

# May 2023



## *Benefice Newsletter*

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## Ramblings from the Rectory

May is here! The start, lets hope, of a beautiful summer.

May begins with the Coronation Weekend. A celebration of our new king and of his place at the heart of this nation. As we come together to celebrate this historic occasion, I pray that we will be encouraged to serve others, reaching out to our neighbours, and celebrating the unity in diversity that makes our country so wonderful. King Charles III will be committing himself to a life of service. In response let us, in the words of our Archbishops, “commit joyfully to a life of service to God and one another; a commitment the king has exemplified throughout his life. We pray this would be a moment for all to encounter afresh the person of Jesus Christ – the servant King – and be renewed in our calling to serve Him by serving others.”

This May also hosts some of the most important Christian festivals. On 18<sup>th</sup> May it is Ascension Day when we celebrate the return of Jesus to heaven to rule as King of kings for ever. Then on the last Sunday of May we have the feast of Pentecost (or Whit Sunday). Another celebration, this time of the sending of the Holy Spirit, to live in God’s people all of the time. It is the Holy Spirit who changes us inside, making it possible for us to be more loving, caring, forgiving and generous than we ever thought possible. The Holy Spirit brings the power of God into this world for transformation and healing. All through the gift of faith.

During the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost, I ask all of you to join with me and with your fellow Christians around the world to pray that more and more people receive this gift of faith: That they come to know Jesus. This is a time known as “Thy Kingdom Come,” we will be praying for these words from the Lord’s Prayer to come to fulfilment. This is not so that we can fill our churches (although that would be welcome!). No, the reason that we pray for more people to find faith is because we know how good it is. We want others to share in that goodness, peace and contentment, and eternal life that Jesus offers.

There will be free Thy Kingdom Come prayer resources available in each of our churches for us to use individually and in our House Groups. Central to Thy Kingdom Come is “Praying for Five.” Praying for five people that you know to come to faith. Why not practise now, then you’ll be an expert by the time 18<sup>th</sup> May comes round!

For us, Christ’s people, this May is a month of celebrations and hope.

### **A Prayer for the Coronation**

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us with love, joy and peace.

May he watch over us and renew us as he renews the whole of creation.

May he bless King Charles, both now and always,  
in the ways of humility and grace for his ministry among us.

May we, with King Charles, echo his love in our hearts and lives. Amen.

And

### **Let Your Kingdom Come!**

Reshape us, good Lord,  
until in generosity, in faith,  
and in the expectation that  
the best is yet to come,  
we are truly Christ-like.

Make us passionate followers  
of Jesus, rather than  
passive supporters.

Make our churches places of radical discipleship  
and signposts to heaven,  
then, in us, through us,  
and if need be, despite us,  
let your kingdom come. Amen.

*(A Prayer from the Iona Community)*

God bless,  
Nigel.

**St John's, Harleston**

**Coffee and Cake Morning**  
**With Plant & Book stall**

St John's Harleston  
Saturday 13th May  
9.30am till 12noon

**Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church**

**May Sponsor - Daisy and Co**

Thursday 11th May  
10.30am - 12.30pm

**Chatty Church**

Saturday 27th May  
11.00am to 1.00pm

**Informal singing group**

Every Tuesday  
11am -12noon

**Foodbank**

Every Tuesday 1.30pm to 3pm

**Midweek Mingle**

Every Wednesday  
9.15am to 11.30am  
All welcome

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

**Saturday 13th May**

**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 Andrew's - Scole**

**Coffee Morning**

Saturday 13th May

10.00am - 1.00pm

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

There will also be a Spring Lunch served until about 1.00 pm and there will be a list of food being provided in the church. Please let us know your requirements.

All are welcome.

Kathy Wood would like to thank everyone who has sent her condolences following the death of her dear husband Philip. His funeral took place on Tuesday, 11th April and the church was packed. Philip's ministry was much appreciated when he was well and we will miss him. Kathy has been bowled over by all the love and support she has received - so thank you to all.

# Launching Saturday 27th May 2023

All Welcome!

PILGRIMS



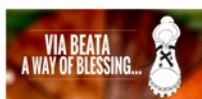
**What:** *Pilgrims* is a new initiative exploring the spirituality of pilgrimage and the monastic life, considering how these can inform life as a follower of Jesus today

**When:** *Pilgrims* launches on Saturday 27th May, 8.30am - 4.30pm, with a day-long 12-mile walk along the Via Beata pilgrim way, starting with a simple time of morning prayer at All Hallows' Convent in Ditchingham and concluding with a short service of thanksgiving at Great Moulton Church

**Who:** Everyone is welcome to worship and/or walk! The Bishop of Norwich and author of *The Way Under Our Feet*, Graham Usher, will also be joining

**How:** If you're excited to learn more and would like to come along, please email [revdjshelton@outlook.com](mailto:revdjshelton@outlook.com). More information is available at [earshambenefice.org.uk/pilgrims](http://earshambenefice.org.uk/pilgrims)

Event partners:





# **Forget-Me-Not Café & Church**

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

**11th May**

**10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Thursday, St. John's Church,**

**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)**

**Revd. Nigel Tuffnell (01379 308905 –  
rector@7churches.org.uk)**

**This month is kindly sponsored by:  
Daisy and Co.**









## **Saturday 6th May**

Watch the Coronation at St. John's Church  
on a big screen.

The church will be open from **9.30am** for the build-up and light refreshments will be served.

See you there!

## **Sunday 7th May**

**Needham Village Hall from 1pm**

Afternoon Tea in Celebration of Charles III's Coronation

## **Sunday 7th May**

**Coronation Picnic at the Playing Field, Scole.**

**2.00 pm- 4.00 pm.**

There will be games, music, fancy dress and hot food provided by Scole Inn. Tea and cakes will be provided free.

The bar will be open.



## 7 churches Benefice Services

### Compline

Thursday 25th May, 6.30pm  
St Leonard's, Billingford

### Celebration Service

Sunday 28th May, 4.30pm  
St Andrew's, Scole,.

### 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 - 26TH MARCH 2023 TO 25TH APRIL 2023

#### Funerals and Interments

31st March	Peter Musk - St Andrews's, Scole
5th April	Michael Curtis - St Mary's Redenhall
6th April	Michael Barber - St Mary's, Redenhall
24th April	Jill Mingay - St John's, Harleston

#### Weddings

15th April	Kate Grimley & Jack Black - St John's, Harleston
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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sue Auckland, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood,  
Andrew Heap, Brian Wright, 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).*

# MAY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 7th Easter 5 &amp; Coronation (White)</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
	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>1 Peter 2.2-10/John 14.1-14</i>			
<b>Sunday 14th Easter 6 (White)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>1 Peter 3.13-22/John 14.15-21</i>			
<b>Sunday 21st Easter 7 (White)</b>	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	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11/John 17.1-11</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 28TH Pentecost/ Whit Sunday (Red)</b>	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 2.1-21/John 20.19-23</i>			

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