

January 2024

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Ramblings from the Rectory – January 2024

A New Year and new beginnings. I wonder what 2024 will bring. When that clock strikes midnight and the fireworks go off, it is a New Year, but in a way, nothing changes. The world is still the same in the morning, good and bad. The difference is that with a New Year comes the hope of new beginnings.

Jesus the Messiah (Christ in Greek) is the hope for the Holy Land. That is the message of Christmas, yes it is still Christmas until 6th January, Epiphany, when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi (Wise Men). The celebration of Epiphany then keeps going until the end of January. Epiphany marks the point where that hope, narrow hope for the people of Israel becomes hope for the whole world. Throughout this month of January we are to celebrate the fact that Jesus the Messiah is THE hope. Even hope for England and the hope for our little corner of Norfolk too.

With this hope burning in me, I pray for a better world, in Israel/Gaza, in Ukraine and for all of those suffering in this country due to rising costs, those who are homeless or abused. Yes, I pray for divine intervention. Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit!

I also pray for more and more people to care enough to do what they can to make a difference. Even if that difference goes no further than our neighbours, it is a start. I am not setting out a list of things that we should do. I am bound to miss so much. The Bible makes it clear that this hope becomes a part of us when we allow the Spirit to change us inside. With hope filled, changed people, anything is possible.

Hope for a better world becomes real when changed people care. If people care then they will find a way to help. You will find a way. As Christ's people, you and I are called to work in the hope of seeing a better world now, as a taste of heaven. We hope for a world where we do not turn away from any human being because they are different, or a burden: The old, those with dementia, the disabled, the mentally ill,

I believe that if we turn away from any of them, we throw wide the door to turning away from anyone. No one should be left behind.

We may be labelled as dreamers; as unrealistic and idealistic, but we must refuse to accept anything less. We believe that the people around me are too special to give up on. We know that our God thinks so too.

God bless and Happy New Year,
Nigel.

Changes to Communion

During the Covid restrictions we stopped sharing the Communion Cup, to keep people safe. Now that the restrictions have ended we will be returning to using a shared Communion Cup across our benefice.

I know that this is something that many of you have asked for and I am conscious that we are one of the last benefices in the diocese to take this step. I am also aware that there are people in our churches who may be vulnerable and who do not want to share the Communion Cup. These people will not be left behind or forgotten. So, anyone can continue to have communion as we are currently administering it, if necessary.

These changes will come into effect at the start of February and will be kept under review.

God bless and Happy New Year,
Nigel.

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 13th 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.

St John's, Harleston

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Supported by a generous donation

Thursday 11th January

10.30am - 12.30pm

Every Tuesday

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3pm

Warm Room 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Midweek Mingle

Every Wednesday

9.15am to 11.30am

All welcome

Chatty Church

Saturday 27th January

11.00am to 1.00pm

St John's Coffee Mornings will be back on Saturday
3rd February.

Informal singing group

St John's, Harleston

11.00am -12noon

Starting back on

Tuesday 6th February

All Welcome.



Tea ,coffee and water will be available

Gift Day

For new heating system

At St John's, Harleston

Sunday 4th February 2024

	<p>7churches Benefice Services</p> <p>Compline Thursday 25th January, 6.30pm All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts</p> <p>Celebration Service Sunday 28th January 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole,.</p>	
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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION

Free & Open to All

Wednesday 17th January

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 NOVEMBER 2023 TO 25TH DECEMBER 2023

Funerals and Interments

30th Nov	Marjorie Heap - St John's, Harleston
2nd Dec	Marion Courtney - St John's, Harleston
5th Dec	Henry George Brown - St Andrew's, Scole
6th Dec	Roy Pretty - St Mary's, Redenhall
8th Dec	Michelle Peterson - St John's, Harleston
13th Dec	Cecil Chambers - St Andrew's, Scole
19th Dec	Lorraine Kinsley - 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*).

JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 7th Epiphany (Gold)	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>Matthew 2.1-2/Matthew 9-11</i>			
Sunday 14th Epiphany 2 (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30pm	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Revelation 5.1-10 /John 1.43-end</i>			
Sunday 21st Epiphany 3 (White)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	1 Church Close, Redenhall
<i>Revelation 19.6-10 /John 2.1-11</i>			
SUNDAY 28TH Candlemas (Presentation in the Temple) (Gold)	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>Hebrews 2.14-18 / Luke 2.22-40</i>			

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