# September 2021



Newsletter



# **Ramblings from the Rectory**

I look at the world and I look at my church. As I do, I long for a better world and for the church to be at the centre of all that is good. I then remember that the Christian church has not always been at the forefront of change for good. We need to find the inspiration to do better and to be better.

To help with this task I look to the Bible. I seek wisdom for myself from the one who has guided his people always. I look to Genesis 1 and read of a world created good, and of humanity being given a pivotal role in the health and wellbeing of this created world. In Revelation we are given a vision of human salvation and damnation and at the heart of it all is creation crying out before the throne of heaven (Revelation 5.13):

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'

Creation calling for a new purified heaven AND earth.

For further encouragement and challenge I recommend the work of St. Hildegard of Bingen whose feast is on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Hildegard was born in 1098, or thereabout. Not long after the Norman Conquest of England. She became abbess of two convents in what is now Germany and she was a visionary inspired by God.

Before she died Hildegard had written major academic books on theology, medicine and the natural world, composed over seventy sacred songs, produced the first ever musical morality play, become the moral guide for popes and kings, and publicly condemned corruption in the church. What is more, her music is still widely recorded and listened to today.

Imost 1,000 years ago God inspired Hildegard showing her the inseparable link between the creation, human salvation, and human morality. She described how our corruption corrupts the world. Something we see around us, as we observe the consequences of our greed and selfishness on the natural world. Hildegard's works describe how God reaches out to us through creation and history, offering salvation. Jesus came to us as a creature, a human being like us born into history to change history forever. Equally our road to salvation is linked to the salvation of the natural world. We are creatures and as such our salvation in Christ is tied to the salvation of all created things.

I have hope when I long for a better world and for the church to be at the centre of all that is good. Hope given to me by God, through the Bible and through inspiration that he has given through the ages to people like Hildegard. I am inspired by these words from God given to Hildegard, "The earth sustains humanity. It must not be injured; it must not be destroyed." I read those words and think of Paul's vision of creation groaning, waiting for God's children to show themselves (Romans 8.22).

This can all seem to hard, and too complicated. Thankfully it is not. We are simply to live well together, loving and caring for one another. We are to love our neighbour as ourselves, including all creatures as our neighbours too. A good place to find the peace and the reassurance needed to tackle the challenges that face us is to listen Hildegard's music. Whenever I do this I find that the Spirit soothes my soul. If you want to hear it for yourself just search the internet or a music store. To start you off try: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6qFCYRQKVA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6qFCYRQKVA</a>

I long for a better world and for the church to be at the centre of all that is good. However, it can seem too hard to love and to care in this way. Whenever I feel overwhelmed by the task I am reassured by words of hope from Jesus to Julian of Norwich, "All shall be well, all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well." With God on our side, how could it be otherwise?

God bless...



# The Waveney Heritage Centre Grove Road, Brockdish IP21 4JP

Have you missed the company of others?

Why not drop in for a cuppa, or perhaps bring a friend or neighbour along.

Everyone is welcome

# Bring along anything you enjoy doing

knitting - crochet - sewing puzzles - scrabble - cards

# Or simply just pop along to enjoy a cuppa and a chat

We are planning to hold the Social Cafe on the first
Thursday of each month
Please come along and tell us what you would like to
see at the social cafe.





# Picnic & Pimms at St Leonards Church, Billingford

on 19<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 for 4pm
We will supply the Picnic &
Pimms, tea / coffee.
Please bring a chair, if rain,
picnic will be inside the church.
£10 ticket
There will be a Tombola
Contact Sue 01379 854129
Georgina 01379 740759
Proceeds to
St Leonards and a Charity

Please stay to join us for our Harvest Festival at 6pm



# INTRYSIDE

A fun day out for all, stopping off at as many Churches and Chapels as you can!

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Saturday 12th September 2020 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

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# **St John's Harleston**

Saturday 4th September 9.30am till 12noon

**Coffee and cake Morning** 

# **St Andrew's Scole**

Saturday, 4th – Sunday, 5th September Scole Gift Weekend.

Church will be open from 10.00am – 2.00 pm which will include

usual coffee morning – 10.00am – 12 noon.



# St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday September 4th

# **Quiz Night**

7.30pm for 8.00pm

table up to 6 people £5 per person, to include light supper.

Tel: Jan 01379668630 for bookings and further information.

# TerraCycle tablet packets

Unfortunately due to so many being brought to the church in such big quantities we are no longer able to take these in.

There are other places these can be taken

Which are:

Doctors surgery

The paddocks, weybread

It has been good to know we have stopped so many going into landfill and we do hope you continue to take these to the other places so they can continue to be recycled.

# Rainbow Remembrance Event

Remembrance, Reflection and Celebration

Susan Whymark Funeral Service welcomes you to attend this event
at St. John's Church, Harleston

On Saturday 11th September at 11.00am.

Whilst held in St. John's Church The Rainbow Remembrance Event will be non-religious

to remember, reflect and celebrate the lives of those who died during the pandemic and anyone who has been emotionally effected and for those who couldn't be remembered in the style their loved ones would have wanted.

If you would like to attend this remembrance service or would like a loved ones name induded in the service please contact Susan Whymark Funeral Service Ltd on 01379 851253



# **Harvest Festival Services**

5th September - St John's, Harleston at 11.00am 19th September - St Leonard's, Billingford at 6.00pm 19th September- St Mary's, Redenhall at 6.00pm 26th September - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish at 9.30am 3rd October - St Andrew's, Scole at 11.00am 10th October - All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts at 9.30am

We will be collecting for Emmaus in Ditchingham.

Donations can be left in the church to be blessed at the Harvest Service.

#### THE REGISTERS - 26TH JULY TO 25TH AUGUST 2021

#### **Funerals and Interments**

11th August	Tony Bush, S	St Mary's Redenhall
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24th August Kathleen Nelson, St Mary's Redenhall
 25th August Robin Loveday, St Mary's Redenhall
 25th August Michael Chilton, St Andrew's Scole

## Weddings

14th August Sarah Taylor & Dan Jones, St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

#### **Baptism**

15th August Flora Thornett, St Mary's Redenhall

18th August Wendy Chattaway, All Saints Thorpe Abbotts



#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Marian Courtney.

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).

# **SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS**

SUNDAY	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish	
5тн	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's, Redenhall	
Climate	11.00am	Informal Harvest		
Sunday		Celebration	St John's, Harleston	
Green	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole	
Colossians 1:15-20 / Matthew 8.23-27				
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish	
12тн	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts	
Tu::::::::: 1 F	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston	
Trinity 15 Green	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole	
Green				
		James 3.1-12 / Mark 8.2	27-38	
SUNDAY	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish	
19тн	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston	
Trinity 16	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole	
Green	6.00pm	Harvest Celebration	St Mary's, Redenhall	
	6.00pm	Harvest Celebration	St Leonard's, Billingford	
Thursday	6.30pm	Compline	All Saints Thorpe Abbotts	
23rd				
	Ja	mes 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a / Mar		
SUNDAY	9.30am	Harvest celebration	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish	
26тн	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	St Mary's, Redenhall	
Trinity 17	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's Billingford	
Green	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston	
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole	
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole	
James 5.13-20 / Mark 9.38-50				

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