## December 2025



Benefice Newsletter



Welcome to the December edition of our Benefice News Letter. I'm sure it's safe to say that most of us think of Christmas as and when December arrives - and that's where my thoughts took me as I wondered what to say in this letter - and how to communicate my thoughts about this wonderful time of the year.

Then it struck me that that was the issue - communication! We are bombarded with communication every day, in all kinds of ways - perhaps especially through the media and also via our phones, iPads and computers; whatever the nature of that communication - it's there in abundance - led in great part by the Advertising Industry - whose campaigns are usually geared to communicate the benefits of different products - ideas or concepts - and those campaigns owe their success to the enormous power of the word - spoken, heard, written or seen!

But no advertising – no matter how proficient – can do it better than the personal touch. Nothing can take the place of personal contact. To have someone tell you about their own experience of a product – is 100 times better that hearing or seeing it via the media; and as I think of personal communication - however grateful I am for the technology that enables me to see the one I'm speaking to - a visit from a loved one is 1000 times better that any call – even better than Skype or FaceTime – which - through the computer or phone enables me to see who I'm talking to; a visit is soooo much better - because that visit brings us - quite literally - face to face – and we can communicate at a much deeper level - through look – touch and even silence - there is no more barrier!

This coming Christmas time - we celebrate God's idea - God's desire - to tell human kind about Himself and His love for them. He chose the personal touch and wrapped his idea up in a person – in His Son – Jesus - and sent Him to earth. (John 1v's 1 + 14) Jesus really was - and is - God's masterful audio-visual communication of Himself to humankind.

Then - when He wanted to tell the world about His Son's birth, He chose a pretty dynamic method of communication. Again He chose the personal touch – He sent Angels to tell shepherds, who – after hearing the news – and seeing the baby for themselves – immediately began to tell others – who – we are told by Luke – were amazed at what they heard.

This year - as we celebrate Christmas - can we be more aware of *Who* we celebrate - rather than *What* - that is - can we truly communicate to others with whom we celebrate - that **Jesus** is the reason for the season, not all the food, games and gadgets we've been told by the adverts we can't live without! And that He is the One we can't truly live - without.

May the One Whose Coming we celebrate - bless you and your loved ones in a special way this Christmas and throughout the coming new year.

Yours in His Name

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#### **Christmas Services**

#### **Sunday 14th December**

4pm - All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts - Christingle/Crib Service

#### **Sunday 21st December**

11am - St Thomas More, Harleston - Carol Service 11am - St Andrew's, Scole - Carol Service 3.00pm - St Peter's, Needham - Carol & Christingle Service 4pm - St Leonard's, Billingford - Carol Service by Candlelight 4pm - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish - Carol Service by Candlelight

#### Wednesday 24th December

4.30pm - St Andrew's Scole - Crib & Christingle Service 6pm - St Mary's Redenhall - Carols by Candlelight 11.30pm - St Thomas More, Harleston - Midnight Eucharist

#### **Thursday 25th December**

9.30am - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish -Informal Holy Communion 11am - St Thomas More, Harleston - Holy Communion 11am - St Andrew's, Scole - Holy Communion

#### Harleston **Christmas Coffee Morning**

With Craft stalls, Raffle, cake stall Refreshments served all day Saturday 13th December King Georges Hall 9.30am - 3.00pm

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

Thursday 11th December London Rd Church 10.30am - 12.30pm

Christmas Quiz with Chips: Saturday 13 December - 6.30 for 7pm start at Scole Church. The cost of the 'Quiz with chips' is £7.00 per person. For that you have a supper of chips, sauces and something sweet. Come as individuals or groups and contact Sue Auckland (01379740325) to book or complete the list in the church. Please bring your own glasses, drinks and extra nibbles if you wish. We had to turn people away last time, so book as soon as 4 you can!



# St Mary's Redenhall

### Presents



## Carols by Candlelight

(with Diss Satvation Army Band)

Christmas Eve 6рт

Remember to bring a torch!

## We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

May God's blessings - love, joy, wholeness and peace - be with you and all those whom you love, this Christmas time."

#### Amen

#### **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 OCTOBER 2025 TO 25TH NOVEMBER 2025

#### **Funerals/interments**

28th Oct Rita Knock - St Mary's, Redenhall

12th Nov Stanley Faulkner - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish

17th Nov Mr Price - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish

25th Nov Russell Brice - St Andrew's, Scole

#### **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).* 

#### **DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS**

Sunday 7th 9.30am Morning Prayer St Leonard's, Billingford St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish St Mary's, Redenhall Informal Worship St Andrew's, Scole Evening Prayer St Peter's, Needham 11.00am 14.00am 11.00am 1			,				
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