

# February 2024



## *Benefice Newsletter*

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## Ramblings from the Rectory – February 2024

February is usually a cold in-between sort of month. A month that is still in the grip of winter but snowdrops and aconites give a hope of new life to come. February is often a time of crisp cold air and clear skies.

For many February 14<sup>th</sup> is a time for human love and romance. If you have plans with someone special this Valentine's Day, I wish you well.

February 14<sup>th</sup> this year is also Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. This year our 7 churches will be focusing on how we live together as Christians. There is so much that is good about our Church of England. There is also so much that seems to be tearing us apart. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, but that does not mean that we will always agree with one another. Disagreement is not necessarily bad. No family agrees about everything, all of the time. It is the way that we disagree that matters.

The quality of our life together is dependent on the love and respect that we have for one another. Given to us by the Holy Spirit. To help us to live well together some recent work by the Church of England has identified six evils that poison our life together. They are PREJUDICE, FEAR, SILENCE, HYPOCRISY, IGNORANCE and the abuse of POWER.

This Lent our services, sermons, and our Lent Groups will be focused on the Pastoral Principles identified by the Church of England to help us to:

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In preparation, please pray about these issues and sign up for a Lent Group!

God bless,

Nigel.

## Lent Groups

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Our Lent Groups will be starting from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. If you are already in a House Group these will become weekly for 5 weeks. If you are not in a House Group but would like to join a Lent Group this year, please contact me with your NAME, your PHONE NUMBER and EMAIL ADDRESS (if you have one), indicating whether you would prefer to meet in the AFTERNOON or EVENING.

God bless,

Nigel.

## **Ash Wednesday Services**

Wednesday 14th February

10.30am - St John's, Harleston - Holy Communion with  
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10.30am - St Andrew's, Scole - Holy Communion with  
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Ash Wednesday Scole - Service of Ashing and Holy Communion -  
10.30 am, Scole Church. Please note that this is a morning service,  
rather than the usual evening one.

## **Gift Day**

**For new heating system**

**At St John's, Harleston**

**Sunday 4th February 2024**

# Gardeners Question Time



**Thorpe Abbots Village Hall**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30 pm**

**Tickets £6**

**Includes Cuppa and Cake**

**Practical advice in a light hearted way from a  
panel of local experts.**

**Why not join us?**

**Raffle**

**Tickets from Simon Beet 01379 668132 or**

**Chris McDonald on 01379 669116**

**Please book in advance to avoid disappointment!!**

*Look forward to seeing you*

# Chatty Church



## "New Beginnings"

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

No need to book.

Refreshments and snacks.

Free of charge.

**Saturday 24th February**

**11am - 1pm**

St John's Church, Harleston



Facebook.com / Chatty Church Family Group

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

### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 3rd February

10.00am - 12noon

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

### **Scole Quiz with Chips**

Saturday, 24th February

6.30pm for 7.00 pm start at Scole Church

Food, quiz, raffle and prizes! The cost of the 'Quiz with Chips' is £6 per person. For that you have a supper of chips, sauces and something sweet.

If you prefer to come but not have food - the cost is £3.

Come as individuals or groups and contact Sue Auckland (01379740325) to book if you would like to come or complete the list in Scole Church.

Please bring your own glasses, drinks and extra nibbles if you wish.

**St John's, Harleston**

**Coffee and Cake Morning**

**St John's, Harleston**

Saturday 3rd February

9.30am till 12noon

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

Thursday 8th February

10.30am - 12.30pm

**Every Tuesday**

Informal Singing - 10.45am - 11.45am

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3pm

Warm Room - 2pm - 4pm

**Midweek Mingle**

Every Wednesday

9.15am to 11.30am

All welcome

**Chatty Church**

Saturday 24th February

11.00am to 1.00pm





## **7churches Benefice Services**



### **Compline**

Thursday, 22nd February 6.30pm  
St Leonard's, Billingford

### **Celebration Service**

Sunday 25th February 4.30pm  
St Andrew's, Scole,.

# **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

**STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION**

**Free & Open to All**

***Wednesday 21st February***

***7.30pm to 8.30pm***

***The Rectory, 10 Swan Lane, Harleston***

Contact Nigel Tuffnell- 01379 308905

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## **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 DECEMBER 2023 TO 25TH JANUARY 2024**

### **Funerals and Interments**

15th Jan Philip Wood - St Andrew's, Scole

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood, Peter Edwards .

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

<b>Sunday 4th 2 before Lent (Green)</b>	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>Colossians 1.15-20/John 1.1-14</i>			
<b>Sunday 11th Next before Lent (Purple)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30pm	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>2 Corinthians 4.3-6/Mark 9.2-9</i>			
<b>Sunday 18th Lent 1 (Purple) Address Ignorance and Pay Attention to Power</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	1 Church Close, Redenhall
<i>1 Peter 3.18-22/Mark 1.9-15</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 25TH Lent 2 (Purple) CAST OUT FEAR</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 4.13-25/Mark 8.31-38</i>			

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St Andrew's - Scole	Lynda Mansfield	01379 740401
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