00pm

Needham Village Hall Refreshments from 3.00pm

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

Sunday 7th May – **KING'S CORONATION TEA PARTY**

Afternoon Tea from 1.00pm

Monday 8th May – **NEEDHAM VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

Volunteering Bank Holiday

Meet at Needham Village Hall at 11.00am

We need you....!

The committee supporting the Village Hall are dedicated to keeping our Village Hall as a central hub in our community. But a small group of villagers are working very hard behind the scenes to make our events successful and a happy time for all who attend.

Would you like to help, but can't commit the time to attend each monthly meeting?

Would you be willing to bake a cake, deliver a few leaflets, help get the tables and chairs out?

Would you mind us giving you a call just when we need that extra pair of hands?

If you would like to help us occasionally, please can you send me an email or phone number to call? And some ideas around what you could help with would be great.

THANK YOU

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Chair of Village Hall Committee

Holy Week Services

Holy Monday 3rd April

St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish - Congregation reading Mark's Gospel 6.30pm

Holy Tuesday 4th April

St Leonard's, Billingford - Evening Devotions - 6.30pm

Holy Wednesday 5th April

St Mary's, Redenhall - Evening Devotions - 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday 6th April

St John's, Harleston - Holy Communion - 6pm

St Andre's, Scole - Holy Communion - 6pm

Good Friday 7th April

St John's, Harleston - Stations of the cross through town - 10am

St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish - Devotional Half Hour - 11.30am

St Mary's, Redenhall - Devotional Half Hour - 12.30pm

St Peter's, Needham - Devotional Half Hour - 1.30pm

St Andrew's, Scole - Devotional Half Hour - 2.30pm

All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts - Devotional Half Hour - 3.30pm

St Leonard's, Billingford - Devotional Half Hour - 4.30pm

Holy Saturday 8th April

St John's, Harleston - Morning Devotions - 10.30am

7 churches Benefice Services

Compline

Thursday 27th April, 6.30pm
All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts

Celebration Service

Sunday 23rd April, 4.30pm
St Andrew's, Scole,.

Donations to our churches

If you would like to donate to any of the listed churches please use the QR codes below linked to the church you would like to donate to.

St John's, Harleston. St Leonard's, Billingford. All Saints, Thorpe
Abbotts



THE REGISTERS - 26TH FEBRUARY 2023 TO 25TH MARCH 2023

Funerals and Interments

2nd March Andrew Swanston - St John's, Harleston
4th March Michael Thurlow - St John's Harleston
14th March Michael Frost - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
24th March Lorraine Smith - St Mary's, Redenhall

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sue Auckland, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood,
Andrew Heap, Brian Wright, Peter Edwards .

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

Sunday 2nd Palm Sunday (Red)	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
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St John's, Harleston
<i>Matthew 21.1-11/ Philippians 2.5-11/Matthew 26.14 - 27.66</i>			
Sunday 9th Easter Day (Gold)	6am	Sunrise Service	Ocean pit, Weybread
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Acts 10.34-43/John 20.1-18</i>			
Sunday 16th 2nd od Easter (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St Mary's , Redenhall
<i>Acts 2.14a,22-32/John 20.19-31</i>			
SUNDAY 23RD 3rd of Easter (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, 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 2.14a,36-41/Luke 24.13-35</i>			
SUNDAY 30TH 4th of Easter (White)	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion to say "Farewell" to Josh	St John's, Harleston
<i>Acts 2.42-47 /John 10.1-10</i>			

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