

May 2024



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Ramblings from the Rectory May 2024

Dear Friends,

When I think of May I think of May blossom; the start of summer and warmer weather. I look at the fields, trees, hedgerows and gardens, and I see life fresh, vibrant and green. This May I pray that the Spirit will make all of us in this benediction glow with new life too. That is why I'm looking forward to "Thy Kingdom Come" this year. "Thy Kingdom Come" is the annual global wave of prayer for the church. It begins on Ascension Day (Thursday 9th May) goes through to the celebration of the birth of the church at Pentecost on 19th May.

Words from our Archbishops from the introduction to this year's Novena: *"Come Holy Spirit." This simple, profound prayer is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. This worldwide wave of prayer which has spread to over 172 countries around the world is rooted in the practice and experience of the earliest church as they obeyed Jesus' command to wait for the outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:14 tells us their mission planning was founded in constant, groundbreaking prayer: They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. A new community had been born in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. They had been given one task: to be Christ's witnesses to the ends of the earth.*

We lift God's world to Him in our prayers and then focus that cry more personally as we each think of five people we know who are not yet following the Lord Jesus. We pray that they would come to enjoy the peace, love and eternal life that are found uniquely in Him. Christians have often been distracted from fulfilling the Great Commission by focusing on things about which we disagree with one another. We hope that this year's Thy Kingdom Come will bind us together in the truth of the Good News of Jesus and the task of taking that news to the whole world. We hope you will join us as we pray 'Come Holy Spirit.'

We will be launching our local Thy Kingdom Come with an Ascension Day Celebration in St. John's Harleston. Then we have the 2024 Novena and the 2024 Prayer Journal booklets to give free to everyone. With these we can all use the 10 days of Thy Kingdom Come to pray affectively for the life of faith. Our Sunday services on Sunday 12th May will be Thy Kingdom Come themed to provide teaching, support and encouragement for us all.

We have an exciting May ahead of us. I'm sure that we are going to have a great time together.

God bless,

Nigel.

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 11th 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 John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

Saturday 4th May

9.30am till 12noon

Every Tuesday

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 9th May

10.30am - 12.30pm

Midweek Mingle

Every Wednesday

9.15am to 11.30am

All welcome

Chatty Church

Saturday 25th May

11.00am to 1.00pm

Praise

Saturday 11th May - 6pm - 7pm

Do you love to sing God's praises?

Then come and join us for this informal time of openness to the Spirit

Exciting Fund Raiser for St Leonard's Billingford

A biblical competition to commence in April.

Test your knowledge of recognising the books of the bible.

£5 per entry, a prize of £200 for one lucky winner.

Draw will take place on June 13th at St Leonard's Church.

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Billingford Building works

St Leonard's Billingford is closed for May for building work .

Please join other churches.

Adam Harrod

Adam Harrod will again be entertaining us with a selection of old and new songs, on 13th June at 7.30pm at St Leonard's Church

Tickets £12 from Sue 07917798056 or Georgina 01379 740759.

Includes refreshments.

St Andrew's - Scole

Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th May

10.00am - 12noon

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

Sponsored Cycle Ride in aid of Scole Church and the British Heart

Foundation

Sunday, 26th May, starting at 10.30 am from the church. Stephen Disney and family will be cycling approx. 150 miles, to Cromer, Hunstanton and back to Scole in memory of Jackie Disney who died in April 2023. They plan to return on Wednesday, 29th May and we hope to be there to welcome them back. The link to the Giving Page is below or let the Churchwardens know if you would like to sponsor them.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/inlovingmemoryofjackiedisney?utm_term=R8625EJAz

Coffee Morning

**Cake stall, Plant stall, Books,
Bric-a-Brac and more**

Saturday 4th May 9.30am - 12noon

St John's Church, Harleston

Chatty Church



Wooden doves and outdoor games.

For children of all ages with their parents/carers.

No need to book.

Refreshments and Snacks.

Free of charge.

Saturday 25th May 11am - 1pm

St John's Church, Harleston

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 Abbots



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Compline

Thursday, 23rd May 6.30pm
All Saints, Thorpe Abbots

Celebration Service

Sunday 26th May 4.30pm
St Andrew's , Scole,.

Benefice Ascension Day Service and the start of Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday 9th May 6.30pm
St John's, Harleston

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood, Sharon Perkins,
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.

MAY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 5th 6th of Easter (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	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>Acts 10.44-48/John 15.9-17</i>			
Thursday 9th Ascension Day (White or Gold) Thy Kingdom Come begins	Benefice Ascension Day Service and the start of Thy Kingdom Come 6.30pm in St John's, Harleston		
<i>Acts 1.1-11/Luke 24.44-53</i>			
Sunday 12th 7th of Easter and TKC (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Acts 1.15-17, 21-26/John 17.6-19</i>			
Sunday 19th Pentecost and TKC ends (Red)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Acts 2.1-21 or /John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15</i>			
SUNDAY 26TH Trinity Sunday (White or 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>Romans 8.12-17/John 3.1-17</i>			

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