

September 2024



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Ramblings from The Rectory for September

Thinking of September I think of the schools going back. A time for new beginnings. I love going into our school here in Harleston and the school in Scole. Although Revd. Sue spends far more time with Scole school than I do. It is also wonderful when the schools come into church to celebrate the important occasions in the school year. Please pray for all of the children and young people starting something new, a new school (or nursery) or the jump to a new Key Stage. These are always scary for the children and can be emotional for the parents and carers too!

A Prayer for our Children and Young People

Lord Jesus, as our children and young people stand on the threshold of this new school year, fill them with your wisdom and guide them. We recognize that true wisdom comes from you, and we ask you to fill their hearts and minds with all that they need to face the challenges ahead and to flourish. Amen.

A Prayer for Teachers and School Staff

Heavenly Father, we lift up to you our dedicated teachers and school staff as they return for this new school year. Bless them with patience, wisdom, and a heart overflowing with love. Give them your strength and resilience to nurture young minds and impart knowledge that will shape the future of our world. Grant them the ability to inspire and motivate, as well as igniting a passion for learning and discovery. May their efforts be met with success and fulfilment. Amen.

Please also keep praying for all parents and carers that they may encourage the young minds in their care, finding the patience and wisdom that they need day by day. Remember the words written in the Letter of James:

But the wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine, and sincere. (James 3.17 CEV)

and

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (James 1:5 NIV)

God bless,
Nigel.

**"Renewing Hope in Smaller Churches" at Cringleford, Norwich
Saturday, 28th September, 10am — 4pm**

With the encouragement of Bishop Jane, Revd. Rob Baker from Stoke Holy Cross is organising an event called "Renewing Hope in Smaller

Churches". It will be run by ReSource (formerly Anglican Renewal Ministries): it's one of a series of events across the country aiming to renew hope in smaller churches. The diocese has generously provided some funding towards the cost of the day to reduce the costs for participants to £10 including a nice lunch.

If people would like to find out more, they can look at the ReSource booking page

here <https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/events/68/renewing-hope-in-smaller-churches-cringleford>

I have the annual Chatty Church BBQ that day but this will be a great event for anyone who wants to see our churches grow, not just the ministry team or churchwardens. It's relevant for St. John's too! Do go if you can.

God bless,

Nigel.

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

Saturday 7th September
9.30am till 12noon

Who Let the Dads out?

Saturday 21st September
9.00am to 11.00am
£3.00 per family includes breakfast

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 12th September
10.30am - 12.30pm

Chatty Church BBQ

Saturday 28th September
11.00am - 1.00pm

Praise

Saturday 14th September-
6pm - 7pm

Every Tuesday

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.30pm



Macmillan Coffee/Tea Morning

St Leonard's Church, Billingford
Saturday 14th September 10am - 12noon

Enjoy a coffee/tea and cake at our beautiful little church overlooking the

wonderful Waveney Valley, while helping us make money for this very worthwhile cause.

Hope to see you there

Sue & Georgina

St Andrew's - Scole - Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th September

10.00am - 12noon

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

Scole Gift Week-end - Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September: This week-end helps us pay our Parish Share. Parish Share goes towards paying for our stipendiary clergy - without it we risk losing our clergy; we also need to pay for our running costs and essential maintenance that keeps our church open. If you can help us, it would be much appreciated. Gifts can be given to a church member, brought to the coffee morning on the Saturday between 9.00 am and 1 pm or to the church service at 11 am on the Sunday. **Thank you for all your gifts in past years and for any you are able to give this year.**

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 7th September

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.



Harvest Festivals



15th September - St Leonard's, Billingford - 4.00pm

22nd September - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish - 9.30am

6th October - St John's, Harleston - 11.00am

6th October - St Andrew's, Scole - 11.00am

20th October - St Peter's, Needham - 9.30am

20th October - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots - 4.00pm

20th October - St Mary's, Redenhall - 6.00pm

Gifts will be given either to the Waveney Foodbank or the Emmaus Community, Ditchingham.

The Walk of Kindness - Emmaus, Norfolk and Waveney

From August 26th to October 10th, four of the companions are taking on a massive 450 mile Walk of Kindness from Wales to Norfolk to help end homelessness. See website: [The Walk of Kindness - Norfolk Waveney](#)



Coffee Morning & Keys Valuation Day

St John's Church, Harleston October 5th 2024



Drop in for our regular coffee morning and enjoy refreshment and good company at the beginning of October. Meanwhile, if you have a treasured item in your attic or just something intriguing from a charity shop, now is your chance to find out what its value might be and more about its history.

Keys Auctioneers of Aylsham will be here to value any items which you may choose to bring along.

If you are interested in this rare addition to our October Coffee Morning, please **bring up to 5 items to be valued for just £3.00 per item.**

It is a great opportunity to consult an expert and support your local community; helping St John's Church raise the final funds for our new heating system.

Coffees, teas and cakes will be served throughout the day for a small fee.

A light lunch will be available between 12pm and 2pm.

You are warmly invited to join us

10am – 3pm

Free car parking is available at the Harleston Co-op - it's just a short walk to St John's Church

If you are disabled there is a small car park by St John's Church - Postcode IP20 9AZ

Any questions about the day please ring our Church Warden, Maureen on:

01379 853605

or email: charisharbidgocra@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you for coffee, cake and chat. If you decide to bring in an item for valuation, please bring it with you into St John's Church, where you will be welcomed and guided by our volunteers. If you would like an item to be auctioned by Keys Auctioneers of Aylsham, please talk to a member of their team, when you go up to get your items valued; the Keys team will guide you.

Please note, visitors are responsible for the safety of their own property. Each item brought by a visitor to the Keys Valuation Day at St John's Church on 5th October is the responsibility of the owner and is brought to be valued at their own risk.

OVER 600 CHURCHES AND CHAPELS OPEN TO VISIT NEAR YOU!



Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, lead roofs are stolen, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. **Now you can help** by joining a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation.



BIKE, WALK, DRIVE... IN THE NORFOLK COUNTRYSIDE



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

**WIN
£1,000
FOR YOUR
CHURCH***

Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. ***PLUS** you can join with others in your parish to win £1,000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. **Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation** - find out more at norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride

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Saturday 14th September 2024
9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Chatty Church



BBQ & Games

Activities, games and crafts for children of all ages with their parents/carers.

No need to book.

Refreshments and Snacks.

Free of charge.

Saturday 28th September

11am - 1pm

St John's Church, Harleston



Facebook.com / Chatty Church Family Group

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Fun Day

September 8th

- CRAFT STALLS 10AM TO 4PM
- CHILDREN'S GAMES
- BBQ FROM 12.30PM
- LEE VASEY PERFORMING FROM 2PM TO 5PM
- ICE CREAM VAN
- BAR & REFRESHMENTS
- FACE PAINTING
- MUSIC
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- RAFFLE

PARKING AVAILABLE

All proceeds going towards the refurbishment project of the windows and external paintwork at the hall.

If you would like to take part contact

Claire Cropley - 07810-324721

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 - 24TH JULY 2024 TO 25TH AUGUST 2024

Funerals and Interments

2nd August James Fearn - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
10th August Abigail Hegelund-Mill - St Mary's, Redenhall

Baptism

28th July Jorgie-May Hilton - St John's, Harleston
11th August Oakley Rawson - All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
17th August Erin Roper - St John's, Harleston

	7churches Benefice Services	
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Thursday, 26th September 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford		
Celebration Service		
Sunday 22nd September 4.30pm St Andrew's, Scole		

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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 1st 14th 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	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St John's, Harleston

James 1.17-27/Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Sunday 8th 15th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season	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

James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17/Mark 7.24-37

Sunday 15th 16th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season	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	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival	St Leonard's, Billingford
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall

James 3.1-12/Mark 8.27-38

Sunday 22nd 17th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season	9.30am	Harvest Festival	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

James 3.13 - 4.3, 7-8a/Mark 9.30-37

Sunday 29th St Michael & All Angels (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole

Revelation 12.7-12/John 1.47-51

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