

August 2024



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Ramblings from The Rectory for August

August and then September are usually warm months that many consider the end of summer. For me, August with its harvest abundance marks the start of autumn, the “Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” described by the poet Keats. Whether late summer or early autumn, for me it is a time for holidays, weddings and for catching up. A time for bike rides in the warmth. I am also very aware that for my farming friends August is the exact opposite, a time of frantic activity from dawn until dusk, and beyond. I remember their hard work, but I’m still going to enjoy the slightly more restful month of August before I get into the busy joy of Harvest Festivals.

As I write this article, I have just had my annual ministerial review. One of the priorities that we agreed was for me to carve out a little time away from the parishes for prayer and reflection. I plan to take a few days, to read the books that I should have read, study, and reflect. I hope to dream too. I hope to dream of what could be here in Harleston for the church. What could we do better? How can we love more?

Most of all I plan to ponder the question, “How can we love more?” You see, Jesus’ only commandment was to love. For people in the church, we are to love one another. Notice that does not mean that we have to always agree with each other, or even like each other. But we do have to care for and love one another. That is a big ask, and that is why I want to take some time to figure out how we can love more.

I hope that by the end of it all I will have enjoyed some sunshine and had great ideas. I wish the same for you.

Happy August.

God bless,

Nigel.

St John the Baptist Church – New Air Source Heating System

"We will be celebrating our new heating system at our Informal Worship with Simple Communion, 11am on Sunday 1st September. Everyone welcome!"

We are pleased and thankful to God, that the long-awaited new air source heating system is in place and up and running.

This could not have been made possible without John Charmley's work on the faculty application and with the DAC, grant making bodies and the generosity of the church congregation. We could not have achieved this without the hard work that went into the many fund-raising events. Particular thanks need to go to Maureen and Steph, our churchwardens and Nigel Mutimer whose technical mind has been invaluable again and again.

We also want to say thank you to:

- Secker & Sons (Norwich) Ltd for the installation of the Air Source Heating System
- Simon Marjoram for the electrical work
- And the following groups who gave us grants to assist us in this project
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Benefact Trust
- The Geoffrey Watling Charity
- Congregational & General Charitable Trust
- Bishop of Norwich Fabric Fund

I am deeply grateful to Peter Crispin for his hard work and dedication applying for grants and keeping us on track financially.

A huge thank you to you all!

God bless,

Nigel

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

Saturday 3rd August

9.30am till 12noon

Who Let the Dads out?

Saturday 17th August

9.00am to 11.00am

£3.00 per family includes breakfast

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 8th August

10.30am - 12.30pm

Praise

Saturday 10th August- 6pm - 7pm

Every Tuesday

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

St Andrew's - Scole - Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd August

10.00am - 12noon

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

"Renewing Hope in Smaller Churches" at Cringleford, Norwich

Saturday, 28th September, 10am — 4pm

With the encouragement of Bishop Jane, Revd. Rob Baker from Stoke Holy Cross is organising an event called "Renewing Hope in Smaller Churches". It will be run by ReSource (formerly Anglican Renewal Ministries): it's one of a series of events across the country aiming to renew hope in smaller churches. The diocese has generously provided some funding towards the cost of the day to reduce the costs for participants to £10 including a nice lunch.

If people would like to find out more, they can look at the ReSource booking page here <https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/events/68/renewing-hope-in-smaller-churches-cringleford>

I have the annual Chatty Church BBQ that day but this will be a great event for anyone who wants to see our churches grow, not just the ministry team or churchwardens. It's relevant for St. John's too!

Do go if you can.

God bless,

Nigel.

Coffee Morning & Keys Valuation Day

St John's Church, Harleston October 5th 2024



Do you have a treasured item in your attic? Perhaps an heirloom or just something you picked up in a charity shop a few years ago? Now is your chance to learn more about it and find out what its value might be.

Keys Auctioneers of Aylsham are coming to St John the Baptist Church in Harleston this autumn.

Bring up to 5 items to be valued for just £3.00 per item. You will have the opportunity to consult an expert and support your local community by helping St John's Church raise final funds for our new heating system. Coffees, teas and cakes will be served throughout the day for a small fee.

A light lunch will be available between 12pm and 2pm.

You are warmly invited to join us

10am – 3pm

Free car parking is available at the Harleston Co-op - it's just a short walk to St John's Church

If you are disabled there is a small car park by St John's Church - Postcode IP20 9AZ

Any questions about the day please ring our Church Warden, Maureen on:

01379 853605

or email: charisharbidgceca@gmail.com

You will need to bring your items into St John's Church, where you will be handed a number at our welcome desk. Then, please take a seat and wait to be called; it can get busy so you may have a little wait. If you would like an item to be auctioned by Keys Auctioneers of Aylsham, please talk to a member of the Keys Valuation Team, when you go up to get your items valued; the Keys team will guide you.

Please note, visitors are responsible for the safety of their own property. Each item brought by a visitor to the Keys Valuation Day at St John's Church on 5th October is the responsibility of the owner and is brought to be valued at their own risk.

OVER 600 CHURCHES AND CHAPELS OPEN TO VISIT NEAR YOU!



Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, lead roofs are stolen, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. **Now you can help** by joining a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation.



BIKE, WALK, DRIVE... IN THE NORFOLK COUNTRYSIDE



A fun day out for all, stopping off at as many Churches and Chapels as you can!

**WIN
£1,000
FOR YOUR
CHURCH***

Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. ***PLUS** you can join with others in your parish to win £1,000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. **Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation** - find out more at norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride

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Saturday 14th September 2024
9.00 am - 5.00 pm



**DADS
GRANDADS
MALE CARERS
AND
THEIR KIDS!**



**WHO LET THE
DADS OUT?**

**BREAKFAST
CRAFT
GAMES
FREE PLAY**



St John's Church
Broad St,
Harleston,
IP20 9AZ



**THE
3RD SAT**

**EACH MONTH
9-11AM**



**£3
PER FAMILY
INCLUDING
BREAKFAST!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

SEARCH 'WHO LET THE DADS OUT' HARLESTON' ON FACEBOOK

Chatty Church



BBQ & Games

Activities, games and crafts for children of all ages with their parents/carers.

No need to book.

Refreshments and Snacks.

Free of charge.

Saturday 28th September

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 Abbotts



THE REGISTERS - 24TH JUNE 2024 TO 25TH JULY 2024

Funerals and Interments

24th June Neville Bullingham - St John's, Harleston

Weddings

6th July John Taylor & Kathryn Cormac-Walsh - St Peter & St Paul,
Brockdish

	7churches Benefice Services Compline Thursday, 22nd August 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford Celebration Service Sunday 25th August 4.30pm St Andrew's, Scole	
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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

Sunday 4th The Transfiguration (White)	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>2 Peter 1.16-19/Luke 9.28-36</i>			
Sunday 11th Trinity 11 (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2/John 6.35, 41-51</i>			
Sunday 18th The Blessed Virgin Mary (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	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>Galatians 4.4-7/Luke 1.46-55</i>			
Sunday 25th Trinity 13 (Green)	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>Ephesians 6.10-20/John 6.56-69</i>			

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