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Ramblings from the Rectory

Our Vision Day – BNL Article

When Jesus was asked how we should live he said (Matthew 22.36-40), “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

So, all that we do should be focused on helping us to love God more and to show that love more in the way that we care for those around us. This is true for the Church around the world, the Church nationally and the Church here in our country parishes. You may have heard me saying that my only priorities are ‘discipleship’ and ‘mission’. When I do, this is what I am on about. For me, ‘discipleship’ is about learning to love God and ‘mission’ is about learning to love my neighbour. Or as we have expressed it on our website, we are: **Learning to put Jesus first - Sharing love & Good News**

All this can sound simple, it can be written down in only a few words, but discipleship and mission are far from simple when we try to live them. At the Vision Day we will be seeking for ways to help us to be better disciples and to be better able to share God’s love in our town and villages. The town and villages of this benefice each have a different character, as do the churches that serve them. God has made us different, so at the Vision Day the people of each parish will be helped to find ways of discipleship and mission that work for them. We will also be seeking to work together to support one another in this endeavour. The aim is for the people of each parish to come out of the Vision Day with a better idea of what needs to be done for their parish church to flourish.

God loves the people in our town and villages, so we are turning to him to discover his plans that will ensure that his church has a future here.

Who is invited?

As the leaders of their parish I am expecting all **PCC members** to be fully involved and at the Vision Day itself. But PCC members are not the only people who care about the life of their church. Therefore, **everyone** who comes to one of our churches will be invited to be involved.

When and where?

The Vision Day will be on **Sunday 29th January 2017** at Needham Church and Village Hall (see the the Vision Day Plan insert).

What are the details?

Everything that is already in place is described in the Vision Day Plan insert.

God bless,

Nigel.

CLOTHES FOR REFUGEES IN SYRIA AND IRAQ

Donations can be left at my home (*The Rectory, 10 Swan Lane, Harleston IP20 9AN*) in sealed bags and I will forward them on to the coordinator Verona McWhinney. The clothes etc. will be going out with Samara's Aid.

If you want to help, Verona is looking for good

**clean winter clothes shoes, welly boots,
blankets, and sleeping bags.**

They are also short of
children's clothes and shoes, as well as nappies.

Clothes etc. need to get to me by **14th January 2017** at the latest.

Revd Canon Nigel Tuffnell



*Samara's Aid is a UK registered charity
in England & Wales (1112955)*

New opening times for Tuesday Time together. As from the New Year we will be open from 10.30am to 12.30pm in St John's every Tuesday. We have a variety of activities and groups from Informal Singing, Foodbank to Afternoon Sewing and Teaching Tuesday. If you're ever coming to Harleston and thinking of a place to meet then do pop in for coffee, tea and a chat. On the third Tuesday (17th Jan) we serve light lunches from 12noon to 1.30pm for just £4. Sewing group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

We always need help from anyone who can set up the refreshments in the mornings and cover an hour serving, if you would like to help and be added to our rota then just give me a call 01379 851148. God bless, Lucy.

Mothers' Union. Our monthly meetings for 2016 concluded with lunch at Needham Red Lion - fellowship and a delicious meal which was attended by 23 members and friends. Thank you Anne for arranging this for us. Our AGM will be held on Thursday 5th January, when members' yearly subscriptions (£22) are due. This will be followed with a talk by our rector. Revd Canon Nigel Tuffnell. Thank you everyone for your support in 2016, and I wish you all a very happy New Year. With love, Daphne

Teaching Tuesday. Last month a question about the shepherds who visited Jesus led on to the Magi and their probable religion. This led in turn to the Babylonian exile recorded in 2 Kings, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel to name a few — and how this then profoundly shaped Judaism during the time of Jesus. Talk of the exile led to mention of the Medes, Persians, Greeks and Romans and eventually to how a simple statement — 'Jesus is Lord' could, in the first century AD, be a religious *and* political statement. Some understanding of this background can be fun and help us to make more sense of who Jesus was and why he said what he said, which then allows us more usefully to understand his word for today. Discussions are informal and free-ranging, for all ages, abilities or stages of faith, and no questions are barred. 1.45pm on the first Tuesday (*3rd Jan & 7th Feb*) of each month. Tim.

Lighthouse Group. The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th Jan at 1.30pm in the Wortwell Bell. If anyone would like to come to our group which helps us grow in mission and discipleship then just contact the Rector or Lucy (details back page) so we can add you to the reminder list.

Stillness, Mindfulness, Meditation. Free & Open to All at the Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston on Wed 4th Jan and 1st Feb at 7.30pm. Contact Nigel for more information (details back page).

Christian Unity Service is on Sunday 22nd January at 6 for 6.30pm in the Jays Green Centre, Harleston.

Benefice Choir Practice, is on Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th Jan at Scole church starting at 6.30pm. Then again on 24th Jan at Needham Church.

Messy Church is at Scole church on the Saturday 14th Jan starting at 2pm for primary aged school children with their parents. Plenty of activities with refreshments.

Chatty Church is at Harleston in St John's on Saturday 21st Jan starting at 2pm for children and their families/carers. Tea, fresh coffee and snacks with plenty of chat while the kids enjoy activities and games.

PCC, Needham -Tuesday 17th January at 7pm meeting at George & Sylvia's home.

PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Mark Richmond, Barbara Mewse, Geoff Bellfield, Sylvia Miller, Diane Clarke, Derek Buttle, Sue Symonds, Dorothy and family, Maureen Franklin, Maurice Cormack, Camilla, Joyce Rudderham, Patricia Woodworth, James, Karen & Mike Rayner, Peggy Stygall, Susan Hartgrove, David Jackson, Joan Mitchell, Little Thomas, Peter, Mollie Beckett, Liam Brown, Elizabeth Epps, Geoffrey, Michael Palmer, Dorothy and Cyril, Lois Bailey, Henry Vines, Johnny Hunt, and for all the residents of Oaklands and The Trees nursing homes.

For the families and friends of those who have died: Terry Illsley

For shops and businesses, doctors, ambulance crews, police and firefighters in our town and villages.

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THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

- 20th Nov Fredrick Meek at St Andrew's, Scole
- 27th Nov Martha Marie Shreeve. At St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish.

Funerals & Interments

- 17th Nov Doreen Jacob aged 87 who died 29th Oct, West Suffolk Crematorium.
- 21st Nov Brenda Mary Leggett aged 85 who died 31st Oct, St John's, Harleston.
- 23rd Nov Interment of Grace and William Dixon at St Mary's, Redenhall.
- 28th Nov Kathleen May Colbourne aged 102 who died 30th Oct, St John's, Harleston.
- 29th Nov Romona Flatt aged 87 who died 5th Nov, St Mary's, Redenhall and interred in the churchyard.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston
Wednesdays	11.00am	Short Prayer Time - St Andrew's, Scole
Thursdays	9.15am	Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole
	10.00am	Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston
19th Jan	11.15am	Holy Communion - Trees Nursing Home

JANUARY SERVICES AND READINGS

N.B Psalms - Morning or Evening Prayer only

Sun 1st	New Years Day		
White	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
Naming of the Circumcision of Christ	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
Numbers 6.22-end / Psalm 8 / Galatians 4.4-7 / Luke 2. 15-21			
Sun 8th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
Gold or White	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
Epiphany	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
Isaiah 60. 1-6 / Psalm 72.10-15 / Ephesians 3. 1-12 / Matthew 2. 1-12			
Sun 15th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
White	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
Epiphany 2	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	4.00pm	Compline	St Mary's, Redenhall
Isaiah 49. 1-7 / Psalm 40. 1-12/ 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9 / John 1.29-42			
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul's
White	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
Epiphany 3	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
Isaiah 9. 1-4 / Pslam 27.1-11 / 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18 / Matthew 4. 12-23			
Sun 29th	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion followed by Vision Day		
Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Malachi 3. 1-5 / Hewbrews 2.14-end / Luke 2. 22-40		
	White		

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