

September 2026



Benefice Newsletter



We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

We try to be a church which welcomes and values everyone so we strive to celebrate and affirm every person and do not discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, age, experience, background or sexuality.

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



Following the theme we have been following in our Sunday services since Pentecost, this month continues to paint a picture of what life in God's kingdom looks like.

Paul reminds us in Romans that our greatest debt is "to love one another." In a world where opinions divide and disagreements quickly become public, Christians are called to be known first by love. Jesus echoes this in Matthew's Gospel, encouraging us not to ignore broken relationships but to seek reconciliation with gentleness and grace.

That theme continues as Peter asks Jesus, "How many times should I forgive?" Jesus' answer stretches far beyond what seems reasonable. Forgiveness is not about keeping score but reflecting the extraordinary mercy we ourselves have received. It is rarely easy, but it is one of the clearest signs that Christ is at work within us.

Then comes the surprising parable of the workers in the vineyard. God's generosity refuses to fit our calculations of who deserves what. We often compare ourselves with others, yet God's kingdom is built not on competition but on grace. Every one of us stands before God with empty hands, receiving far more than we could ever earn.

Finally, Paul urges the Philippians to have the same mindset as Christ, marked by humility, service and obedience. Jesus challenges the religious leaders by showing that saying the right things matters little if our lives fail to follow through. Faith is not simply about words but about walking the path God sets before us.

The invitation this month is to love generously, forgive freely, rejoice in God's grace, and quietly put our faith into practice during the week. As we do, our churches become places where others catch a glimpse of the welcoming, transforming kingdom of God.

Revd Jonathan

Harleston

Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th September
King Georges Hall
9.30am - 12noon

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 10th September
London Rd Church
10.30am - 12.30pm

Chatty Church

Saturday 26th September
King Georges Hall
11.00am-1.00pm

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 5th September
Quiz, Brockdish Village hall,
7.30pm

St Andrew's - Scole

Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th September
10.00am - 12 noon

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

Date for Diary

Megan and Craig Catchpole Present a
Christmas concert on Sunday 29th November at 2pm
at St Leonards Church Billingford.
Tickets £10 includes refreshments.
Sue 07917 798056 /01379854129
Georgina 07498 343803/ 01379 740759

St John's Church, Harleston Bible course

We're running the bible course. Alternate Tuesday evenings 7:30pm at The Rectory, 5 Needham Road, Harleston. Starts 28th July, but you can join us on any week.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore.../the-bible-course>

Scole Bible study

Led by Revd. Sue Auckland and meets the second Wednesday of the month at Scole Church at 2 pm

BIKE • WALK • DRIVE

Saturday 12th September 2026 9am–5pm

Take Part & Make a Difference Explore Norfolk's stunning churches and raise money simply by being sponsored for your bike ride walk or drive or make a personal donation

HOW TO TAKE PART

1. Get a Sponsorship Form Download yours by going to norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/:
2. Raise Sponsorship Ask friends, family, colleagues and neighbours to sponsor your walk, ride or drive. Don't forget to note which church or chapel you're supporting or simply fundraise for the Trust.
3. Enjoy the Day You will often find refreshments at the churches and chapels! • At manned churches, someone will sign your form. • At unmanned churches, simply record your visit yourself.
4. Send in Your Sponsorship Money Post your completed form and donations to: Bike Ride Team, Wood Farm, Foxley Road, Themelthorpe, Norfolk NR20 5PU

norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/

A Pilgrimage walk through our seven churches.

Tuesday 1st Sept 9am start

The walk will be approximately 11 miles we will start at St Mary's Redenhall and we will finish at St Andrew's Church, Scole at around 18:00.

Wear suitable clothing, bring water and bring a packed lunch

You can join for the whole Pilgrimage or join for part if it.

THE REGISTERS - 26TH JULY 2026 TO 25TH AUGUST 2026

Funerals and Interments

17th August Clive William Perry - St Mary's, Redenhall.
19th August Grace Woods- St Mary's, Redenhall

Baptism

9th August Jenson Rouse - All Saint's, Thorpe Abbots
9th August Nova Bareham - All Saint's, Thorpe Abbots

	7churches Benefice Services Compline Thursday 24th September, 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford Celebration Service Sunday 27th September 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole.	
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Nick Crane, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, David Barker, Kathy Wood, Pauline Cathles.

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 6th 14th after Trinity Creation Season (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonards, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer/Harvest Festival	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Reflective Worship	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Romans 13.8-14/Matthew 18.15-20</i>			
Sunday 13th 15th after Trinity Creation Season (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
<i>Romans 14.1-12/Matthew 18.21-35</i>			
Sunday 20th 16th after Trinity Creation Season (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer/Harvest Festival	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival	St Leonards, Billingford
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Philippians 1.21-30/Matthew 20.1-16</i>			
Sunday 27th 17th after Trinity Creation Season (Green)	9.30am	Harvest Festival	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 12.1-8/Matthew 16.13-20</i>			

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