

# August 2021



SUMMER

*Newsletter*

SEVEN

CHURCHES



## Ramblings from the Rectory

I've been watching a royal wedding. I was spell bound by it all: The spectacle, the drama and the excitement were infectious. It was so amazing that it didn't really matter that it wasn't my queen getting married. The whole occasion was very different from a British royal wedding but none the less for that. This whole occasion was for me made even more wonderful by the fact that, apart from my wife, I was the only human being watching it all!

I wasn't watching a human wedding, I was watching the mating flight of a queen bee. The princes (drones) were piling out of my hives to chase the new queen. Some of the worker bees carried on working but many buzzed around in circles, excitedly waiting to see the bride. And the queen? Well, if you're very lucky you'll make her out at the head of a cloud of drones as they shoot off into the sky.

That made me think of weddings in my churches. Marriage to me is something very special with roots back into the beginning of time. It is a celebration of the love two people have for each other and is designed to be a stable foundation for family life.

I have no illusions that marriage will mark the start of most couple's serious relationship. By far the majority of the couples that I talk to about marriage have been living together for some time, and often have children. Many of the couples who come to me would not describe themselves as churchgoers or active Christians. But there is a

Some of the couples who come to me have been married before. They are hesitant, unsure of the response they will get. Will I shout at them for their sin and failure? There may be sin, there may be failure, but what I have found is that there is far more pain and hurt. Those who have gone through divorce can become cynical about relationships in general and marriage in particular. But I seek to reassure that God wants to heal their hurt and sense of failure. God wants to reassure them of forgiveness for anything that they might have done wrong so that they are truly free to live and love again.

I wish all couples who are newly married, or looking forward to their marriage, every blessing, now and in their future together. I also wish God's blessing on all couples, particularly those with children, whether married or not. Being a husband, wife, partner or a parent is all hard to do well. I pray that the Holy Spirit will bless and protect all couples and families here in our community, that they will know His comfort and support, His love and His joy, now and always.

Have a great August.

God bless,

Nigel.

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## **Towards Tomorrow Event**

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

Saturday 7th August

9.30am till 12noon

Coffee and cake Morning

With book, and craft stall as well.

Town Activities from 12noon

2pm - 4pm

Family activities in the church

### **St Andrews Scole**

#### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 7th August

10am - 12 noon

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

### **Thorpe Abbots/Billingford**

The Thorpe Abbots/Billingford Bible Study group will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month in future, starting with August 24th – venue or Zoom to be confirmed.

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**Saturday 11th September 2021**  
**9.00 am - 5.00 pm**

## THE REGISTERS - 11TH JUNE TO 25TH JULY 2021

### Funerals and Interments



11th June David Wildish  
25th June James Baker, St Andrew's Scole  
1st July Robin Bullingham, St Mary's Redenhall  
15th July Harry Adams, St Mary's Redenhall  
16th July Elizabeth Frazer, St Leonard's Billingford

### Weddings

26th June Janet Pickle & Mark Holloway, St Peter & St Paul Brockdish  
1st July Claire Burrows & Robert Hunt, St John's Harleston  
24th July Katherine Hadingham & Sam Carter, St Mary's Redenhall

### Baptism

11th July Riley Barrett, St Andrews Scole  
25th July Neavaeh Anne Maria Rose North, St Peter's Needham

	<b>7churches Benefice Services</b>	
	<b>Celebration Service</b>	
	St Andrew's, Scole Sunday 22nd August 4.30pm	
	<b>Compline</b>	
	St Leonard's Billingford Thursday 19th August 6.30pm	

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Marian Courtney.

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).*

## AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>SUNDAY 1ST</b> Trinity 9 Green	9.30am	CW Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 4.1-16 / John 6.24-35</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 8TH</b> Trinity 10 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	6.30pm	Compline	St Leonards, Billingford
<i>Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2 / John 6.35,41-51</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 15TH</b> Trinity 11 Green BVM White	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) (Patronal)	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Ephesians 5.15-20 / John 6.51-58</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 22ND</b> Trinity 12 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	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>Ephesians 6.10-20 / John 6.56-69</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 29TH</b> Trinity 13 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>James 1.17-27 / Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23</i>			

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