

# August 2025



## *Benefice Newsletter*

SEVEN  
CHURCHES

## **Ramblings from the. Ministry Team**

As we move through August—the heart of the summer—for many people, there is a distinct change in pace. Schools have finished, family holidays have begun, and many regular activities stop for the Summer break. For many, this is a time of rest, family visits, gardens in bloom, and perhaps time away from home. For others, it will bring its own challenges: isolation, caring for loved ones, or just managing the heat. Whatever this month holds for you, I pray that you will find moments of peace and joy, knowing that God is present with you in all you do and wherever you are.

August often feels like a “between” time. The rush of spring and early summer is behind us, and September—with its return to school, harvest preparation, and church activities—is just ahead. But in this quieter month, if you can, take time to pause.

Jesus Himself often withdrew to quiet places to pray (Luke 5:16). In the business of His earthly ministry, He knew the importance of stepping back—not to escape, but to reconnect with the Father. August gives us that same opportunity. Amidst all our doing, we are reminded that regular quiet time spent with God is what we all need.

So, let me encourage you to use this month of August to slow down to enjoy God’s presence and to take time to ‘be’. And as you do -

- Take time to give thanks—for creation, for community, and for the simple blessings of daily life.
- Pray for those who find summer hard - those who are unwell, lonely, or anxious about the coming months.
- Rest in God’s love and ask Him to prepare your heart for what’s next—for all He may want to do in you and through you in the season to come.

And, as we begin looking ahead to Autumn, don’t let rush to get there- let’s enjoy the gift of ‘the present’ knowing that even in those “in-between times,” God is still at work. He is always guiding, caring and planting seeds—of peace, of renewal, and of hope.

I’m looking forward to being with many of in the month of August and for those who are away—travel safely, rest well, and come back refreshed.

With every blessing,

Sue

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

### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 2nd August

9.30am - 12noon

### **Every Tuesday**

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

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

Thursday 14th August

10.30am - 12.30pm

### **Praise and Worship**

Saturday 9th August

St John's , Harleston 6pm

## **Who Let the Dads Out?**

Saturday 16th August

9.00am to 11.00am

£3.00 per family includes breakfast

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

Saturday 2nd August

10.00am - 12noon

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

Come and join us for a fun



*£5 per person*

{Light supper included}

Time: 6.30 for 7pm start

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025

St John's Church

Broad Street

Harleston

IP20 9AZ

Book a table max 6 persons

[Essential]

Contact HelenChurch Office

01379851148



## Concerts at Cratfield

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## Concerts at Cratfield 2025

Sunday 6 July 3pm

**BEN GOLDSCHIEDER** horn  
**OFER FALK** violin  
**REIKO FUJISAWA** piano

Mozart, York Bowen, Huw Watkins,  
Esa-Pekka Salonen, Brahms

Sunday 20 July 3pm

**BARBICAN QUARTET**

Haydn, Ligeti, Rebecca Clarke, Mendelssohn

Sunday 3 August 3pm

**GUY JOHNSTON** cello  
**MELVYN TAN** piano

Richard Strauss, Ravel, JS Bach, Saint-Saëns

Sunday 17 August 3pm

**RYAN CORBETT** accordion  
**JACK HANCKER** guitar

Franck, Zolotaryov, N Boulanger, Weber,  
Dowland, Albeniz, Laura Snowden, D Howard  
ROSL Gold Medal Winners Concert

Sunday 31 August 3pm

**COCO TOMITA** violin  
**SIMON CALLAGHAN** piano

Schubert, Debussy, Beethoven, Arvo Pärt

Sunday 14 September 3pm

**SACCONI QUARTET**  
**ANNA TILBROOK** piano

Jonathan Dove, Shostakovich, Elgar

# Celebration and Commissioning Service



**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**The Open Academy, Norwich - 5:30pm**

**Light refreshments served from 4:45pm**

Join us to celebrate and pray for the new academic year and for all it holds. The preacher will be the Bishop of Thetford, the Rt Revd Ian Bishop.

The service is for all who support children and young people across schools and churches, including school staff, governors, trustees, chaplains, volunteers, youth workers and clergy.

Register your attendance via  
the QR Code.



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FOR YOUR  
CHURCH\***

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SPORTS PLANNING

**Saturday 13th September 2025**  
**9.00 am - 5.00 pm**



**DADS  
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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**



# **Forget-Me-Not Café & Church**

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

## **14th August**

**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 Abbotts



## THE REGISTERS - 26TH JUNE 2025 TO 25TH JULY 2025

### Funerals and Interments

- 26th June Gillian Wilkinson - St Mary's, Redenhall  
30th June Philip Howlett - St Andrews, Scole  
2nd July Pauline Whurr - St Peter's, Needham  
7th July John Grout - St John's, Harleston  
8th July Heather Wetherill - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish

### Weddings

- 12th July Richard Betts & Caitlyn Grayston - St John's, Harleston

	<p><b>7churches Benefice Services</b></p> <p><b>Compline</b> Thursday 28th August , 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford</p> <p><b>Celebration Service</b> Sunday 24th August, 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole.</p>	
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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).*

## AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 3rd 7th after Trinity (Green)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	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>Colossians 3.1-11/Luke 12.13-21</i>			
<b>Sunday 10th 8th after Trinity (Green)</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>Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16/Luke 12.32-40</i>			
<b>Sunday 17th The Blessed Virgin Mary (White)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer(Patronal)	St Mary's , Redenhall
<i>Galatians 4.4-7/Luke 1.46-55</i>			
<b>Sunday 24th 10th after Trinity (Green)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	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>Hebrews 12.18-29/Luke 13.10-17</i>			
<b>Sunday 31st 11th after Trinity (Green)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16/Luke 14.1, 7-14</i>			

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St Andrew's - Scole	Lynda Mansfield	01379 740401
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### **Schools**

Harleston Sancroft Academy	01379 852561
Scole CEVC Primary	01379 740654

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