

JULY 2019



Newsletter

**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

I am currently on Sabbatical until mid-September. A Sabbatical is partly a time to step back and take stock of ministry; my own and that of the local churches that I care for. It is a time to recharge the batteries, and it is a time to study. I have chosen to study and reflect upon the work of two people who have long inspired me, George Fox and Anthony De Mello. To give you a taste of my exploration I have copied a few quotations for you below. Enjoy!

God bless,

Nigel.

George Fox - Founder of the Religious Society of Friends (1624 - 1691)

"This is the word of the Lord God to you all, and a charge to you all in the presence of the living God: Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you go, so that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them. Then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one. Thereby you can be a blessing in them and make the witness of God in them bless you. Then you will be a sweet savour and a blessing to the Lord God."

"Be still and cool in your own mind and spirit from your own thoughts, and then you will feel the principle of God to turn your mind to the Lord God, from whom life comes; whereby you may receive his strength and power to allay all blusterings, storms, and tempests."

Anthony de Mello - Jesuit Priest, Teacher and Story Teller (1931 - 1987)

"Prayer is to be made less with the head than with the heart. Most priests and religious equate prayer with thinking. That is their downfall."

"The Lord says, "Be still and know that I am God." Modern man (and woman) is unfortunately plagued by a nervous tension that makes it almost impossible for them to be quiet. If they want to learn to pray they must first learn to be still, to quieten themselves. In fact, this very quietness and stillness frequently becomes prayer when God manifests himself in the form of stillness."

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One of his stories: "A preacher put this question to a class of children; "If all the good people were black and all the bad people were white, what colour would you be? Little Mary Jane replied, "Reverend, I'd be streaky!"

Followed by: "A man was looking for a good church to attend and he happened to enter one in which the congregation and the preacher were reading from their prayer book. They were saying, "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done." The man dropped into a seat and sighed with relief as he said to himself, "Thank goodness, I've found my crowd at last."

Scole - St Andrew's



Ritz Style Afternoon Tea



3pm

Saturday 27th July

St Andrew's Church, Scole

Put on your 'Glad Rags' and come and enjoy
homemade sandwiches, savouries, pastries,
scones and scrumptious cakes with tea or coffee.

£10/person

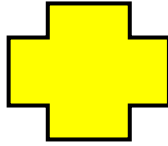
Tickets: Kay 01379 741054 - Georgie 740127 - Carol 742713

Coffee Morning Saturday 6th July 10am - 12 noon; come and enjoy
homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with
coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.

Evening Service of Prayer and Praise: Monday 15 July, 7 pm Scole.

Please contact Lynda Mansfield 01379 740401 to choose your favourite
hymns to sing in the service.

The word 'QUIZ!' is rendered in a 3D, blocky font with a red-to-white gradient and a drop shadow.



Quiz and Chips Night

St Andrew's, Scole

Saturday 13 July. 6.30 pm for 7pm.

Book a place (team or no team) to enjoy cod, chicken, sausages or spring rolls and chips, with a light-hearted quiz, for £10. Bring your own glasses and drinks. Contact Sue on 740325 to book a place and order your meal.

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3PM

ST JOHN'S, HARLESTON

Event will last about 90 Minutes.

Sunday
21st July

Friday
**9th
August**

Sunday
**18th
August**

Harleston - St John's

**Tuesday Informal
Singing** is every Tuesday
from 11.00am to 12noon.
Refreshments available.

Summer Light Lunches
are on Tuesday 16th July
at 12noon. £5 including a
pudding.

Community Lunches are
on Tuesday 23rd July at
12noon. No set charge
but donations welcome.

Family Service (Informal)
is every 1st Sunday (7th
July) at 11am with
children's craft, live
music and much more.

Chatty Church for
families, with activities,
crafts and a short

talk/story, Saturday 15th July at 2pm with snacks and refreshments. This is every 3rd Saturday in St John's Church, Harleston.



Redenhall Abseil 2019

Saturday 20th July

We are delighted to welcome you to abseil down the tower of
St Mary's, Redenhall,

If you're feeling intrepid and would like to combine a fun afternoon with
fundraising for a great cause, this this is for you!

There are slots available for the abseil from 10.30am to 5.30pm.

Book yours now on 01603 620 051 norwich@christian-aid.org

<https://abseil2019.eventbrite.co.uk>



Roof Fundraiser

Sunday 28th July

starting with a 10.30am service



St Leonard's, Billington

Captain Trevor Clarke from Church Army will be our speaker.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service.

We then extend an invitation to join us
(even if you cant make the service)

at 12 o'clock to enjoy a

Savoury Finger Buffet

Selection of Desserts

Hot & cold drinks

**Followed by entertainment by
Pat Rayford, musician/singer at 1pm**

Please bring a garden chair so that you can enjoy the
buffet outside if the weather is kind
if not seating will be in the church.

**As this is a fundraiser for our roof
the tickets for the buffet lunch will cost £10.**

Contact Sue 01379 740837 or Georgina 01379 740759

So I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks. Which one of you fathers would give your hungry child a snake if the child asked for a fish? Which one of you would give your child a scorpion if the child asked for an egg? As bad as you are, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. But your heavenly Father is even more ready to give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks.

WELCOME TO THE EXCLUDED - Mark 1:40-45

Reflection

This story doesn't begin with "fitting in", for the leper doesn't 'fit in' by definition. What the Bible calls "leprosy" (Hansen's Disease) wasn't always leprosy, but visible skin diseases that clearly made people nervous at a time when little was understood about them and fear of contagion was high. Lepers had to remain outside towns where necessities such as food were left out.

This is surely the epitome of marginalisation, and perhaps the story gives us just a glimpse of what life might feel like for immigrants, or for people whose sexuality has to be kept secret in their culture of origin today.

The leper knows Jesus is able to heal him, but he is uncertain whether he will get a sympathetic hearing. Clearly he is used to people shunning him for he says "if you want to...". Jesus' response is twofold – he is deeply moved by the man's isolation and illness, and then comes an active response that leads to the man's chance to be re-welcomed within society.

The conclusion is that instead of being excluded from normal family life, work, and synagogue, this man is now whole in body and in relationships of many different kinds.

For us, there would seem to be three types of response:

Certainly prayer – for all who experience exclusion for whatever reason, letting our hearts respond to the plight of marginalisation;

Practical Action

Is a small financial gift to an appropriate agency possible? (Leprosy Mission from this passage, but other agencies have similar roles in different situations);

Reflecting on the experience of exclusion affecting people around us and, perhaps, doing something in the coming few weeks to bring down a barrier another person is experiencing.

Prayer

Loving and Holy God, as we remember the unconditional acceptance offered by Jesus to children, women, the sick and those outside his own religion and culture, help us to see where we can make even a small difference in a lonely or isolated life.

Written by Revd Dr Rosalind Selby,

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Written by an 8 year old from Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. I just wonder if any of us could do as well?

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

-- By Danny Dutton

THE REGISTERS - 13TH APRIL TO 12TH MAY 2019

Weddings

25th May - Sam Clifford and Janine Pears at St Mary's, Redenhal

1st June - David Neeve and Christine Kingwell at St Mary's, Redenhall

8th June - David Payne and Danielle Mais at St John's, Harleston

Funerals and Interments

22nd May - Ellen Sheldrake interred in St Mary's, Redenhall Churchyard.

30th May - Elsie White at St John's Harleston

6th June - Celia Welsh at St John's, Harleston

20th May - June Alice Baldwin at St Faiths Crematorium

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jane Debenham, Ken Deighton, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Jean Roper, Lyn Veness, Maurice & Frances Cormack and Paul With.

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 the family and friends of Robin Rampley who has recently died.

	7churches Benefice Services	
	Pet Service	
	St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish 7th July 3pm	
	BCP Said Holy Communion	
	St John's Thursdays 4th & 18th July 10am	
	Celebration Service	
	St Andrew's, Scole Sunday 28th July 4.30pm	
	Compline	
	St Leonard's, Billingford Thursday 8th August 6.30pm	
	Christian Meditation	
	Restarts in 9th October	

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Weds 11th July	7.30pm	Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.
Thursdays	9.15am 10.00am	Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole. Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.

JULY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

SUNDAY 7TH Trinity 3 Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship/Baptism	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	3.00pm	Pet Service	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	4.30pm	Benefice Prayers	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Galatians 56. 7-16 / Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20</i>			
SUNDAY 14TH Trinity 4 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Benefice Prayers	St Peter's, Needham
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Colossians 1. 1-14 / Luke 10. 25-37</i>			
SUNDAY 21ST Trinity 5 Green	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
	4.30pm	Benefice Prayers	St Peter's, Needham
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Colossians 1. 15-28 / Luke 10. 38-42</i>			
SUNDAY 28TH Trinity 6 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	St Mary's, Redenhall
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Colossians 2.6-15 / Luke 11. 1-13</i>			



My Mum was teaching first Holy Communion class and a child asked her "how many communions do you need to do before you've eaten the whole of Jesus"

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PET SERVICE



**Sunday 7th July
3.00pm**



Brockdish Church

All kinds of pets welcome



**All Creatures
Great and Small!**



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Pets to be on leads,
or in suitable pens/cages.



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