July 2021



Newsletter







Ramblings from the Rectory

As I write this it is warm, the sun is shining and my bees are buzzing. There is the scent of summer in the air. With the dry weather I have been far happier to be out on the motorbike and it is just great to get back on two wheels again.

I look at my churches worshipping again. As I write this it is still uncertain whether restrictions will be eased in July or strengthened. I would love us to be able to sing in church once again but that is out of my hands.

As I look around everything is blooming and that is true of the churches here. Many people are returning to church, and new people are joining them. It is great to see. It is also encouraging to know that many of those who are unable to get to church are valuing the services that we post online each week. We are now really looking forward to becoming more involved again in the lives of our communities and schools.

All of this will be shaped by a new vision being given to our diocese by our new bishop. Bishop Graham is calling us to:

 Prayerfully proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, rooting ourselves in Scripture and the sacraments. We will wait upon God in stillness, contemplation and intercession. Our corporate prayer, an ongoing conversation with God, will embrace traditional, fresh expressions, online and evolving models of being Church.

- Pastorally model the ministry of the whole people of God after Jesus the good shepherd. We will respond with loving service to the needs of the communities where we live and work, and teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- Prophetically speak out and act, with the fire of the Holy Spirit, challenging injustice, confronting violence, and working for peace and reconciliation. We will seek to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

There are real changes on the horizon that will affect us all. Change can be frightening but it is necessary if we are to not only survive in this changing world but to thrive.

Please pray that with the people that we are given our churches will have the skills and resources they need to flourish in a post-Covid world. But more than anything please pray that we grow in the way that matters most of all, in being ever more like Jesus. If all of this sounds overwhelming remember the words of God to the prophet Micah:

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

God bless, Nigel.





Harleston - St John's

Coffee and cake Morning

Saturday 3rd July

9.30 am to 12noon

Coffee Morning for Cancer Research

Wednesday 7th july

10am -1pm





Introductions

I have four people to introduce to you. Three of them will be joining our ministry team very soon and one is a little baby called Eden. First Sandy:

Sandy

Hello, I would like to introduce myself, I am the Revd Sandra Dutton (a retired Priest living in Diss) but for as long as I can remember I am referred to as Sandy, if someone calls me Sandra it normally means I am in trouble.

Since last November I have had the privilege of being included by the Team Ministers of the Benefice in Joining them for prayer each week through the power of Zoom, (for which we thank God for).

Circumstances and Covid permitting my husband Patrick (Pat) and I will be joining you in the next few weeks and looking forward to bumping elbows and getting to know everybody, especially the Ministry Team. I have served in Parishes in the South of England, the Midlands and latterly in the Dioceses of Norwich. I retired to Diss some three years ago to be near our family as my husband's health deteriorated, although thank God due to the care and determination of our amazing Health Service and in particular the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, he is greatly improved.

Throughout my ministry I have tried to develop ways of drawing Church and community together using the words of Saint Francis, "go out and preach the Gospel and if you have to use words", and although

I am now retired, I am still keen to continue this work to be part of the building up of the Kingdom.



We also have two people will be moving to Harleston where they will continue their training for ordination while with us:

Josh and Beth

Hi Everyone,

We are Josh and Beth Whitnall and after the arrival of our daughter, Eden, in April, we come as a family of five, three human and two furry, our Beagles, Keira and Duke! We have spent the last year living and studying in South Oxfordshire as we both train for ordination and we are looking forward to continuing this training whilst living, working and worshiping in the '7 Churches' Benefice! In our spare time we enjoy exploring the outdoors and finding new places in our camper van. We are looking forward to meeting you in due course and can't wait to get to know you, Harleston and the surrounding area and the 7

Churches Benefice! God Bless, Josh & Beth.





Befriending Service Offering telephone and face-to-face befriending

Our trained volunteer befrienders offer support to anyone over the age of 18 who maybe experiencing social isolation within the Waveney Valley area.

If you, or someone you know would benefit from this service, please get in touch with us.

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Purpose of the Service

To provide telephone or face-to-face befriending to people over the age of 18, to improve their self-confidence, emotional health and wellbeing, reduce social isolation and promote the service user's independence.

Eligibility Criteria

- Potential users of the service need to be over 18 years of age and live in the Waveney Valley area and surrounding towns and villages.
- Telephone service is available to all service users, face-to-face befriending will only be available to those within a 10-mile radius of Harleston, Norfolk.
- Potential users of the service should be those experiencing social isolation or loneliness, this can include parents with young children.
- We cannot support individuals who have serious mental health issues, personality or behavioural problems.
- Priority will be given to those without alternative sources of regular companionship.
- Harleston VIP is not a shopping service able to supply regular essentials.
- The Befriending service cannot be a replacement for paid care services. We are not a respite service.
- Potential service users need to have expressed a desire for companionship and have agreed to be referred to the service.

- Potential service users need to be able to form a mutually rewarding social relationship with a carefully matched Harleston VIP volunteer.
- Service users must be able to make and keep appointments with their volunteer and keep Harleston VIP informed of any changes to their circumstances that will prevent them from keeping a specific appointment or continuing to use the service.
- Potential service users should not be in a crisis or in an emergency situation.
- The needs and expectations of the service user need to be appropriate to the service provision.
- Harleston VIP has a duty of care to both its service users and its volunteers.

Prospective service users need to agree to be contacted by a member of Harleston VIP staff who will discuss and note their personal details/circumstances.

Please refer to our GDPR Statement attached to the referral form.

Service users will be required to sign a form granting permission for Harleston VIP to share their personal details with relevant staff, volunteers and if necessary with the emergency services.

THE REGISTERS - 13TH MAY TO 12TH JUNE 2021

Funerals and Interments

19th May John Bartrum, St Andrews Scole 20th May John Bowman, St John's Harleston



7churches Benefice Services

Celebration Service

St Andrew's, Scole Sunday 25th July 4.30pm

Compline

All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts Thursday 15th July 6.30pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Brenda Le Grys, Mel Veness, Marian Courtney.

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).

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JULY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish			
4th July	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall			
Trinity 5 (Green)	11.00am	Informal Worship inc. Communion	St John's, Harleston			
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole			
2 Corinthians 12.2-10 / Mark 6.1-13						
Sunday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts			
11th July	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish			
Trinity 6	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston			
(Green)	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole			
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Sunday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford			
18th July	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish			
Trinity 7	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston			
(Green)	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole			
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall			
Ephesians 2.11-22 / Mark 6.30-34,53-56						
Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish			
25TH JULY	9.30AM	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall			
Trinity 8	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston			
(Green)	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole			
Ephesians 3.14-21 / John 6.1-21						

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