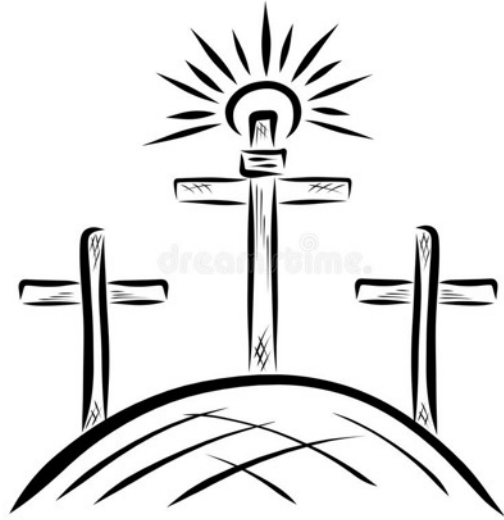


# April 2025



## *Benefice Newsletter*

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## Easter

“April is the cruellest month,” the Anglican poet, T. S. Eliot wrote. For Christians this year, it is true and yet not true. True because after the long Lent period, we come to Good Friday. People sometimes ask me what was “good” about it? Jesus was crucified. The disciples went into hiding. All the great hopes they had were gone. Yet on the third day, Jesus rose from the grave, vanquishing death. At the Easter Vigil when the Exultet is sung, we hear the words “O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!” God's grace and love are so powerful that even from the greatest evil, He can bring about the greatest good. In the word of the hymn, “he died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good.”

We shall have Bishop Ian with us for Maundy Thursday, when we begin our countdown to Easter Day. If you can make the service then, and on Good Friday, you will get the most out of Easter. What Sir John Betjeman wrote about Christmas:

No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single Truth compare -  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

Applies equally to Easter. Enjoy your Easter egg, not least if you have given up chocolate for Lent, and rejoice in the smiling faces of the children on the Easter egg hunt, but do so with the greatest gladness knowing that Jesus died and rose for each and every one of us. All we have to do is open our arms and we will find his already open for us. Have a joyful Easter, and we hope to see as many of you as possible over the Easter period.

John Charmley

**St John's, Harleston**

**Coffee Morning**

Saturday 5th April

9.30am - 12noon

**Every Tuesday**

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

**Praise**

Saturday 12th April

6pm - 7pm

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

Thursday 10th April

10.30am - 12.30pm

**Who Let the Dads Out?**

Saturday 19th April

9.00am to 11.00am

£3.00 per family includes breakfast

**Chatty Church**

Saturday 26th April

11.00am - 1.00pm

**St Peter & St Paul Brockdish**

Sunday 13th April

The Brass Band concert, Brockdish Village hall,

3.00pm

## **St Andrew's - Scole - Coffee Morning**

Saturday 5th April

10.00am - 12noon

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

## **Holy Week**

### **Holy Monday 14th April**

St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish - Congregation Reading John's Gospel - 6.30pm

### **Holy Tuesday 15th April**

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

### **Holy Wednesday 16th April**

All Saints, Thorpe Abbots - Evening Devotions - 6.30pm

### **Maundy Thursday 17th April**

St John's, Harleston - Holy Communion Bishop Ian - 7.00pm

### **Good Friday 18th April**

St Mary's, Redenhall - Devotional Half Hour - 11.30am

St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish - Devotional Half Hour - 12.30pm

All Saints, Thorpe Abbots - Devotional Half Hour - 1.30pm

St Leonard's, Billingford - Devotional Half Hour - 2.30pm

St Andrew's, Scole - Devotional Half Hour - 3.30pm

St John's, Harleston - Stations of the Cross - 4.30pm



# **Forget-Me-Not Café & Church**

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

## **10th 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:**

**Maureen Youngman (01379 853605)**



## 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



## THE REGISTERS - 26TH FEBRUARY 2025 TO 25TH MARCH 2025

### Funerals and Interments

14th March

Leonard Marklew - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish

	<b>7 churches Benefice Services</b>	
	<b>Compline</b>	
	Thursday 24th April, 6.30pm St Leonards, Billingford	
	<b>Celebration Service</b>	
	Sunday 27th April 4.30pm St Andrew's, Scole,.	

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel 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 6th 5th of Lent (Purple)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	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>Philippians 3.4b-14/John 12.1-8</i>			
<b>Sunday 13th Palm Sunday (Purple)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Luke 19.28-40/Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29*</i>			
<b>Sunday 20th 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	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	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>			
<b>Sunday 27th 2nd of Easter (White)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	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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