January 2022



Benefice

Newsletter



Ramblings from the Rectory

Last January I wrote that I would be glad to see the back of the last twelve months and looked forward to a Covid free New Year. Sadly, that didn't happen. Covid is still very much with us and it does not seem likely that it will ever completely go away. I do though hope for a safe, vaccinated and restriction free 2022!

In my concern I remembered the words of Jesus recorded in John 14, especially verses 26 and 27:

"the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.

I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn't like the peace that this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid."

This year I need to rebuild after all the disruption and setbacks of the last couple of years. I am tempted to dive into lots of frantic activity, but I have a strong sense of warning that business is not the way to rebuild. I feel that I have to go deeper: To focus myself and these churches on the deep truths that give hope and meaning.

As I listen to Jesus' words I pray for that peace that only Jesus can give. The peace that only comes through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I pray for the peace to over come the fear that would drive me to pointless action.

Once again my resolution will be to take time to stop and reflect. I lead a meditation group so I will try to practice what I preach and spend more time in that deep transformative silence. I will search for peace, healing and direction for me, and for the seven churches that I care for.

With new enthusiasm, I am going to stop at the beginning and end of each day, focus on my breathing and let it settle. Into the quiet I will bring all of the events that are planned or completed for that day and thank God for the specialness of each one (even the sad or difficult ones). Then my resolution is just to be still and quiet for a while. I hope to enter that deep silence within, listening for the still small voice that I know is there inside, waiting to be heard.

As you begin 2022, hear the words of Jesus to you: "the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.

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I wish each of you a peaceful 2022.

God bless, and Happy New Year,

Nigel.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION

Free & Open to All
Wednesday 12th January
7.30pm to 8.30pm
The Rectory, Harleston

Contact Nigel Tuffnell- 01379 308905 rector@7churches.org.uk www.7churches.org.uk

Thank you to all who helped to make the Christmas Fayre such a success.

These could be affected by changes in Covid restrictions.

At the moment all plan to be running in the new year



St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 15th January

Quiz Night

7.30pm for 8.00pm

table up to 6 people £5 per person, to include light supper.

Tel: Jan 01379 668630 for bookings and further information.



Tea coffee and Singing

St John's Harleston
Every Tuesday from 10.40am for tea and coffee then

11.00am to 12 noon for singing.



Every Tuesday At St John's Harleston 2.00pm - 3.00pm Everyone Welcome

Come along and enjoy a coffee or tea, biscuits and a cake or desert (menu changes weekly)

Midweek Mingle Due to start on 12th January

This could be affected by changes in Covid restrictions.



Midweek Mingle

Every Wednesday

In School term time

9.15am to 11.30am

St John's Church, Harleston
Pop in for a cuppa, biscuit or toast
everyone welcome and open for all.
Toys available for children.

Tea, Coffee and Toast

Search for us @

Facebook Midweek Mingle harleston norfolk

THE REGISTERS - 24TH NOVEMBER TO 24TH DECEMBER 2021

Funerals and Interments

2nd December Allan Pretty, St Andrew's, Scole

10th December Tom Oakley, St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish

15th December Sylvia Bloomfield, St Andrew's, Scole

22nd December William Holdridge & Alisa Burrough, St Mary's

Redenhall

22nd December June Evens, St Peter & St Pauls, Brockdish

23rd December Susan Passey, St John's, Harleston

Baptism

11th December Sophia Davies, St John's, Harleston

12th December Skylar-Rose Gunton-Pearce, St Mary's, Redenhall



7churches Benefice Services



Compline

All Saints Thorpe Abbotts, Thursday 27th January 6.30pm

Celebration Service St Andrew's , Scole, Sunday 23rd January 4.30pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Philip 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).

JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

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Sunday	9.30am	Churchwarden Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish			
2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford			
Christmas	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's, Redenhall			
2/Epiphany	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston			
(White)	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole			
Ephesians 3.1-12/Matthew 2.1-12						
Sunday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish			
9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts			
Epiphany	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston			
1/Baptism of Christ	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrews, Scole			
(White)						
Acts 8.14-17/Luke 3.15-17,21,22						
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Sunday 16TH	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford			
Epiphany	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham			
2	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston			
(White)	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole			
	4.00pm	Evening Prater(CW)	St Mary's, Redenhall			
	1.00p	Evening Fracer(evv)	Service y 3, Redefinion			
1 Corinthians 12.1-11/John 2.1-11						
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish			
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Epiphany 3	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole			
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