

October 2023



Benefice Newsletter

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Ramblings from the Rectory for October 2023

Looking back through my articles I found the one for this time in 2020. It addresses the shock of Covid-19 when it looked as though we were coming out of the worst of the restrictions. Little did I or anyone know what the future actually had in store for us.

It is a warning that we never know what the future may hold. I know from my faith that life is a gift. A gift given to everyone. We have no idea how long we will have to enjoy this gift, nor how the gift of life will be affected by joy or sorrow. God rarely reveals the future to us, in detail. What he does give us is the resource that we need to live that future.

Whatever the future may hold, I also know how I and any Christian should live the days, months or years to come. We are to face it with, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5.22 & 23) These are rightly called the, "Fruits of the Spirit." These wonderful, and life enhancing qualities are gifts from God's Spirit. They cannot be bought directly from God, they come through getting closer to God. A healthy relationship with God, produces the fruits, just as a healthy tree or bush produces the delicious autumn fruits.

So, I cannot predict the highs or lows to come. I can though be more prepared to live them well, with a little help from God's Spirit. I pray that you have abundance of these good fruits in your life, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

God bless...

Nigel

Coffee and Cake Morning

St John's, Harleston

Saturday 7th October

9.30am till 12noon

Harvest Festival Services

1st October - St John's, Harleston - Harvest Festival Informal Worship
11.00am - the gifts being given to the Emmaus Community,
Ditchingham, please.

1st October - St Andrew's, Scole - Harvest Festival Informal Worship -
11.00am

8th October - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots - Harvest Festival 4.00pm

15th October - St Mary's, Redenhall - Evening Prayer and Harvest
Festival - 6.00pm

St John's, Harleston

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Supported by a generous donation

Thursday 12th October

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 28th October

11.00am to 1.00pm

St Andrew's - Scole

Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th October

10.00am - 12noon

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

Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

Friday, 13th October

6.00pm for 6.30 pm

Two course hot meal plus cheese and biscuits.

Ceilidh Band. Tickets from Georgie (740127) or Lynda (740401) -
£14.00

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

Thorpe Abbots

Saturday 14th October

Thorpe Abbots Village Hall

Commencing 7.30pm

Light Supper, Bar, Raffle

£5 per person

(tables up to 6)

In Aid of Church and Fabric Funds

Please book, no tickets available at the door



Contact: Simon Beet 01379 668132

or any member of the PCC.

'Pilgrims' in October

The Pilgrims ministry, led by our curate James Shelton, continues in October with the pattern of gathering at the All Hallows' Convent, Ditchingham, on 'the first Wednesday evening of the month' and then somewhere in South Norfolk for a half-day pilgrim walk on 'the last Saturday of the month'. On Wednesday 4th October (7.30-9.15pm) the gathering at the convent chapel will feature Lynda Crookclarke, an oblate with the Community of All Hallows', sharing about the practise of praying whilst 'writing' icons, concluding with Compline (Night Prayer).

To sign up to attend, as well as for full details about the location of the pilgrim walk happening on Saturday 28th October (9.45am-3.00pm), please visit earshambenefice.org.uk/pilgrims or speak to James on 07949979717.

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|  | <p>7churches Benefice Services</p> <p>Compline Thursday 26th October, 6.30pm All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts</p> <p>Celebration Service Sunday 22nd October 4.30pm</p> |  |
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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 AUGUST 2023 TO 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Funerals and Interments

22nd Sept Stanley Bushby - St Mary's, Redenhall

Baptism and Weddings

3rd Sept Jude Ron Noble - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish

9th Sept Patrick Willis and Bethany Alexander - St Leonard's,
Billingford

23rd Sept Rafferty Land - St Leonard's, Billingford

23rd Sept Remy Land - St Leonard's, Billingford

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).

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

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| Sunday 1st 17th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season | 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 | Harvest Informal Worship | St John's, Harleston |
| | 11.00am | Harvest Informal Worship | St Andrew's, Scole |
| | 4.00pm | Evening Prayer | St John's, Harleston |
| <i>Philippians 2.1-13/Matthew 21.23-32</i> | | | |
| Sunday 8th 18th after Trinity (Green) | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | St John's, Harleston |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | St Andrew's, Scole |
| | 4.00pm | Harvest Festival | All Saints, Thorpe Abbots |
| <i>Philippians 3.4b-14/Matthew 21.33-46</i> | | | |
| Sunday 15th 19th after Trinity (Green) | 9.30am | Morning Prayer | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Peter's, Needham |
| | 9.30am | Morning Prayer | St Leonard's, Billingford |
| | 11.00am | Morning Prayer | St John's, Harleston |
| | 11.00am | Morning Prayer | St Andrew's, Scole |
| | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer & Harvest Festival | St Mary's, Redenhall |
| <i>Philippians 4.1-9/Matthew 22.1-14</i> | | | |
| SUNDAY 22ND 20th after Trinity (Green) | 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 | Morning Prayer | St Andrew's, Scole |
| | 4.30pm | Celebration Service | St Andrew's, Scole |
| <i>Thessalonians 1.1-10/Matthew 22.15-22</i> | | | |
| SUNDAY 29TH Last after Trinity - Bible Sunday (Green) CLOCKS! | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | St John's, Harleston |
| | 11.00am | Morning Prayer | St Andrew's, Scole |
| <i>Thessalonians 2.1-8/Matthew 22.34-46</i> | | | |

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