

# April 2024



## *Benefice Newsletter*

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## Ramblings from the Rectory

I like riddles. I'm not good at solving them but I do like riddles. Here's one that isn't very Norfolk but still should be easy. It's from "The Hobbit":

What has roots as nobody sees.  
Is taller than trees,  
Up, up it goes,  
And, yet never grows?

Answer: a mountain

Another riddle, that I found online:

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

Answer: see the end of this article

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 the weather so far, anything could happen. Snow storms even!

I may not be able to fathom the rhythm of the weather. As I often say, "I'm in sales not management!" I may feel helpless when faced with the strange and extreme weather we keep getting. Still, when I look around at this amazing world and the people that I meet, I know there is hope. I believe that all people are made in the image of God. That image may be dirty and hidden in some, but it is there. So part of my job is to see that of God in the people around me. With most of you it is easy but with some people, I must admit, it can be hard.

With Easter just past and with the great Christian festivals of Ascension and Whitsun (Pentecost) coming in May I also believe that there is a way for that image of God in me to shine brightly. That's why I seek to follow Jesus. Not because I am better than others but because I want to be better than I am. I want hope for the future; for myself and those around me. This is what Jesus promises to me and all of us who follow him. He offers the Holy Spirit to cleanse and transform us into the likeness of Christ. The Spirit makes us one with the God who resurrected Jesus, so we have hope stronger even than death: A hope of eternal life. Perhaps, more accurately, the hope of life lived in all of its fulness (cf. John 10.10), now and in all eternity.

Whatever else April may bring for you, I hope and pray for a bright future for all in these 7 churches and the communities that they serve.

Oh, and that second riddle. The answer if you haven't got it yet is, "Nothing".

God bless, Nigel.

**St Andrew's - Scole**  
**Spring Lunch and Coffee Morning**

Saturday 6th April

10.00am - 1.00pm

Coffee or drink with cake / sausage roll / cheese scone is available  
from **10am** for £3.50.

**Lunch** - two courses and a drink - is available between **11am - 1pm for £10**. This includes Vegetarian Quiche / Ham / Cheese, salads, new potatoes, pudding with tea and coffee.

**Booking and choice of Main is essential** (Georgie 01379 740127; Kay 01379 741054; Lynda 01379 740401, Carol 01379 742713). There will also be a Raffle.

## **St John's, Harleston**

### **Coffee and Cake Morning**

Saturday 6th April  
9.30am till 12noon

### **Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church**

Thursday 11th April  
10.30am - 12.30pm

### **Chatty Church**

Saturday 27th April  
11.00am to 1.00pm

### **Every Tuesday**

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

### **Midweek Mingle**

Every Wednesday  
9.15am to 11.30am  
All welcome

### **Praise**

Saturday 13th April - 6pm - 7pm  
Do you love to sing God's praises?  
Then come and join us for this  
informal time of openness to the  
Spirit

## **Exciting Fund Raiser for St Leonard's Billingford**

A biblical competition to commence in April.  
Test your knowledge of recognising the books of the bible.  
£5 per entry, a prize of £200 for one lucky winner.  
Draw will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> at St Leonard's Church  
More about that in the next BNL

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## **REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll will be revised in April 2024.

If you would like a form of application for enrolment to the electoral roll please contact your Church Electoral Roll Officer or Churchwarden.

Gill Green

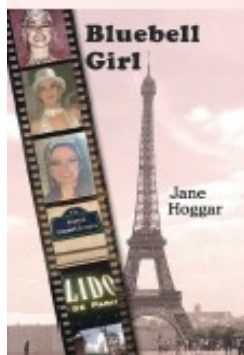
Electoral Roll Officer for Redenhall with Harleston

**Jane Hoggar**  
**Ex Bluebell Girl**

presents

***La Belle Époque***

A musical history of  
Parisian Cabaret



**Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**at 7.30pm**

**in Scole church**

**Tickets £12**

From:

Lynda Mansfield 740401

Kay Liffen 741054

(includes complimentary drink and light refreshments)

# Chatty Church

ST. GEORGE'S  
DAY



Act out St George and the dragon, Jousting -  
hoop and newspaper lances and Colouring

For children of all ages with their  
parents/carers.

No need to book.

Refreshments and Snacks.

Free of charge.

**Saturday 27th April**

**11am - 1pm**

St John's Church, Harleston



Facebook.com / Chatty Church Family Group

## 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 Abbots



	<b>7churches Benefice Services</b>	
	<b>Compline</b>	
	Thursday, 25th April 6.30pm	
	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots	
	<b>Celebration Service</b>	
	Sunday 28th April 4.30pm	
	St Andrew's, Scole,.	

## **THE REGISTERS - 24TH FEBRUARY 2024 TO 25TH MARCH 2024** **Funerals and Interments**

15th March     Raymond and Jess - St Mary's, Redenhall.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood, Sharon Perkins, 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.

## APRIL SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 7th 2nd of Easter (White)</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
	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>Acts 4.32-35/John 20.19-31</i>			
<b>Sunday 14th 3rd of Easter (White)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30pm	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Acts 3.12-19/Luke 24.36b-48</i>			
<b>Sunday 21st 4th of Easter (White)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Acts 4.5-12/John 10.11-18</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 28TH 5th of Easter (White)</b>	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 8.26-40/John 15.1-8</i>			

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