

# March 2022



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## Ramblings from the Rectory March 2022

For me March is a turning point in the year. The weather is beginning to change, and flowers are appearing, or have already appeared. Indeed, I read an article recently that stated that plants are now flowering on average a month earlier than they had in the past (<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/10.1098/rspb.2021.2456>). This is based on data collected since the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. This will cause challenges and opportunities in the natural world, the consequences of which we can only guess at.

March is a pivot point in the year. The balance point between the cold of winter and the warmth to come. A time when I can just as easily see the glass half empty, as see the glass half full (opportunities vs challenges). After all the dark and the cold, I choose to look forward in hope. I choose to look forward to something better, particularly this year after all the Covid depravation that we have endured.

I look forward with hope, but as a realist too. I am far from perfect so there will be spiritual and emotional challenges ahead. I know that there will be huge practical challenges ahead too, with fuel and food price rises, being just two examples. I pray that these challenges can become opportunities too.

As I look forward with hope I know that I need to prepare the ground and allow God to plant the seeds of hope in me. I start by stopping blaming anyone else for my faults. I accept them as I receive the ash on Ash Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> March). Then I begin to prepare my mind and heart by making a choice to be part of a Lent Group and learn more about God's love. This year we are looking at how to keep our relationship with God vibrant, through prayer. I need to be practical too. I need to support Foodbank and other charities that seek to give practical help, support and dignity to those in need. Prayer and faith are hollow, without action.

As I learn more about prayer, I want my life to reflect a deepened faith. After all, “my friends, what good is it to say you have faith, when you don’t do anything to show that you really do have faith? Can that kind of faith save you? If you know someone who doesn’t have any clothes or food, you shouldn’t just say, “ hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat.”What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help? Faith that doesn’t lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!” (James 2.14-17)

March is an inner and outer turning point in the year. I encourage you to join me in working now to make the hope to come a reality and not just wishful thinking.

God bless,

Nigel.

# **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

**STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION**

**Free & Open to All**

***Wednesday 9th March***

***7.30pm to 8.30pm***

***The Rectory, Harleston***

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## St John's, Harleston

### **Coffee and cake Morning**

St John's Harleston  
Saturday 5th March  
9.30am till 12noon

### **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.

### **Midweek Mingle**

St John's Harleston  
Every Wednesday  
9.15am to 11.30am

## St Andrew's Scole

**Coffee Morning 5th March** - 10am - 12 noon. Come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.

**Church Spring Clean!** - Saturday 26 March -from 9.30 am. If you can spare some time to come and help- it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

### **Spring Lunch and Coffee Morning:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Coffee** or drink /cake / sausage rolls / cheese scones are available from **10am** for £3.00. **Lunch** - two courses and a drink - is available between **11am - 1pm for £12**. This includes Quiche / ham, salad, new potatoes, pudding with tea and coffee. **Booking is essential** (Georgie 740127; Kay 741054; Carol 742713); There will also be a Raffle.

## **St Peter & St Paul Brockdish**

**Saturday 5th March**

**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 Peters Needham**

**Saturday 19th March**

**St Peter's Churchyard Spring Clean**

9.30 to 12.00pm

Come and join us for Breakfast in Needham Village Hall before helping to tidy garden and preserve the church yard at St Peters.

Bring your own tools!!

**Saturday 26th March**

**Needham Village Hall**

Please join us at Needham Village Hall for a night of quizzing fun and help us raise funds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Teams may have up to 6 members. Adults £6, children £4 each. Included in the price is a selection of cheese and biscuits which will be on your table. There will also be a bar selling a selection of alcoholic and soft drinks, and a range of snacks. To register for the quiz please contact: Claire Prest, 54 High Road, Needham Telephone: 07810 324721 Email: [nvhbookings@outlook.com](mailto:nvhbookings@outlook.com) Entry fees can be paid electronically by BACS Cheques payable to Needham Coronation Village Hall We look forward to seeing you there!



## THE REGISTERS - 25TH JANUARY 2022 TO 25TH FEBRUARY 2022

### Funerals and Interments

8th February Sylvia Knowles, St Andrews Scole.

25th February Ralph Bernard Green, St Andrews Scole.

25th February Keith Warnes, St Andrews Scole

	<b>7churches Benefice Services</b>	
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
St John's, Harleston Wednesday 2nd March 7pm St Andrews, Scole Wednesday 2nd March 7pm		
<b>Compline</b>		
All Saint's, Thorpe Abbots, Thursday 24th March 6.30pm		
<b>Celebration Service</b>		
St Andrew's , Scole, Sunday 27th March, 4.30pm		

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Philip Wood, Lyn Veness, 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).*

## MARCH SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Wednesday 2nd Ash Wednesday (Purple)</b>	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	St John's, Harleston
	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Matthew 6.1-6,16-21/2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10</i>			
<b>Sunday 6th Lent 1 (Purple)</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
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrews, Scole
<i>Psalm 91.1-2,9-16/Luke 4.1-13</i>			
<b>Sunday 13TH Lent2 (Purple)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbott
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Philippians 3.17 - 4.1/Luke 13.31-35</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 20TH LENT 3 (PURPLE)</b>	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 (CW)	St Marys, Redenhall
<i>1 Corinthians 10.1-13/Luke 13.1-9</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 27TH LENT 4 'MOTHERING SUNDAY' (PURPLE)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonards, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Marys, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Mothering Sunday service	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration service	St Andrews, Scole
<i>2 Corinthians 5.16-21/Luke 15.1-3,11b-32</i>			

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