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Happy New Year to you all!

2023! How did that happen? where did 2022 go? Time is flying by for me. Is it the same for you?

As January flies by I am looking forward to all that 2023 will bring. I know there will be problems this year but I am sure that we will be able to deal with them, and deal with them well. I hope (and pray) that those suffering the worst from the rise in living costs and heating, will get the support that they need. I know that together we will be generous in our support, just as we were during lockdown.

As I look forward to 2023, I hope and pray for all that will happen. I hope and pray for the end to the war in Ukraine. I long for peace for the people of that battered, war torn country. I have said 'hope' many times. By 'hope' I don't mean 'wishful thinking' I am hopeful because the baby that we celebrated being born at Christmas, grew up and offers hope for me, you and for the whole world. Jesus offers us hope that he is with us through it all. Hope also that he will inspire us to work together to make this world a better place.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in poverty, in a time of political instability and oppression. He then became a refugee. So he understands the mess our world is in. He understands and offers hope, even when everything seems dark. Hope in the everyday lives that we lead. Hope even when the Christmas credit card bill arrives and the decorations are no more.

This New Year I pray that we, together, have a living hope through finding God in some simple, homely, or commonplace experience of God's love in our lives. I hope and pray that we all find that inner warmth within us, whatever life may throw at us. That is why that baby was born, but more about that as the year unfolds.

“As we look forward in hope to the 2023 to come, I offer you a wonderful passage from Romans 8.23-28:

The Spirit makes us sure about what we will be in the future. But now we groan silently, while we wait for God to show that we are his children. This means that our bodies will also be set free. And this hope is what saves us. But if we already have what we hope for, there is no need to keep on hoping. However, we hope for something we have not yet seen, and we patiently wait for it.

In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people. We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him.

God bless you with the gift of hope, now and throughout the New Year, Nigel.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION

Free & Open to All

Wednesday 4th January

7.30pm to 8.30pm

The Rectory, Harleston

Contact Nigel Tuffnell- 01379 308905

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St John's, Harleston

Chatty Church

Saturday 28th January

11.00am to 1.00pm

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 12th January

10.30am - 12.30pm

Warm Room

Every Tuesday

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

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 14th 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.



Forget-Me-Not Café & Church

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

12th January

10.30am – 12.30pm

**Thursday, St. John's Church,
12th January**

**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)
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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



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	7churches Benefice Services	
Compline		
Thursday 26th January 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford		
Celebration Service		
St Andrew's, Scole, Sunday 22nd January, 4.30pm		

THE REGISTERS - 26TH NOVEMBER 2022 TO 25TH DECEMBER 2022

Funerals and Interments

28th Nov Jerome Walsh - St Mary's, Redenhall
2nd Dec Susan Thacker - St John's, Harleston
16th Dec Gwendoline Meadows - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
16th Dec Annie Markwell - St John's, Harleston
21st Dec Nancy Russell St Andrew's, Scole

Baptism

26th Nov Archie Ronald Andrews - St Leonard's, Billingford

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sue Auckland, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Philip Wood, Lyn Veness, Andrew Heap, 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).

JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 1st Christmas 2 (white)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	11.00am	Informal Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St John's, Harleston
<i>Hebrews 2.10-18/Matthew 2.13-23</i>			
Sunday 8th Epiphany (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Cafe Church	St John's, Harleston
<i>Ephesians 3.1-12/Matthew 2.1-12</i>			
Sunday 15th Epiphany 2 (White)	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 (BCP)	St Mary's , Redenhall
<i>Corinthians 1.1-9/John 1.29-42</i>			
SUNDAY 22ND Epiphany 3 (White)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	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>Corinthians 1.10-18/Matthew 4.12-23</i>			
SUNDAY 29TH Presentation/ Candlemass (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Hebrews 2.14-18/Luke 2.22-40</i>			

