

October 2022



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Ramblings from the Rectory

October, for me, is a time to kick through the fallen leaves of autumn. I know many have fallen early due to the drought but I am looking forward to the drifts of leaves to make my walks complete. I love the living and growing things. I am inspired by the beauty of this natural world. For me it shows something of the hand of a Creator. You may well disagree, but most people that I meet agree that being out in the natural world lifts their spirits. They are moved in a deep and personal way, that is beyond words.

Strong and life changing devotion to God should change anyone even me and you. Through the work of the Spirit we should expect to find ourselves more like our Father, more generous, more loving, more patient and more aware of the handiwork of God. This seems to be what Francis of Assisi found. Francis is remembered and celebrated on 3rd October.

Francis gave up everything to follow Jesus and he describes finding wealth of a very different kind in God's service. One of the treasures that Francis discovered was the presence of God in all creation. Through all that has corrupted and marred in this world Francis could still see the craftsman's hand. This was a very radical view in the early 13th Century but Francis' obvious devotion to God convinced the church that he was a prophet not a heretic.

I love this world and at the same time I pray for Jesus to return. Indeed, through sharing God's love for all that he made, I pray for the end times even more passionately. I am not alone in this, Creation itself is crying to God for release from all that corrupts and disfigures it (Romans 8.22). This world is beautiful but it is also marred by brutality, futility, pain and suffering. Any nature programme makes this all too clear. I work and pray for some of God's kingdom to be seen here and now – so I care for this world. More than anything though, I want to see this world as it should be: Perfect. I want to see this world free of pain and suffering: Free of bloodshed and death.

This all may seem fanciful and wishful thinking but I know it to be the result of the Spirit working in me. The Spirit spurring Jesus' people on to care for this world so that it can be just a little more like it was created to be. Anyone who cares for someone who is ill wants one thing more than anything – for that person to be well again. That is my prayer for this creation and that is why I pray:

Come Lord Jesus, come soon!

Enjoy the autumn beauty of October.

God bless,

Nigel.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION

Free & Open to All

Wednesday 12th October

7.30pm to 8.30pm

The Rectory, Harleston

Contact Nigel Tuffnell- 01379 308905

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St Andrew's - Scole

Cake and Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st October

10am - 12noon

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

Harvest Supper

Friday 7th October

Harvest Supper with music and Barn Dance, 6.00 for 6.30 pm.

Tickets £12.00 from Georgie – 740127 or Kay – 741054.

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

Saturday 1st October

9.30am - 12noon

St John's Church

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
Community Cafe 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Midweek Mingle

St John's Harleston

Every Wednesday

9.15am to 11.30am

All welcome

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Brockdish Village Hall

Friday 7th October

10 - 11.30

Please come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat!

Make a difference!

St Leonard's Church Billingford

The PCC of St Leonard's Billingford thank everyone who is on the churchyard rota for keeping everything clean and tidy throughout this year.

Special thanks to John Redgrave and Ronald Batley for hedge cutting, mowing, path clearing, painting, the list is endless, Philip Batley for watering the new hedge, kindly donated by himself and Andrew Redgrave, also thanks to Brian Nunn for gardening and all the other jobs he has done around the church.

Thanks also to everyone who has arranged flowers and kept the church clean and tidy.

We are very grateful to you all.

Such a great team.

All Saints - Thorpe Abbots

15th October will see the return of the All Saints Quiz at Thorpe Abbots Village Hall commencing 7.00pm. As always a warm welcome, a light supper and bar awaits.

The All Saints Quiz is Back!!

**Come join us at the
Thorpe Abbots Village Hall
On Saturday 15th October**

First question at 7.00pm

As always lots of laughs,

Light Supper and Bar are on offer

Tickets £6 max tables of 6

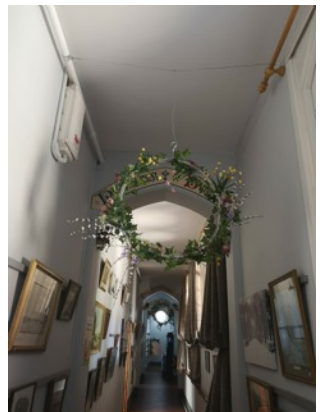
Proceeds to Church Funds

Contact Simon on 668132 or

Chris on 669116

Harvest collection for Emmaus

“It’s been a busy year for Emmaus Norfolk & Waveney, in October 2021 we celebrated a whole decade of transforming lives. This year all our accommodation has been filled and we are supporting 32 formerly homeless people and we’re proud to continue to be a safe space for women and people from the LGBTQ+ community. We were delighted to offer our companions barista training in our Old Orchard Café, helping them to gain new skills and increase their confidence after homelessness. We have further developed our support for people moving on from Emmaus to allow them a smooth transition into independent living. Looking ahead into next year we have big plans to develop our site to expand our social enterprises and companion accommodation. Thank you to everyone for your generous support over the past year.”





7 Churches Benefice Day Pilgrimage to visit Our Lady of Walsingham

Join our 7 Churches Benefice pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on the **8th October 2022**. We will be leaving Harleston via Coach to Walsingham and taking part in a full day's pilgrimage before returning home in the evening.

Itinerary

- 7:30am – Morning Prayer at St. John's
8:00am – Depart for Walsingham
9:30am – First Visit to the Holy House
10:00am – Stations of the Cross (or free time)
12:00am – Pilgrim Mass
13:00pm – Lunch (and free time)
14:30pm – Sprinkling at the Well
15:30pm – Benediction and Last Visit
17:00pm – Depart for Harleston
18:30pm – Evening Prayer in St. John's

Bold items are a core part of the pilgrimage, non-bold items are optional!

The Details

Travel - Travel will be with Simmonds Coaches of Diss. There are 49 coach spaces on a first come, first serve basis.

Lunch - You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch or pre-book a set menu lunch at the Pilgrim Refectory for £12pp.

Worship Services - Shrine Services are in the Anglo-Catholic tradition but they are accessible for all to take part in and enjoy.

Cost - The cost of return coach travel is £16pp. A collection will also be taken to support the work of the Shrine Church.

Booking Form

Name(s): _____

Email/Phone: _____

Would you like to book travel (£16pp.)? _____

Would you like to book lunch (£12pp.)? _____

If so do you have any dietary needs? _____

Payment By:

Cheque ()

Cash ()

Total Amount Due: £ _____

Please make cheques payable to 'The Benefice of Redenhall with Scole' and return your booking form with payment to the Benefice Office by the **17th September** to allow us to book lunches if required. For any questions or more information please contact Josh via the Benefice Office.

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



THE REGISTERS - 24TH AUGUST 2022 TO 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Funerals and Interments

31st August	Gertrude May Stringer, St Leonard's, Billingford
7th Sept	Glyns Geoffrey Catchpole, St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
13th Sept	John David Barnett, St Peter's, Needham
14th Sept	Michael Griffin, St Peter's, Needham

Baptism

24th Sept	Phoebe-Kate Rebecca Middleton, St Mary's , Redenhall
25th Sept	Isaac Allan Neame Ramsay, St John's, Harleston

	<p>7churches Benefice Services</p> <p>Compline</p> <p>Thursday 27th October 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford</p> <p>Celebration Service</p> <p>St Andrew's , Scole, Sunday 23rd October, 4.30pm</p>	
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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).

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 2nd Trinity 16 (Green)	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	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St John's, Harleston
<i>Psalm 137/Luke 17.5-10</i>			
Sunday 9th Trinity 17 (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Cafe Church	St John's, Harleston
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
<i>Psalm 66.1-11/Luke 17.11-19</i>			
Sunday 16th Trinity 18 (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival Evening Prayer	St Mary's , Redenhall
<i>Psalm 119.97-104/ Luke 18.1-8</i>			
SUNDAY 23RD Last after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Psalm 65/Luke 18.9-14</i>			
SUNDAY 30TH All Saints (Gold)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Patronal)	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 1.11-23/Luke 6.20-31</i>			

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