

JANUARY 2019



HAPPY NEW YEAR

**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

A Happy and Blessed New Year to you all!

I love finding out new things. Thanks to Ian Carstairs I'm learning more about the beautiful and ever changing skies above Harleston. I am always fascinated by science and nature. I want to know more and more. Which is fine because in this amazingly complex world there is always more to learn. Each door opens into a room with a thousand more!

As I look forward to the unfolding of 2019, I am expectant too. I wonder what new things will come. Will they be good or bad? What will happen in our our 7 churches? What will the year bring for the plants in the hedgerow and birds in my garden? What will the new year bring for our Church, our country and our world?

An important New Year word, for me at least, is Epiphany, which one online dictionary defines as “a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.” The feast of Epiphany (6th January) is the time when the Wise Men are remembered as they find insight into the God all powerful from the homely scene of parents with a small child.

I see my creator's work all around me; in the trees, the breeze, and the natural world in all of its complexity, but most of all in the homely love of family and friends. This New Year I pray that we, together, have an insight into the essential meaning of our lives. An Epiphany brought to each of us from discovering the Creator's love, shown in Jesus, and given in “some simple, homely, or commonplace experience.”

God bless you now and throughout the New Year, Nigel.

HARLESTON - ST JOHN'S

Tuesday Informal Singing will restart on Tuesday 15th January at 11am.

Midweek Mingle will restart on Wednesday 9th January at 9.15am

Youth Group restarts Friday 4th January at 3.30pm

Light Lunches are on 15th January at 12noon. £5 including a pudding.

Community Lunches are on 22nd January at 12noon

Lighthouse is on Thursday 3rd January at The Rectory starting 11am.

NEEDHAM - ST PETER'S

Future of St Peter's. A meeting was held on November 29th at the church which was well attended. There is to be a follow up meeting on January 22nd at 7pm in the church to organise rotas for cleaning, flowers etc. Three people have come forward to join the P.C.C. All are welcome to this meeting. Gill Powell and Nigel Tuffnell.

SCOLE - ST ANDREW'S

Toddler Group restarts Wednesday 9th January at 9.15am

BROCKDISH

Quiz & Light Supper £4 (Bring your own drink) is on Saturday 19th January at 7.30pm for 8pm in Brockdish Village Hall. Jan on 01379 668630 to book.

WINTER AND SUMMER CLOTHES

NEEDED FOR REFUGEES IN SYRIA AND IRAQ

Clean clothes, shoes, welly boots for adults and children together with blankets, and sleeping bags.



The clothes need to be in sealed bags and the drop off points will be

**St Andrew's, Scole and St John's, Harleston or
The Rectory, 10 Swan Lane, Harleston IP20 9AN**

Deadline is Monday 21st January

Samaras Aid is a UK registered charity in England & Wales (1112955)

Spiritus by Steve Turner
(from Poems, by Lion Books)

I used to think of you
as a symphony
neatly structured
full of no surprises.
Now I see you as
a saxophone solo
blowing wildly
into the night,
a tongue of fire,
flicking in unrepeatable
patterns.

Lent and Easter Dates 2019

Ash Wednesday March 6th

Lent 10th March - 13th April / Palm Sunday 14th April

Holy Week 15th April to 20th April / Easter 21st April



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Bible Search

Well this time I was looking for passages that speak about 'New Year', 'Celebration', or 'Party' but nothing jumped out at me. Then I spotted 'New Life' and chose this passage below to share. Isn't it wonderful to know that there is new life not from our understanding but from something far more powerful than any of us. Now that is some thing to celebrate and party over, knowing that we could be touched at any time by God, through Jesus. Lucy.



Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3: 1-8)

There was a man named Nicodemus who was a Pharisee and a Jewish leader. One night he went to Jesus and said, "Sir, we know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you."

Jesus replied, "I tell you for certain that you must be born from above before you can see God's kingdom!"

Nicodemus asked, "How can a grown man ever be born a second time?"

Jesus answered:

I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit. Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God. Don't be surprised when I say that you must be born from above. Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.

John 3.1-8 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

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Notice

Both Coffee Mornings in Scole and Harleston will be cancelled in January.

Harleston restarts February 2nd

Scole restarts March 2nd

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jean Roper, Lyn Veness, Maurice & Frances Cormack.

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 back page).

Also please pray for our Friday Youth Group, Chatty Church and Midweek Mingle in Harleston and our Toddler Group in Scole especially the volunteers who run the groups and the families and children who come to enjoy the welcome and making new friendships in our churches.

THE REGISTERS FROM 13TH NOVEMBER TO 12TH DECEMBER

Funerals and Interments

- 21st Nov Sylvia Coleman at St Andrew's, Scole.
23rd Nov Steven Mouncer at St John's, Harleston.
30th Nov Robert Lambert at St Andrew's, Scole followed by a burial in the churchyard.
10th Dec Michael Ransome at St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish.
11th Dec Jacqueline Brunning at Waveney Crematorium who lived in Brockdish.

Baptisms

- 22nd Nov Ethan James Longhurst at St Andrew's, Scole

BENEFICE WEEKDAY SERVICES AND OTHER PRAYERS

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| Tuesdays | 9.30am | Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston. |
| Weds | 7.30pm | Christian Meditation in the Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston |
| 2nd Jan | | |
| 14th Feb | 6.30pm | Benefice Compline at Thrope Abbots Church |
| Thursdays | 9.15am | Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole. |
| | 10.00am | Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston. |
| 17th Jan | 11.15am | Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents. |
| Sundays | 4.30pm | Benefice Prayers at Needham Church |

JANUARY SERVICES AND READINGS

SUNDAY 6TH Epiphany White or Gold	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 3. 1-12 / Matthew 2. 1-12</i>			
SUNDAY 13TH Epiphany 2 White	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Acts 8. 14-17 / Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22</i>			
SUNDAY 20TH Epiphany 3 White	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
	4.00pm	Compline	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>1 Corinthians 12. 1-11 / John 2. 1-11</i>			
SUNDAY 27TH Epiphany 4 White	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>1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a / Luke 4. 14-21</i>			



Look Out For
Thorpe Abbots
Annual Quiz Night
February 23rd.

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