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Ramblings from the Rectory

July 2017



There has been so much bad news over the last weeks and months. I have spoken about these and done what I can to help, but I do not want to reflect further on these events here. I think good news is called for and I have two really good news stories to celebrate.

The first cause for celebration is Tim's ordination to the priesthood. Tim, our wonderful curate, had already been ordained as a deacon. 'Deacon' means servant in Greek and Tim's ministry has been that of a servant of Christ and a servant of Christ's people. That servant ministry will remain as a foundation for Tim's ministry as it now takes on more of the character of leadership. A priest is a leader of Christ's people as well as their servant. This is a huge privilege and responsibility and I am sure that, with the Spirit's help, Tim will be worthy of his calling. The ordination service puts it like this:

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters (priests), they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

The second cause for celebration is the recognition of Archbishop Sancroft High School (ASHS) as an OUTSTANDING church school. All church schools have two types of inspection, both required by law. One is the well known Ofsted inspection and the other is the SIAMS inspection. They are very similar in their rigour and intensity. SIAMS stands for Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. SIAMS doesn't just look at RE and Collective Worship. Every aspect of the school is considered to see whether or not it's distinctive Christian values are lived out in every part of the school's life, including how it is run, and managed. SIAMS inspectors look for clear evidence of the school's values

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improving academic results, and for evidence of a positive impact on those around, including parents, the community and the local church. As you can imagine, being awarded OUTSTANDING is a huge achievement, one we should all be proud of on behalf of our school.

Here are a few quotes from the report:

The school's Christian ethos is valued by all members of the school community, and has a significant positive impact on behaviour, relationships and attitudes to learning.

Its clear and embedded Christian ethos is at the heart of the life and work of Archbishop Sancroft High School (ASHS). Jesus' promise in John 10:10 of 'life in all its fullness' takes pride of place in the school

The headteacher is an outstanding Christian role model and, with his whole staff team, clearly has a hugely significant impact on relationships being of the highest quality throughout the school.

...the school (is) an inclusive 'family' in which pupils of all ability levels and backgrounds are known well as individuals, are cared for and supported, and are given the very best opportunities. In turn, these values underpin the excellent relationships between pupils that are evident throughout the school and impacts positively on their very good personal development and wellbeing. They are shown in daily school life, in outstanding pupil behaviour and attitudes.

Christian character and values since the last denominational inspection is seen in how successfully aspirations have been raised and developments have been driven. Examination results over time show that this is a strong and improving school. Pupils make good progress across all subject areas, with all cohorts in the school on track to meet or exceed national expectations for progress.

RE makes a very significant contribution to pupils' appreciation of diversity and differences of belief within Christianity and in other faith communities, including opportunities to explore Christianity as a multicultural, worldwide faith.

The full SIAMS report is available from the school website:

<http://www.ashs.org.uk/> or [http://www.ashs.org.uk/docs/Archbishop Sancroft High School SIAMS Report 2017 1 2.pdf](http://www.ashs.org.uk/docs/Archbishop_Sancroft_High_School_SIAMS_Report_2017_1_2.pdf)

For August I hope to have good news for you about the Church Army Centre for Mission starting in Harleston. But until then, have a great July.

God bless, Nigel.

NEEDHAM



A great bumper pack of arts and crafts donated to BumbleTea at Needham Church from Harleston Funeral Care

Last month there were plenty of Lion faces made with the theme of Daniel and the Lions. The kids loved the whole afternoon. The next one is on Saturday **15th July at 2pm**. So do come and have a cuppa while the kids freely buzz about. All free of charge. Everybody welcome!



A warm welcome to join us on
Saturday 29th July
At St Leonard's Church, Billingford
10 am – 4pm
Refreshments include;
Coffee, Tea, Cakes, Bacon Rolls .
Stalls include;
Books, Cards and Crafts.
With a Prize Draw too!

Redenhall Deanery Prayer Pilgrimage with Bishop Jonathan is on Thursday 6th July 2017. Please see the timetable at the back of your church and join us!

Deanery SYNOD will be meeting at St Mary's, Ditchingham at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th July

Thank you to The Friends of St. Mary's team for arranging the "Windjammers" Concert. A very enjoyable evening, and very good value! I hope to hear them again one day.
Sheila

SCOLE

Savoury, Coffee and Cake Morning is on Saturday 1st July in Scole Church from 10am to 12noon: come and enjoy home made sausage rolls, cheese scones and home baked cake along with coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.



All are Welcome to our Summer Messy Church Party Saturday 8 July at 2pm in Scole Church.

This activity and craft-based 'get-together' is for children under the age of twelve with their parents or carers. Come and enjoy food, songs, games, fun, story, craft and other activities. Sue - 01379 740325

Annual Evening of Prayer and Praise is Monday 10 July, at 7 pm, in Scole Church. All are welcome to sing hymns old and new.

Details for the Ritz Style Afternoon Tea: Saturday 22nd July at 3pm in St. Andrew's Church, Scole. Selection of sandwiches, savouries and fancy cakes. Tea or Coffee. Cost £10 per person, tickets from Georgie 740127 or Carol 742713.

HARLESTON

Coffee Morning and Cake Stall at St John's is on Sat 1st July, 9.30 to 11.30am

Tuesday Lunches in St. John's. We have 3 teams who provide a two course lunch on 3rd Tuesday of each month. We do need some help, as some people have moved on for various reasons. It would be good if we could have help to cook and serve one month in three. or to cook and leave in the kitchen after 10.30 on the day. If you can offer any help at all, please ring Sheila on 01379 852762

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

If you like singing but don't want to be in a choir then do come to our informal singing group that meets every Tuesday morning from 11am. Refreshments available from 10.30am. Stephanie 01379 852527

Chatty Church meets at Harleston, in St John's on Saturday 15th July 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.

Talking Funerals - St John's, Harleston. Last month one of the funeral ladies popped in to St John's for a cuppa and quite a few were asking about funerals but the lady really had no time to chat about it due to lunches being served that day. So with some wanting to know a little more I have asked Natalie from Harleston Funeral Care if she would could come in on **Tuesday 11th July at 12.30pm** just when informal singing is finishing. If you would like to ask any questions do mark the date in your diary. God bless, Lucy.

GORGEOUS GREEN

Summer is bursting with the colour green. It's a big contrast to the bare stillness of winter, when everything rests. Find out why green is a special colour in the church as well.

One of the joys of summer is the explosion of green everywhere, even in cities. Dark green pine trees, soft green grass for picnics, tender green leaves that get darker through the summer.

Next time you're out and about as a family, see how many different green things you can count, and maybe even collect a few things to take home and press inside a heavy book. Pressed leaves and flowers can make beautiful pictures. You can even use them to create home-made cards for birthdays and other celebrations.



Summer is a wonderful time for planting too. Try planting seeds or bulbs with your child to see how they can grow when they're fed and watered. Amaryllis bulbs grow fast and have beautiful big flowers, which children will love. If you want to grow something to eat, why not try rocket, which can be harvested as soon as four weeks after planting?

The church will probably feature a lot of green fabric over the summer. During this time, Christians just get on with growing in our life with God, like the plants are doing. And like the plants, to grow, we need feeding spiritually. Praying is a great way to feed our growing faith.

Long summer days and nights can be a good time for prayers. Start with something as simple as saying thank you to God for something you're really grateful for, or asking for God's peace at bedtime each night.

Saying Thank You:

God the Father, who made us, we thank you.

God the Son, who saved us, we thank you.

God the Spirit, who holds us in love, we thank you.

God, who is everywhere, thank you for being you.

Bedtime:

God, who is like a mother hen watching over her chicks,

Keep me under your warm wings as I sleep.

Send me good dreams.

And help me wake up ready for another day.

THE REGISTERS FROM 18TH MAY -14TH JUNE

Funerals and Interments.

- 20th May Kyle Warren who was interred in St John's, Harleston.
- 22nd May Brian Cunliffe who died 29th April aged 78, St Faith's Crematorium and used to live in Scole.
- 2nd June Jackie Hoekstra who was interred in St Andrew's, Scole
- 8th June Joan Bloomfield who died 11th May aged 92, St Andrew's, Scole
- 14th June Hazel Blogg who died 25th May aged 94, St Andrew's, Scole followed by a burial in the churchyard.

Baptisms

- 28th May Josiah Benedict Daniel Rogers at St John's, Harleston

Weddings.

- Peter Thornnett & Felicity Hesse on 27th May, St Mary's, Redenhall
- Benjamin Ray & Charmaine Merchant on 3rd June, St Mary's, Redenhall

ANON STREET TEAM - NORWICH

Helping the homeless of Norwich, UK

We are a group of people that have been helping the homeless since 2013 and out doing the opsafewinter (which can be checked on the event, if you go back in time). More and more people are becoming homeless and are having to sleep on the streets and we are seeing the numbers rise with new faces.

We are out every Sunday, we have volunteers but need funding and donations to keep us going.

We aim to raise as much money as we can, so we can help with providing everyday items that are needed. Most of us take for granted toothpaste, toothbrushes etc, whereas the homeless get such things as and when people donate.

We cook hot food and take it to the centre of the city. Most of the cost comes out of the volunteers pocket and therefore donations would be helpful, to help us provide a more varied menu. This will also help us to give food items for them to take away and eat at a later time.

We always welcome donations and we have so many people give us donations, which is very much appreciated and this helps us to provide how and cold food, snacks for the homeless to take away, toiletries and bags to give out on the streets for those that can not make it to the Haymarket on a Sunday night.

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We currently do not have any meat donations, we use mainly mincemeat, sausages and chicken, but of course will use any other meat donated to us. This is a list of the main stuff we use, but anything will be used to help the homeless.

Shower gel, wet wipes, toothpaste, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner and deodorant.

Socks, Boots/trainers sizes 7-11 and Underwear.

Dog food and Dog coats.

Drinks, bottled/carton, Rice, Pasta, pasta sauces, Chilli and curry sauces
Any tinned veg and/or fruit, tinned tomatoes, kidney beans, tuna, sandwich spreads, jam, peanut butter any other sandwich fillers.

**If you are every visiting Norwich do pop your donation in to the
The Jewellery Stall, Haymarket, Norwich**

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[Anonstreetteamnorwichukhelpingthehomeless/](https://anonstreetteamnorwichukhelpingthehomeless/)

<https://anonstreetteamnorwichuk.wordpress.com/>



Student Christian Movement
Giving our all

Bible Reading - Luke 10: 25-27 & Philippians 2: 5-8

Reflection

When I think of the word 'giving' I usually think about giving money to a charity, giving a bit of my time or maybe giving something up. But during Easter this year, I've been struck again by the fact that Jesus gave his ALL for us. Paul says he "made himself nothing". He gave his all for us.

My parents used to have a magnet on their fridge that said 'if God is your co-pilot swap seats'. This confused me for years because I thought it was a good thing to have God there as my co-pilot, doing this journey of life together. But I've realised that if I keep God as only my co-pilot, I'm trying to keep ultimate control over my life and only giving God the parts I'm willing to surrender or the parts I think He can deal with.

Jesus gave His all for me and for you. His sacrifice is the ultimate example of self-giving love. What would it look like to give our all back to Him? Jesus tells us that the two most important commandments are to love God with all of ourselves and then to love our neighbour as ourselves. Giving ourselves to God helps us to then give of ourselves in service to others.

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Practical Action

This past month, so many of us have been amazed and grateful for the countless examples of people giving of themselves in response to the horrific attack in Manchester. We heard stories of people giving blood, giving their homes so that people had a place to stay, giving lifts to take people home, giving time to meet to pay their respects and remember, giving hugs or smiles in order to "choose love". We see something of God and His self-giving love in these acts of giving.

Giving will look different for each one of us depending on our situations. Reflect this week on Jesus giving His all for you. Ask Him to help you surrender, giving yourself to Him completely in response. Are there things you are holding back from Him, trying to control yourself? Ask Him also to help you see opportunities to give of yourself to love your neighbour this week.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we cannot fully comprehend what you sacrificed for us. But we praise and thank you this day. Help us not to hold on to our own control, our own ways and desires, only giving back to you in part, but to give our all to you, loving you our God with all of our hearts, all of our souls, all of our strength and all of our minds. Help us to see and act on opportunities to give ourselves in loving others. Amen

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Thank you to the SCM for allowing to share their Devotionals.

God bless Lucy

Teaching Tuesdays 4th July. On the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1.45pm 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, led by Revd Tim Rogers. Please note no Teaching Tuesday in August, meeting again 5th September.

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

Rev Sue's Clinic for all pastoral questions about life is every Monday in Scole Church from 11am to 12pm. Do drop in for a chat.



Look Out For

Revd Tim Roger's Ordination on Saturday 1st July
 7churches Benefice Service at Billingford on 30th July 10.30am
 Hexachordia Concert at St Mary's, Redenhall 2nd Sept at 6pm

PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: John and Elizabeth Croxson, Baby Bailey Elton, Little Max 2yoa, Little Thomas, Alison Goddard, Sylvia Colman, Annie, Lyn Veness, Nancy Russell. Derek Walterton, Geoff Bellfield, 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, 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.

For families of loved ones who died recently;

Joan Bloomfield and Hazel Blogg from Scole, John Oberhoffer and Betty Wells from Harleston.

For couples who are preparing for marriage; Nathan Benn & Helen Cobbin on 8th July and Philip Howell & Katrina Palmer on 22nd July (all are getting married at St Mary's, Redenhall).

For those to be baptised; Georgia and Ethan Overton 29th July at Harleston.

For our families and children who come to our Bright Sparks on Sundays, BumbleTea, Messy and Chatty Church on Saturdays and especially for our volunteer family leaders who work hard organising these activities for them to do.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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| Tuesdays | 9.30am | Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston |
| Weds | 10.00am | Cafe Church - St Andrew's, Harleston. |
| Thursdays | 9.15am | Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole |
| | 10.00am | Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston |
| 12th July | 10.30am | Short informal Service - Malthouse Court, Harleston |
| 20th July | 11.15am | Holy Communion - Trees Nursing Home, Harleston. |



JULY SERVICES AND READINGS

N.B Psalms - Morning or Evening Prayer only

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| SUNDAY 2ND 3 Trinity GREEN | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Leonard's, Billingford |
| | 9.30am | Morning Prayer (Patronal) | 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 (Patronal) | St Peter's, Needham |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion BCP | St Mary's, Redenhall |
| Jeremiah 28.5-9 / Psalm 89.8-18 / Romans 6.12-end / Matthew 10.40-end | | | |
| Brockdish - Acts 12.1-11 / Psalm 125 / 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18 / Matthew 16.13-19 | | | |
| Needham - Acts 12.1-11 / Psalm 125 / 1 Peter 2.19-end / Matthew 16.13-19 | | | |
| SUNDAY 9TH 4 Trinity GREEN | 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 | Morning Prayer | St Andrew's, Scole |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | St John's, Harleston |
| | 6.00pm | Redenhall joining with | Wortwell Chapel |
| Nehemiah 1 / Psalm 145.8-15 / Romans 7.15-25a / Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end | | | |
| SUNDAY 16TH 5 Trinity GREEN | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
| | 9.30am | Morning Prayer | St Leonard's, Billingford |
| | 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 CW | St Mary's, Redenhall |
| Nehemiah 2 / Psalm 65 [or 65.8-end / Romans 8.1-11 / Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 | | | |
| SUNDAY 23RD 6 Trinity GREEN | 9.30am | Morning Prayer | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
| | 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 |
| Nehemiah 5.1-13 / Psalm 86.11-end / Romans 8.12-25 / Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43 | | | |
| SUNDAY 30TH 7 Trinity GREEN | 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion -Saint Leonard's, Billingford 1 Kings 3.5-12 / Romans 8.26-end / Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52 6.00pm Evening Prayer (patronal), St Mary's, Redenhall Psalm 45.10-end / Galatians 4.4-7 / Luke 1.46-55 | | |

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