

SEPTEMBER 2018



**Scole - Harleston - Brockdish
Thorpe Abbots - Needham
Billingford - Redenhall with Wortwell**

7 welcoming churches at the heart of our communities learning to put Jesus first; sharing love and Good News.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE RECTORY

“Nostalgia, it’s not what it used to be!”

Thinking of September I think of the Schools going back. A time for new beginnings. It made me wonder about my school friends, what do they look like now? I left the North East so many years ago, I’ve now lost touch with most of them. Looking in the mirror, I guess they will all look middle aged like me!

Nostalgia seems to be in fashion. I found that out a little while ago when I went with a group of young people to a Religious Community in France called Taizé. While there I listened to some teenagers singing “Tainted Love” by Soft Cell, apparently, “it’s just too amazing to ever have been out of fashion!”

Taizé itself is founded on the nostalgic idea of a better world. Taizé was formed just after WW2 to bring people together and to help to heal the wounds of war. Taizé mostly welcomes young people between 16 and 29 years old, with 3,000 to 5,000 staying for a week right through the summer. I look at all the troubles in the news, then I remember those thousands of young people meeting and sharing together. They worshipped together, they prayed and worked together, they were silent together. We were changed by God’s presence together. We came together to learn how we can work for peace and reconciliation across Europe and beyond.

My time in Taizé gave me hope. Hope for the future with young people like that. Hope for Europe, hope for my country, hope for peace and love. A hope that a loving God is active in me, in you, in all of those young people; active in everyone who will let him work in them for a better future.

September is indeed a time for new beginnings.

God bless, Nigel.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

19th September & 3rd October at 7.30pm

Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.

Contact Revd Nigel Tuffnell for more details (see back page)

Ministers Joke Column

Revd. Phillip Woods entry.

1. How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it.

John Taylor's entry

Teacher: John, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

John: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

John: Perhaps, but you asked me how I spell it not how you spell it.

Revd Tuffnell's entry

The Washinton Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

Here are 5 of the best:

1. **Coffee (n.):** the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted (adj.):** appalled over how much weight you've gained.
3. **Abdicate (v.):** to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade (v.):** to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Negligent (adj.):** describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Capt. Trevor Clarks entry. - A man dies and is met by Peter at the pearly gates.

Peter says, 'You need 100 points to make it into Heaven. Tell me all of the good things you've done and I'll give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.'

'Okay,' the man says, 'I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart.'

'That's wonderful,' says Peter, 'that's worth three points!'

'Three points?' the man exclaims. 'Well, I attended church all of my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service.'

'Terrific!' says Peter, 'that's certainly worth a point.'

'One point? OK, well I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for the homeless.'

'Fantastic, that's good for two more points,' Peter says.

'TWO POINTS!' the man cries. 'At this rate, the only way I'll get into Heaven is by the Grace of God!'

'Come on in!'

SCOLE - ST ANDREW'S

Toddler Group is every Wednesday from 9.00am to 10.30am term time only so will restart 12th September.

Cafe Church. Come and have a tea or coffee with a short half hour informal service every Wednesday at 11.00 am.

Scole Gift Weekend. Saturday, 8th Sept : Church open from 9am – 4pm
Coffee Morning from 10.00 am with usual cakes, scones, sausage rolls, etc.

Celebration at Scole, Sunday, 23rd Sept at 4.30 pm led by Revd Canon Nigel Tuffnell

Hymns n Pymns

With a

Picnic

Scole Pocket Park at 4pm

Sunday 2nd September



Study and House Groups

If you've never been to a House or Study group before, here is your opportunity! Informal and fun, one of our groups can be a great way of getting to know your fellow Christians better, deepening your faith and equipping us to help ourselves and others with everyday life.

We have a variety of groups either in the day or evening, in a pub, church or in someone's home. Please contact me if you would like to join a group in your area then I can guide you to one that's best suited for you.

Revd Nigel Tuffnell (details back page)

Bike Ride and Walk is on 8th Sept - 9am to 5pm

Sponsor forms are available at the back of your church.

Help raise money for your church
and for the Norfolk Churches Trust.

Dear all,

My name is Terry Southgate and I currently volunteer with Macmillan Cancer Support as Suffolk/Norfolk Action Team Leader, this is a very rewarding role which I really enjoy. Macmillan Cancer Support offer medical, practical, emotional and financial support not only to the person with a cancer diagnosis but also to their support network. One in two of us will be affected by cancer within our lifetime and for most of us it will be the toughest fight we face.

Currently there are least 30700 people living with cancer in Norfolk and this is set to reach an estimated 59700 by the year 2030. As the UK's leading cancer care charity we want to ensure that no one faces cancer alone in Norfolk. Which is where the Action Team comes in. The aim of the Norfolk Action Team is to raise awareness of the services Macmillan provide for people living with cancer, as well as raising vital funds to provide these services.

The Norfolk Action Team members receive one monthly email with the local volunteering opportunities they can get involved with, then if the volunteers are free and willing they simply reply to opt in to support the activities they like. Activities include helping with bucket collections, supporting local events and attending our large challenge events.

The volunteering opportunity is really flexible to suit volunteers, so really anyone with just 2 hours to spare every other month could sign up and make a huge difference to the lives of people affected by cancer. I am writing this letter as we are currently appealing for more volunteers, the more people we have on board, the more events we can attend, therefore the more awareness and funds we can raise for people affected by cancer.

To apply visit; <https://volunteering.macmillan.org.uk/Opportunity/Details/56951>

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BROCKDISH

Quiz & Light Supper £4 (Bring your own drink) is on Saturday 22nd Sept, 7.30pm for 8pm in the Village Hall. Contact Jan on 01379 668630



HARLESTON - ST JOHN'S

Coffee & Cake Morning. Every first Saturday (**1st Sept**) at 9.30am to 11.30am. If you would like to contribute cakes or savouries contact Maureen on 01379 853605. Proceeds will go to the life of the church.

Tuesday Time Together

Informal Singing is every Tuesday from 11.00am to 12noon. Refreshments available and no need to book, just come along.

Light Lunches every 3rd Tuesday (**18th Sept**) served from 12 noon at a cost of £5.00 which includes a pudding. Proceeds will go to the life of the church.

Community Lunches every 4th Tuesday (**25th Sept**) at 12noon. Free of charge but donations greatly appreciated.

Midweek Mingle

Is restarting Wednesday 5th September then every Wednesday from 9.15am to 11.30am. Great opportunity to meet new people and mingle. Toast, tea and chat. Toys available for toddlers.
£1 for adults, children are free. No need to book

Chatty Church

Every 3rd Saturday at 2pm (**15th September**) For children and their families. Crafts, games and refreshments.
Free of Charge. No need to book.

Family Friendly Informal Worship

St John's - Every 1st Sunday at 11am

Activities for the children. We often have a puppet show and great music, together with an informal talk followed by refreshments.

For more information on all our family and children events, activities and services follow us on

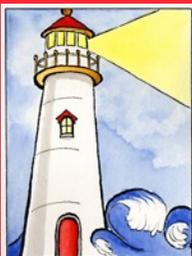
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HARVEST SUPPER

Our popular harvest supper will be on Saturday 29th September starting at 6.30pm for 7pm in St John's. Buffet style supper followed by a pudding, with a raffle and entertainment from Darren.

Tickets cost £8.00 available from St John's Office (9am to 1pm) or Maureen 01379 853605 and Jenny 852617.

Proceeds to the life of St John's Church



LIGHTHOUSE

Every 3 months we get together and chat over a bring & share lunch of how we can be more active in our services and outreach. If you would like to join this group then call Lucy or Nigel (details back page) so we can let you know if times or days need to be changed. Also you might have a great idea on how to be more active in the community and in church life. Next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd Oct at 12noon in St John's.

SPONSOR A CHAIR - CAN YOU OR YOUR GROUP HELP?

For St John's Church in Harleston

We are removing the pews inside the church to make a more flexible space for all its needs as a church and as a community building together with repairing the flooring. *The chairs will cost approx £60 each*

If you are able to help please give us a call or fill in the flyer at the back of the church then hand it in personally to either;

Revd Nigel Tuffnell - Rector

10 Swan Lane, Harleston IP20 9AN

Lucy Elton - Churchwarden

Parish Office, St John's Church, Broad Street, Harleston IP20 9AZ

A dedication book will be purchased should you wish a dedication to be added.

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge--Up Yours"

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Year 8 will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Heavenly Father

We pray that all who are starting High School for the first time
find you with them every step of the way
in new friendships and keeping them strong in adversity.

May they keep you in their hearts every day and night
so you can guide them on to the
right path how ever narrow it might be.

Amen



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The Way to Happiness - Psalm 1: 1-3 (CEV)

God blesses those people who refuse evil advice
and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God.

Instead, the Law of the Lord makes them happy,
and they think about it day and night.

They are like trees growing beside a stream,
trees that produce fruit in season
and always have leaves.

Those people succeed in everything they do.

Do continue reading Psalm 1: 4-6 at www.biblegateway.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jean Roper, Lyn Veness, Maurice & Frances Cormack, Karen & Mike Rayner and David Jackson

If you would like to be added to our prayer list then please contact a minister; details back page.

THE REGISTERS FROM 10TH JULY - 9TH AUGUST

Weddings

15th July Benjamin Siddel & Louise Aldhous at Ss Peter & Paul, Brockdish

Funerals and Interments

10th July Interment of Eric Fisher at St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish

26th July Interment of Phyllis Collings at St Mary's, Redenhall.

28th July Interment of Pamela Sizer at St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Thursdays	9.15am 10.00am	Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole. Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.
17th Sept	7.30pm	Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.
20th Sept	11.15am	Holy Communion - Trees Nursing Home residents.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 2nd Sept Trinity 14 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>James 1. 17-end / Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i>			
Sunday 9th Sept Trinity 15 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>James 2. 1-17 / Mark 7. 24-end</i>			
Sunday 16th Sept Trinity 16 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>CW</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>James 3. 1-12 / Mark 8. 27-end</i>			
Sunday 23rd Sept Trinity 17 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer <i>BCP</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>James 3. 13-4.3, 7-8a / Mark 9. 30-37</i>			
Sunday 30th Sept Trinity 18 Green	10.30 Benefice Holy Communion St Mary's, Redenhall <i>James 5. 13-end / Mark 9.38-end</i>		

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