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Ramblings from the Rectory –February 2023

I look forward with hope, but as a realist too. I know that for a better future the ground has to be prepared first. That is why Lent is so important as a time of preparation before the great celebration of Easter. If the future is to be better, then you and I need to work now to make it so.

First there is Ash Wednesday. For me Ash Wednesday is one of the highlights of the year. I know it sounds strange. How can a solemn occasion like Ash Wednesday be a highlight? It is a wonderful day for me because it is a day when I really and truly do not have to pretend. I don't have to pretend to be better than I am. I can be honest about my faults; about my fallibility. Honesty is such a liberating thing!

On Ash Wednesday I accept who I am, faults and all. As I receive that ash, I know too that God accepts me as I am. We both stand together at the starting line, ready to set off on a journey of growth and life restored. Ash Wednesday gives me the inner drive to begin the journey of Lent.

Then, as February comes to an end and March begins, our Lent Groups start. The Lent Groups form an essential part of this. This Lent we will be using the Church of England Lent resource, "Let Your Light Shine," to learn more about God's generous blessing as we prepare for Easter.

To sign up for a Lent Group, see your House Group leader, sign up at the back of church or get in touch with me.

As we stand together, longing to be better Christians, I encourage you to join me in working now to make the Easter hope a reality, and not just wishful thinking.

God bless,

Nigel.

Lent Groups 2023

Ash Wednesday this year is on Wednesday 23rd February and our Lent Groups will be starting the week after (Sunday 26th February onwards). This Lent we will be using the Church of England Lent resource, "Let Your Light Shine," to learn more about God's generous blessing as we prepare for Easter.

To sign up for a Lent Group, see your House Group leader, sign up at the back of church or get in touch with Nigel.

St Andrew's - Scole

Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th February

10.00am - 12noon

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

All welcome.

Advanced notice for your diaries:

An evening with an ex-Bluebell Girl – Friday, 17th March in Scole Church at 7.30 pm.

Tickets will include refreshments. More details later.

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

St John's Harleston
Saturday 4th February
9.30am till 12noon

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 9th February
10.30am - 12.30pm

Chatty Church

Saturday 25th February
11.00am to 1.00pm

Warm Room

Every Tuesday
10.00am - 4.00pm
All free. Tea and coffee served all day
11am -12noon Informal singing group
12.15pm Lunch Menu changes weekly
2.00pm Toasties
2.30pm Activity time

Foodbank

Every Tuesday 1.30pm to 3pm

Midweek Mingle

Every Wednesday
9.15am to 11.30am
All welcome



Forget-Me-Not Café & Church

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

9th February

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:

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St John's, Harleston. St Leonard's, Billingford. All Saints, Thorpe



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	7churches Benefice Services	
Compline Thursday 23rd February 6.30pm All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts		
Celebration Service St Andrew's , Scole, Sunday 26th February, 4.30pm		

THE REGISTERS - 26TH DECEMBER 2022 TO 25TH JANUARY 2023

Funerals and Interments

4th Jan Anthony William Lanham - All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
19th Jan Lynn Veness - St Andrew's, Scole
25th Jan Joy Elizabeth Grout - St John's, Harleston

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sue Auckland, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Philip Wood, Andrew Heap, Kathy Wood, Brian wright.

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).

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 5th 3 before Lent (Green)	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
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	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>Corinthians 2.1-12/Matthew 5.13-20</i>			
Sunday 12th 2 before Lent (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
	4.00pm	Cafe Church	St John's, Harleston
<i>Romans 8.18-25/Matthew 6.25-34</i>			
Sunday 19th next before lent (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Peter 1.16-21/Matthew 17.1-9</i>			
WEDNESDAY 22ND Ash Wednesday (Purple)	11.00am	Holy Communion with Ashing	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Ashing	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10/John 8.1-11</i>			
SUNDAY 26TH lent 1 (Purple)	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>Romans 5.12-19/Matthew 4.1-11</i>			

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