

# APRIL 2017



# HAPPY EASTER

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## Ramblings from the Rectory



Yesterday, I watched lots of children playing in church; squealing with laughter and happiness. I saw that, chatted to their happy parents, and smiled inside. I hear so much doom and gloom about the church and the world but at that moment I knew, without a shadow of a doubt, that here is hope. Hope for the future, and hope for now.

Hope is a wonderful thing, perhaps almost as necessary for life as breath. I look forward and I smile. I smile at the thought of Easter eggs and a celebration with food and drink. I'm also looking forward to topping up my tank of hope. Easter is almost here. Just a few more days until 16<sup>th</sup> April. The last few days of Lent and then all the hope of Christmas will be fulfilled. The baby Jesus has grown up and become hope for this world. I'm really looking forward to Easter.

I need to fill up that tank of hope at Easter, because I never know when I'll need it. Hope is essential to my life and I suspect it's the same for all life. In the darkness of Apartheid South Africa, Desmond Tutu described hope as "being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness". I need hope when things go wrong. I need hope when those close to me die or when their marriage falls apart; for when I am depressed or lonely.

Thankfully, I know that the Easter story of new life is guaranteed to fill my tank. I'm not promised lots of money or an easy life, but I am given enough hope to transform whatever life brings with it. I have found that with hope anything is tolerable but without hope even the happiest of times lose their brightness and shine. With hope I have found the good times to be even better and that my joy is deeper.

Then I wondered whether I'm alone to think like this. That led my mind back to lots of chats that I've had. I like to talk to people and I've found that most of us agree on the need for hope. The people I've spoken to have found hope

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in many different places; in their children, in different philosophies, and different religions. I can't comment on those other sources of hope. I can though say that I have found my source of hope in Christianity and that hope has seen me through some difficult times. I commend that hope to you this Easter.

Now that church comes back into my mind again; I see the place buzzing with children, and smile.

Happy Easter, Nigel.

## **NEEDHAM**

### **New - BumbleTea Church - April 1st - 2.30pm**



St Peter's Church, Needham  
Fantastic fun for all ages where a 'hive' of activity takes place including games and chatty time for parents/carers and their children. Youngsters can freely 'buzz' about, and adults can 'bee' themselves over a cuppa.

Refreshments and snacks available, all free of charge. Everybody welcome.

**Dick Turpin: The Myth & the Man** - an illustrated talk by Stephen Poulter.  
**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm - Needham Village Hall.**



Stephen gives a lively and entertaining presentation contrasting the myth about the 'gentleman highwayman' which has grown up over the last 150 years with the true story of one of history's most notorious robbers whose villainous activities brought him as far as Bungay in Suffolk before he was hanged for horse theft at York in 1739.

**Tickets Available:** Harleston Information Plus, 8 Exchange Street,  
**01379 851917.** £5 including free first drink from licensed bar.

# Coffee Morning & Spring Lunch

**1st April**

**Scole  
church**

**11am – 2pm**

**£8**

- \* Quiche / Cheese / Ham
- \* Salads & New Potatoes
- \* Dessert
- \* Tea/Coffee

**Raffle**

**Try Bell-Ringing**

To assist the caterers, please register your interest with Georgie 740 127 or Kay 741 054



**Rev Sue's Clinic**

Scole Church  
Every Monday



**Drop in for a Chat**

from 11am to  
12noon.

# HARLESTON

**Light Lunches** in St John's will be on Tuesday April 18th served from 12 noon at a cost of £5 which includes a pudding.

**Coffee Morning and Cake Stall** is on Saturday 1st April from 9.30 to 11.30am in St John's.

**Chatty Church (Easter)** meets at Harleston, in St John's on Saturday 15th April starting at 2pm. This is for children and their families/carers. Tea, fresh coffee and snacks available, with plenty of chat while the kids enjoy activities and games.

**Dementia Cafe** is at the Swan Hotel, Harleston on Monday 17th April starting at 2pm until 4pm.

**Mothers' Union.** Thursday 6th April, Methodist Hall, 7.30 pm. Our speaker will be Cathy Hembry from Emmaus. She is making a return visit and will be accompanied by two resident companions, who will tell us about some of their experiences and life at Ditchingham. Friends and visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Daphne.

**Stillness, Mindfulness, Meditation.** Free & open to all at the Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston on Wed 5th April and Wed 3rd May at 7.30pm. Contact Nigel for more information (*details back page*).

**Churchwardens.** This year there will be one Central Visitation for the Norfolk Archdeaconry, to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Norwich Cathedral. Registration will commence at 7pm, followed by Admission to Office and Evening Prayer at 7.30pm.

**Evensong at Norwich Cathedral.** This will be on Sunday 30th April at 3.30pm. The preacher will be Revd Canon Nigel Tuffnell and he invites you all to this service followed by tea and cake.

## **New to Scole - Café Church**

Top-up Time?

Every Wednesday from 10am to 11am. Everyone Welcome.





## **BENEFICE OUTING TO CAMBRIDGE** **TUESDAY 9TH MAY**

Road Trip! On 9th May, we're going on a  
benefice outing to Cambridge.

What will we do when we're there?

Anything you like, really:

Cambridge is beautiful, interesting and historic. You could take a tour of King's College Chapel, find the tower Erasmus worked in preparing the foundations of the Reformation, visit the beautiful Botanic Gardens, go punting, have a pint in the Eagle sitting in the spot where Watson and Crick announced their discovery of DNA's structure, or just visit cafés and go shopping. Whatever you choose to do, we will end the day joining the ordinands in Ridley Hall for a short evensong, before returning home.

- Redenhall - Wortwell Bell (9.00 am) and Redenhall Church (9.05 am)
- Harleston - Harleston Bus Stop by War Memorial (9.10am)
- Needham – outside Village Hall (9.20am)
- Brockdish - Brockdish Village Hall (9.25 am)
- Thorpe Abbots - Village Pump (9.30am)
- Billingford - Lay-by by The Horseshoes (9.35 am)
- Scole - Outside Scole Inn (9.40 am)

We will leave Cambridge at 5.30pm to be home approx 7.30pm

***The cost of the coach is £15pp which needs to be paid when booking your seat to your Churchwarden or at the Benefice Office inside St John's Church.***



**Film & Talk (Visit to Bhutan)**  
**by David Quin**

**St John's church, Harleston**  
**Tuesday 2nd May at 7.30pm**

Donations to Asia Link

### **LOOK OUT FOR!**

**Quiz n Chips** - Saturday 20th May.  
St Andrew's, Scole

**Pet Service** - Sunday 11th June  
St Peter's & St Paul's, Brockdish,

**Alley Sale** - Saturday 26th August  
St John's, Harleston,

**Open Churches Week**  
7th - 13th August.

## PLEASE PRAY

### **For those who are preparing to be baptised;**

Noah Bedwell, Charlotte Jackson, Madison French and Milly Cain.

### **For those who are preparing for marriage;**

Peter Thornett & Felicity Hesse, Benjamin Ray & Charmaine Merchant and Matthew Neville & Christine Walker.

*Lord, the source of all true love, we pray for our couples above.*

*Grant to them joy of heart, seriousness of mind and reverence of spirit,  
that as they enter into the oneness of marriage they may be strengthened  
and guided by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**For the Sick:** Joan Bloomfield, Mel & Lyn Veness, Nancy Russell. Derek Walterton, Barbara Mewse, Geoff Bellfield, Sylvia Miller, Diane Clarke, Derek Buttle, Sue Symonds, Dorothy and family, Maude Williams, Maureen Franklin, Maurice Cormack, Camilla, Patricia Woodworth, James, Karen & Mike Rayner, Peggy Stygall, Susan Hartgrove, David Jackson, Joan Mitchell, Peter, Mollie Beckett, Liam Brown, Elizabeth Epps, Geoffrey, Michael Palmer, Dorothy, Lois Bailey, Henry Vines, Johnny Hunt, and for all the residents of Oaklands and The Trees nursing homes.

*Jesus our Healer,*

*we place in your gentle hands those who are sick.*

*Ease their pain, and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit.*

*Be present to them through the support of friends*

*and in the care of doctors and nurses,*

*and fill them with the warmth of your love now and always.*

*from Angela Ashwin: The Book of a Thousand Prayers (Zondervan)*

### **For families or loved ones who have died recently;**

Mark Richmond, Richard (Dick) Pleasants, Kathleen Hengist, Elsie Holland.

## **The Scapegoat - by Revd Tim Rogers**

Scapegoats first appear in the Bible in Leviticus 16, in the laws for the Day of Atonement – a day Jews still remember to this day. On that day, Leviticus tells us that the High Priest is to take two goats: one is immediately sacrificed, and the other – the scapegoat – is sent out into the wilderness after the High Priest has confessed the sins of the people over the goat. In this way, the sins of the people are symbolically carried away and dealt with.

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Other sacrifices are described in the Old Testament (in great detail!) for different purposes, the other main one being the Passover lamb, whose blood, smeared on the doorframes, protects the Israelites from death at the conclusion of the plagues that we can read about in Exodus 12.

As we step into the New Testament, John the Baptist combines both of these ideas when he says (of Jesus) “Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). Good Friday itself takes place in the context of the Passover, and as we read about the crucifixion, we can easily see this motif of transference of blame from the scapegoat in Leviticus – Barabbas the murderer is set free, while Jesus is condemned in his place.

As Christians today we recognise that we have all done wrong things (like Barabbas), and that Jesus was innocent – there is a sense in which Jesus has borne condemnation in our place, and that the resurrection speaks of both Jesus’s innocence (God vindicates the man we condemned) and of God’s forgiveness for us (God did not take vengeance on Pontius Pilate, or anyone else).

The death and resurrection of Jesus we celebrate at Easter sensitise us to our own judgemental nature and our human tendency towards scapegoating – forming unanimous judgements (with summary punishment) against defenceless victims. We have seen this through witch-hunts, racism, sexism, bullying and even in the way senior public figures are blamed for serious problems in their organisation for which they could not have been literally responsible. President Trump’s attempted travel ban for people from Muslim-majority countries is a current example of scapegoating.

Scapegoating is an injustice we should seek to eliminate from our world, and our awareness of the extent of it shows how much work must be done to achieve this. Nonetheless, the *extent* of our awareness is only possible through Easter. It is only through the crucifixion and resurrection that we are able to perceive such injustice. This gives us a hope that our world can and will be made a better place, as we continue to seek justice in the world, and seek to defend those whose voice is so often repressed or ignored.

This Easter, ask yourself if you would have joined the crowd in condemning Jesus. Are there people you judge without really hearing their side of the story?



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## TEACHING TUESDAYS 4TH APRIL AND 2ND MAY

On the 1st Tuesday of every month we have Christian chats in St John's Church over coffee or tea. Informal and free-ranging for all ages, abilities or stages of faith and no questions are barred. 1.45pm on the first Tuesday of each month with Revd Tim Rogers.

## THE REGISTERS FROM 16TH FEBRUARY - 15TH MARCH

### Funerals and Interments.

4th March Interment of Mark Richmond at St Leonard's, Billingford

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

|           |        |   |
|-----------|--------|---|
| Tuesdays  | 9.30am | Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston    |
| Thursdays | 9.15am | Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole |

### HOLY WEEK

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Monday 10th April              | 6.30pm Reading of the Gospel - Brokdish  |
| Tuesday 11th April             | 7.00pm Evening Devotions - Redenhall   |
| Wednesday 12th April           | 7.00pm Evening Devotions - Billingford   |
| Maunday Thursday<br>13th April | 11.00am Chrism Eucharist at Norwich Cathedral<br>6.30pm Holy Communion - Scole<br>6.30pm Holy Communion - Harleston  |
| Good Friday - 14th April       | 10am Walk of Witness - Budgens, Harleston<br>11.00am Devotional Half Hour - Needham<br>12noon Devotional Half Hour - Brockdish<br>1.00pm Devotional Half Hour - Thorpe Abbots<br>2.00pm Devotional Half Hour - Billingford<br>3.00pm Devotional Half Hour - Scole<br>4.00pm Devotional Half Hour - Redenhall<br>6.00pm Stations of the Cross - Harleston |
| Holy Saturday 15th April       | 8.00pm Vigil Service at Norwich Cathedral  |
| Easter Sunrise 16th April      | 6.00am Weybread Pits (Ocean)   |
| Easter Day Services            | See opposite page.   |

## APRIL SERVICES AND READINGS

N.B Psalms - Morning or Evening Prayer only

|   |   |                        |                               |
|---|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>SUN 2ND</b><br><br><b>LENT 5</b>   | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer         | St Leonard's, Billingford     |
|   | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer         | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
|   | 11.00am   | Informal Worship       | St John's, Harleston          |
|   | 11.00am   | Holy Communion         | St Andrew's, Scole            |
|   | 11.00am   | Morning Prayer         | St Peter's, Needham           |
|   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion BCP     | St Mary's, Redenhall          |
| <i>Ezekiel 37.1-14 / Psalm 130 / Romans 8.6-11 / John 11.1-45</i>   |   |                        |                               |
| <b>SUN 9TH</b><br><br><b>PALM</b><br><br><b>SUNDAY</b><br><br><i>Blessing Palms:</i><br><i>Matthew</i><br><i>21.1-11</i>          | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer         | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
|   | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer         | St Peter's, Needham           |
|   | 11.00am   | Morning Prayer         | St Andrew's, Scole            |
|   | 11.00am   | Holy Communion         | St John's, Harleston          |
|   | 6.00pm  | Redenhall joining with | Wortwell Chapel               |
| <i>Isaiah 50.4-9a / Psalm 31.9-16 / Philippians 2.5-11 / Matthew 27.11-54 (plus sermon) / Matthew 26.14-end of 27 (no sermon)</i> |   |                        |                               |
| <b>SUN 16TH</b><br><br><b>EASTER</b><br><br><b>DAY</b>  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion         | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
|   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion         | St Leonard's, Billingford     |
|   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion         | St Mary's, Redenhall          |
|   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion         | All Saints, Thorpe Abbots     |
|   | 11.00am   | Holy Communion         | St John's, Harleston          |
|   | 11.00am   | Holy Communion         | St Andrew's, Scole            |
|   | 11.00am   | Holy Communion         | St Peter's, Needham           |
| <i>Acts 10.34-43 / Colosians 3.1-4 / Matthew 28.1-10</i>  |   |                        |                               |
| <b>SUNDAY 23RD</b><br><br><b>EASTER</b><br><br><b>2</b>   | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer         | St Peter & St Paul's          |
|   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion         | St Peter's, Needham           |
|   | 11.00am   | Holy Communion         | St Andrew's, Scole            |
|   | 11.00am   | Morning Prayer cw      | St Mary's, Redenhall          |
|   | 11.00am   | Morning Worship        | St John's, Harleston          |
|   | 4.30pm  | Celebration Service    | St Andrew's, Scole            |
| <i>Psalm 16 / Acts 2.14a, 22-32 / 1 Peter 1.3-9 / John 20.19-end</i>  |   |                        |                               |
| <b>SUNDAY 30TH</b><br><br><b>EASTER</b><br><br><b>3</b>   | 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion<br>St Mary's, Redenhall<br><i>Acts 2.14a, 36-41 / 1 Peter 1.17-23 / Luke 24.13-35</i> |                        |                               |

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