

September 2025



Benefice Newsletter

SEVEN
CHURCHES

Greetings

Since the last time I wrote to you, just before Pentecost - we - the Church - have moved into what is known as "Ordinary Time" - and it got me thinking / wondering - what is Ordinary about time - what is ordinary about **this** time? Is **any** time 'Ordinary'?

It seems to me that **ALL** time is unique - never repeated or put on hold - and that's not 'ordinary' - is it?

Let's consider that word 'TIME'. One way to look at it is -

T - time to

I - invest in

M - my

E - eternity!

If we think of it this way - perhaps we can see that each and every day - unique as it is - is a step toward eternity - and we alone have the options to make that eternity something we can anticipate positively - or not! It's coming for all of us - one day at a time - we can't escape it; we alone can choose where and how we want to spend it - no one can make the decision for us - once it arrives - which it will do without much - if any - warning - it's too late to decide.

As followers of Jesus, we have - as it were - paid the deposit for our investment by coming to faith in Him and as we learn to live with - and for Him - in this life, so our 'investment' is secured - assuring us of our place in heaven with Him. For those who have not placed their faith in Him - it's a decision - an investment - still to be made.

John chapter 3 verse 16. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

So - how do you plan to spend your eternity? Maybe you haven't thought about it much - perhaps now is as good a time as any to do so. Believe in Him.

May all the blessings of God - Who is Father Son and Holy Spirit - be yours.
Canon Lyndy D

St John's, Harleston

Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th September

9.30am - 12noon

Every Tuesday

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 11th September

10.30am - 12.30pm

Heritage Open Days country Market

Saturday 13th September

Praise and Worship

Saturday 13th September

St John's , Harleston 6.00pm

Who Let the Dads Out?

Saturday 20th September

9.00am to 11.00am

£3.00 per family includes breakfast

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26th September

10.00am - 12noon

Chatty Church

27th September

11.00am-1.00pm

Come and join us for a fun



£5 per person

{Light supper included}

Time: 6.30 for 7pm start

Saturday 27th September 2025

St John's Church

Broad Street

Harleston

IP20 9AZ

Book a table max 6 persons

[Essential]

Contact HelenChurch Office

01379851148

St Andrew's - Scole - Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th September

10.00am - 12noon

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

Coffee & Chat in the Village Hall

On the third Thursday of each month, starting on 15th May, please drop in to the Needham Village Hall for coffee and informal chat.

There will be plenty to do too: a Bric-a-Brac stall, a raffle, the Needham Bookery book exchange and more. All proceeds will be donated to the Needham Village Hall specifically towards maintenance of the building.



Coffee & Chat

At Needham Village Hall

Enjoy homemade cakes & Friendly Chat

10am to 12pm

Starting 15th May 2025 & then every

3rd Thursday of each month



Bric-A-Brac
Stall

Raffle



Proceeds to Needham Village Hall Maintenance



**First Thursday each month
Starting 5th June**

12pm

£6 per person

Needham Village Hall

**Main course, pudding,
tea and coffee.**

**Transport provided for
anyone that needs it.**

Our Community Lunches are open to Needham residents and their guests. We would especially like you to come if you are feeling lonely or can't normally get out. Come along for a chat and we'll cook a tasty two-course lunch for you. If you struggle with mobility or transport we have volunteers ready to pick you up from home and drop you back after lunch.

Please let us know by Tuesday 3rd June if you are coming so that we can reserve your place and make sure we have enough food. It is also helpful if you can let us know of any food allergies.

The event will be repeated on the first Thursday of every month.

Contact: Dan Cornish on 07803 180861

If you would like to help with preparing or serving the lunches, providing conversation and support for diners or offering transport please do get in touch.

Scole Gift Week-end

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September

This week-end helps us pay our Parish Share (which goes towards paying for our stipendiary clergy) and also our running costs and the essential maintenance that keeps our church open.

This year, after our 5 year Inspection of the church, we have a few major repairs to make and these will cost in excess of £6000, so your gifts are even more needed and appreciated. If you can help us, we would be most grateful.

Gifts can be given to a church member, brought to the coffee morning on the Saturday between 9.00 am and 12.30 pm or to the church service at 11 am on the Sunday. If you would like to contribute via BACs, the details are in the Gift Day Letter. **Thank you for all your gifts in past years and for any you are able to give this year.**

Harvest Festival Services

7th September - St Mary's, Redenhall 9.30am

14th September - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots 4.00pm

21st September - St Peter's, Needham 9.30am

21st September - St Leonard's, Billingford 4.00pm

28th September - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish 9.30am

5th October - St Andrew's, Scole 11.00am

5th October - St John's, Harleston 11.00am

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. You can also enter our photo competition to win £50 for the best pictures of the day.

Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation - find out more at norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride

Sponsored by



GEORGE SHIPPAM
SPECIAL PLANNING

Saturday 13th September 2025
9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Celebration and Commissioning Service



Thursday 4th September 2025
The Open Academy, Norwich - 5:30pm
Light refreshments served from 4:45pm

Join us to celebrate and pray for the new academic year and for all it holds. The preacher will be the Bishop of Thetford, the Rt Revd Ian Bishop.

The service is for all who support children and young people across schools and churches, including school staff, governors, trustees, chaplains, volunteers, youth workers and clergy.

Register your attendance via
the QR Code.



Transformed by Christ: **Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic**

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 - 26TH JULY 2025 TO 25TH AUGUST 2025

Baptism

26th July	Albie Edwards - St Andrew's, Scole
3rd August	Rufus Walker - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots

	7churches Benefice Services	
	Compline	
	Thursday 25th September, 6.30pm	
	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots	
	Celebration Service	
	Sunday 28th September, 4.30pm	
	St Andrew's , Scole.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, David Barker, 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).

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 7th 12th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer & Harvest Festival	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>Philemon 1-21/Luke 14.25-33</i>			
Sunday 14th 13th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season	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
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
<i>Timothy 1.12-17/Luke 15.1-10</i>			
Sunday 21st 13th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Harvest Festival	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival	St Leonard's, Billingford
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>1 Timothy 2.1-7/Luke 16.1-13</i>			
Sunday 28th 15th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season	9.30am	Harvest Festival	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Timothy 6.6-19/Luke 16.19-31</i>			

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