

May 2022

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Ramblings from The Rectory

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This month I want to introduce you to a man that you might like. You may already know about him. He's James and he wrote a letter that ended up in the Bible. I admire James and I hope you will too. I keep going back to James' letter because he is straight and to the point. In many ways James could be said to shoot from the hip and we remember him on 2nd May.

James makes it clear that faith, or good intentions, are not enough on their own. If they are real, we will act on them. If they are just hot air, then we won't do a thing. James is not saying that faith in God is just doing good. No, faith in God means that we put God first. What James is saying is that if you put God first, you will do what he wants, and love your neighbour as yourself. Simple!

James says, *"My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? ... Imagine a brother or sister who has thin clothes and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.* (James 2.14-17 CEV)

The reason I want to say this is that people are suffering. They are suffering because of war in Ukraine, and Syria and so many other places. It is not enough for us to just feel sad, we need to act and I am so encouraged by all that I see people doing in these 7churches. Thank you! Keep going.

People in this country are also suffering. Fuel costs have shot up, as have food prices, and much more. So many people right here are struggling. We need to do what we can.

I know of someone who rents out a property to a young family. They have refused to put up the rent, even though their agent is urging them to. Faith and principles cost! Is there anything that you can do? If nothing definite comes to mind then donate a bit more to Foodbank.

If you are struggling, you are not alone. If we in any of these churches can help, we will. If nothing else, know that you are welcome in your church. Rich or struggling you are still a valuable and valued member of this community!

May starts with St. James, and it ends with Thy Kingdom Come.

This year we will again be joining Christians from many different denominations and from all around the world to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come." We are praying for the values of God's kingdom to be far more evident here in this world:

- Values of love, acceptance, reconciliation, compassion, forgiveness, mercy, generosity and welcome.
- Values that say that every human being is made in the image of their creator, and precious, no matter how marred the image of God may be in them.
- Values that say that the world was created by a God who loves what he has made, and who calls us human beings to care for this creation.

We are praying too, for more people to come to know God through Jesus. I long to see more people come to faith. I pray for those Kingdom Values to be lived out more and more by the people who live here. I invite you to join me in the Thy Kingdom Come prayers this year. I have ordered Prayer Diaries that will be available free from each of the 7 churches or go to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> to find out more.

God bless,
Nigel.

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

St John's Harleston

Saturday 7th May

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.

Foodbank

Every Tuesday 1.30pm to 3pm

With community cafe 2pm to 3.30pm

Midweek Mingle

St John's Harleston

Every Wednesday

9.15am to 11.30am

All welcome for a cuppa and biscuit

St Andrew's Scole

Cake and Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th May

10am - 12noon

Come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake, along with coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.

Chatty Church

St John's Harleston

Saturday 28th May

11.00am to 1.00pm

Jubilee theme making crowns plus more.

Refreshments available

All families welcome

Free.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION

Free & Open to All

Wednesday 4th May

7.30pm to 8.30pm

The Rectory, Harleston

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Friends of St Peter,s Church Needham are holding an A G M on Friday MAY 27th To be held in CHURCH AT 2 PM .

The Friends was formed in 1997 with the fear of the church being made redundant after needing £44,000 for repairs to the roof and drainage system. Over the years we have been very lucky in raising money with Strawberry Teas, Open Gardens, Flower Festivals, Craft Fair, Roy's Lunches. Last events to be held were Christmas Coffee Evenings and Quizzes. We have not got many members now and don't hold events as the church is in good repair, so is this the time to close the Friends? .Please come to the meeting if interested

In keeping the charity open, Please come or get in touch with Pauline 853033

	7churches Benefice Services	
Benefice Ascension Day service All Saints, Thorpe Abbots, Thursday 26th May 6.30pm		
Celebration Service St Andrew's , Scole, Sunday 22nd May, 4.30pm		

THE REGISTERS - 25TH MARCH 2022 TO 25TH APRIL 2022

Funerals and Interments

1st April Walter Burrige, St Peter & St Paul Brockdish.
8th April Elizabeth Turner, St John's Harleston.

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).

MAY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 1st 3rd of Easter (White)	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 Andrew's, Scole
<i>Revelation 5.11-14/Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]</i>			
Sunday 8th 4th of Easter (White)	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
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Acts 9.36-43/John 10.22-30</i>			
Sunday 15TH 5th of Easter (White)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Acts 11.1-18/Revelation 21.1-6</i>			
SUNDAY 22ND 6TH OF EASTER (WHITE)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	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>Acts 16.9-15/John 14.23-29</i>			
Thursday 26th Ascension Day (Start of TKC)	6.30pm	Benefice Ascension Day Service	All Saint's Thorpe Abbotts
<i>Acts 1.1-11/Luke 24.44-53</i>			
Sunday 29th 7th of Easter (White)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Acts 16.16-34/John 17.20-26</i>			

