

November 2023



Lest We Forget

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Ramblings from the Rectory

I must have said this before but I will say it again: November is the time for remembering and remembrance.

Remembering is an important part of the Bible message of hope. In Deuteronomy the people of Israel are repeatedly told to make sure they remember all that God has done for them, in freeing them from slavery in Egypt (e.g. Deut 6.12 & 8.2). Every time we share the Communion together we are obeying Jesus' command to remember the Last Supper and his sacrifice for us on the cross (e.g. Luke 22.19 and 1 Cor. 11.24). Indeed, one of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to remind us of everything Jesus taught his apostles (John 14.26).

Returning to November, on the first of the month we celebrate All Saints. We remember all of the great examples of Christian living and remembering we are inspired by their example. I look to the wonderful host of Saints, described in Hebrews 12.1 and know they are cheering us on. I am also encouraged by the huge array of different Saints from all backgrounds, genders and nationalities. So, this way of holiness is open to everyone, anywhere. I see them and know that being a Saint is possible for all of us.

The very next day is All Souls. All of us are definitely included here and all of our loved ones: All made in the image of God, and all precious. At 6.30pm on 2nd November we will be gathering in St. John's, Harleston and St. Andrew's Scole, to remember those who have been special to us but have now died. These people may not be famous but they are precious in God's sight. We will read out their names, and light candles to give thanks for their lives and all that they mean to us. We will also express our sure hope that they are safe with God, through Jesus. All are welcome, just turn up for 6.30pm. If you want to add a name to be read out at the service, let me know or add their name on the evening.

Then we have Remembrance Day on Saturday 11th November and Remembrance Sunday. Remembering the horror that is war, remembering the cost to so many and to pray for peace, particularly peace in Ukraine.

Remembering is important because without it we have no sense of who we are now; no sense of our history. That is true for history in general. For us, Christ's followers, we also remember to reconnect with the saving work of God through the ages. In remembering God's faithful acts we can be confident in our hope for now, and in the promise of eternal life.

So, by the end of November let's hope that we are inspired by all that we have remembered together to work to shine brightly for Christ. A fitting tribute indeed!

God bless, Nigel.

Pilgrims Walk

Pilgrims will once again gather in November, before taking a break in December.

As a reminder, the group always meets at the All Hallows' convent chapel in Ditchingham on the first Wednesday evening of the month (7.30-9.15pm) and then on the last Saturday of the month for a pilgrim walk somewhere in South Norfolk (9.45am-3.00pm).

The dates for the gatherings in November will therefore be Wednesday 1st and Sat 25th. For more information, please visit earshambenefice.org.uk/pilgrims or call Revd James Shelton on 07949979717.



**St John's
Christmas Fayre**

25th November

9.30am to 4pm

Refreshments served all day

Light Lunch served

12noon to 2pm

Raffle, Cake Stall,

Craft Stalls

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

Saturday 4th November
9.30am till 12noon

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Supported by a generous donation
Thursday 9th November
10.30am - 12.30pm

Every Tuesday

Informal singing group
10.45am -11.45am
Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3pm
Community Cafe 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Midweek Mingle

Every Wednesday
9.15am to 11.30am
All welcome

Chatty Church

Saturday 11th November
11.00am to 1.00pm



**Brockdish Village
Hall**

**Christmas Coffee
Morning**

25th November

10.00am - 12noon

**Raffle, Books, Jams, Cakes,
Coffee and Chat**

Proceeds to Brockdish Church



Remembrance Services



Sunday 12th November

9.30am - Remembrance Service - All Saints
Thorpe Abbots

10.45am - at Harleston Memorial

11.00am - Remembrance Service - St John's
Harleston

10.45am At Scole Memorial

11.00am - Remembrance Service - St Andrew's
Scole

3.00pm - Remembrance Service - St Leonard's
Billingford

3.00pm - Remembrance Service - St Peter &
St Paul Brockdish

3.00pm - Remembrance at Wortwell War
Memorial

6.00pm - Remembrance Service - St Peter's Needham



Donations wanted

Please can any one make donations of raffle prizes and items for the hamper i.e tin salmon, fruit, packets of Christmas biscuits etc for the Christmas Fayre at St John's Church 25th November. The items will be much appreciated.

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 18th November

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

Winter Warmer, Coffee Morning and Raffle

Saturday, 4th November

Coffee or tea with savouries or cakes

served from 10.00am

Bacon rolls/cheese toasties/soup

served from 11.00 - 1.00 pm

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Thursday 2nd November 6.30pm

St John's, Harleston

St Andrew's, Scole

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION

Free & Open to All

Wednesday 1st November

7.30pm to 8.30pm

St John's Church, Harleston

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Compline

Thursday 23rd November, 6.30pm

St Leonard's, Billingford

Celebration Service

Sunday 26th November 4.30pm

St Andrew's, Scole.

Speakers: Andy and Helen Taylor – talking about
their time in Peru as missionaries

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 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 25TH OCTOBER 2023

Funerals and Interments

28th Sept Alfred Woolton - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
6th Oct Dan Macdonald - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
6th Oct Mary Fisher - St Peter's, Needham
13th Oct Edward Trudgill - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
20th Oct Audrey Oakley - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish

Baptism and Weddings

30th Sept Terry Minshall and Justine Bishop - St Peter & St Paul,

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood, Marjorie Heap, 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).*

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Wednesday 1st All Saints (Gold)	6.30pm	Compline for All Saints	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
Thursday 2nd All Souls (Purple)	6.30pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	St John's, Harleston
	6.30pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	St Andrew's, Scole
Sunday 5th All Saint's Sunday (Gold or 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
	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 John 3.1-3/Matthew 5.1-12</i>			
Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday (Red)	9.30am	Remembrance Service	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	10.45am	The Memorial	Harleston
	11.00am	Remembrance Service	St John's, Harleston
	1045am	The Memorial	Scole
	11.00am	Remembrance Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Mary's , Redenhall
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Leonard's, Billingford
	6.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Peter's, Needham
<i>1 Thessalonians 4.13-18/Matthew 25.1-13</i>			
Sunday 19th 2nd before Advent (Red)	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	St Mary's , Redenhall
<i>1 Thessalonians 5.1-11/Matthew 25.14-30</i>			
SUNDAY 26TH Christ the King (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	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 1.15-23/Matthew 25.31-46</i>			

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