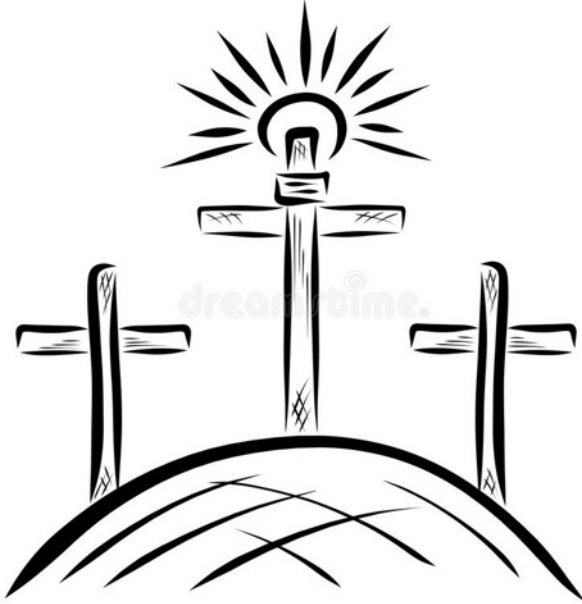


# April 2026



*Benefice Newsletter*

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## **An Easter Greeting**

Dear Friends

Happy Easter! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

After the quiet reflection of Good Friday and the stillness of Easter Saturday, Easter morning greets us like the sunrise itself—full of colour, hope, and life. The stone was rolled away. The grave was empty. Death was defeated. And because of that, everything changed.

Easter isn't just a date on the calendar. It's the heartbeat of our faith.

Without the resurrection, we'd simply have a story of a good teacher who met a tragic end. But because Jesus rose from the grave, we have victory, forgiveness and new life. We have a hope that reaches beyond our circumstances, beyond our struggles, and even beyond the grave itself.

I wonder if you've ever tried to imagine how the women and the disciples felt on that first Easter morning—perhaps confused, fearful and full of disbelief. But all that turned slowly into overwhelming joy. The women ran from the tomb. The disciples stared in wonder. And eventually, their sorrow gave way to courage. The resurrection changed them from fearful followers into bold witnesses.

And it still does that for us today..

Easter reminds us that no situation is too far gone for God. The relationship we're praying for or the habit we're trying to break or the grief we're carrying? Resurrection power speaks into all of it. What looked sealed and hopeless on Friday was gloriously redeemed by Sunday.

We all have ‘Good Friday’ times in our lives—moments of loss, uncertainty, or waiting. Easter gently reminds us that the joy of Sunday is coming. God is always at work, even when the stone seems immovable.

One of wonderful truths of Easter is that the resurrection wasn’t just something that happened to Jesus—it’s also something that happens in us. When we trust Him, we step into new life. We are forgiven. Restored. Made new. The old is gone, and the new has come!

That’s worth celebrating with chocolate eggs and Easter bonnets but also with grateful hearts, bold faith, and renewed commitment.

So how do we live as “Easter people”?

We forgive because we’ve been forgiven.

We love because He first loved us.

We stand firm in hope because the tomb is empty.

We share good news because it’s too wonderful to keep to ourselves.

This Easter, may your home be filled with joy. May your heart be strengthened with hope. May you feel the deep assurance that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is still alive and active today.

Happy Easter to you all!

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Rev Sue

**All Saints Thorpe Abbots**

**STATION 366**

Station 366 will be entertaining us with  
songs from the 1940's

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

at

THORPE ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL

7 for 7.30pm

Tickets £10

Available from Chris MacDonald - 01379 669116  
and Mary Alderton - 01379 668537

**Harleston**

**Coffee Morning**

Saturday 4th April

King Georges Hall

9.30am - 12noon

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

Thursday 9th April

London Rd Church

10.30am - 12.30pm

**Chatty Church**

Saturday 25th April

King Georges Hall

11.00am-1.00pm

## Holy Week

### **Holy Wednesday 1st April**

All Saints, Thorpe Abbots - Evening Devotions - 6.30pm

### **Maundy Thursday 2nd April**

St Peter's, Needham - Holy Communion - 10.30am

St Andrew's, Scole - Holy Communion - 6.30pm

### **Good Friday 3rd April**

Walk of Witness Outside St John's, Harleston - 10.00am

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 Thomas More, Harleston - Devotional Half Hour - 4.30pm

### St Andrew's - Scole

#### Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th April

10.00am - 12 noon

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

All welcome.

#### Annual Meetings

These are open to all parishioners.

Thursday, 30 April, 2.30pm at St Leonard's Church, Billingford

Wednesday 15 April, 7.00 pm at St Andrew's Church, 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 2026 TO 25TH MARCH 2026

### Weddings

28th Feb

Sophie Long & Lee Curry - St Peter's Needham

### Funerals and Interments

10th March Ray Constance - St Andrew's, Scole.

19th March Russell Wythe - St Peter's, Needham.

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|  | <b>7churches Benefice Services</b><br><br><b>Compline</b><br>Thursday 23rd April, 6.30pm<br>St Leonard's, Billingford<br><br><b>Celebration Service</b><br>Sunday 26th April 4.30pm<br>St Andrew's, Scole. |  |
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Nick Crane, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, David Barker, 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

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| <b>Sunday<br/>5th<br/>Easter Day<br/>(Gold)</b>          | 10.30am  | Holy Communion   | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish   |
| <i>Acts 10.34-43/John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10</i>     |  |  |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>12th<br/>2nd of<br/>Easter<br/>(White)</b> | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am | Morning Prayer<br>Morning Prayer<br>Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Morning Prayer       | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish<br>St Mary's, Redenhall<br>All Saints, Thorpe Abbots<br>St Thomas More, Harleston<br>St Andrew's, Scole |
| <i>1 Peter 1.3-9/John 20.19-end</i>                      |  |  |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>19th<br/>3rd of<br/>Easter<br/>(White)</b> | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am           | Holy Communion<br>Morning Prayer<br>Informal Worship<br>Holy Communion                       | St Leonard's, Billingford<br>St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish<br>St Thomas More, Harleston<br>St Andrew's, Scole                         |
| <i>1 Peter 1.17-23/Luke 24.13-35</i>                     |  |  |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>26th<br/>4th of<br/>Easter<br/>(White)</b> | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am<br>4.30pm | Morning Prayer<br>Morning Prayer<br>Morning Worship<br>Morning Prayer<br>Celebration Service | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish<br>St Mary's, Redenhall<br>St Thomas More, Harleston<br>St Andrew's, Scole<br>St Andrew's, Scole        |
| <i>1 Peter 2.19-end/John 10.1-10</i>                     |  |  |   |

