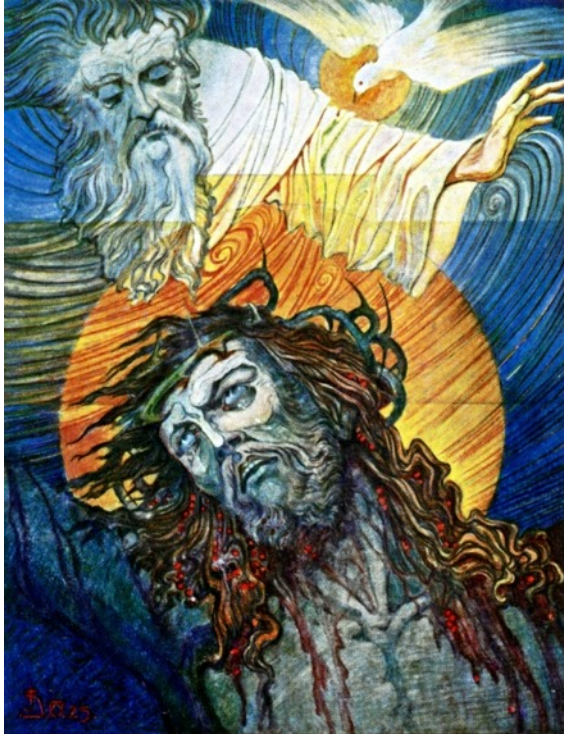


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Ramblings from the Rectory

As I write this I am very much involved in preparing to celebrate weddings in our churches. Weddings are wonderful celebrations and it is a real privilege to walk alongside a couple as they take this step of faith; faith in one another as well as in God. Church weddings, along with weddings in general, are not so much in decline as they were a few years ago, but their purpose has changed. Almost all couples that come to see me are wanting to make a further step of commitment in their relationship. Very few are beginning a relationship together. This marks a change in the way that our society in general views relationships and sexuality.

This change is a challenge to the church. Are we to engage with these new attitudes or are we to retreat into a world of Christian holiness? Am I to celebrate with these couples coming to me, or condemn them for not following traditional church teaching about marriage? My view is that I should get involved, and celebrate the tentative step of faith that has brought these couples to me. I also believe that we in the Church must get far more involved with the debate or the world will move on without us.

We have thousands of years of wisdom and tradition to share, but so often we either keep quiet or we hurl insults from the safety of the church walls. We have a tradition that says that the best place for sex is within an exclusive relationship between two people. Society may change but the reality of that truth does not. We have sacred texts that talk about how two lives can be woven together, and that this can be a way to discover our oneness with God. We have texts that talk about equality and love (passionate and practical).

So we have much to add to the debate. Much to add to help people today as they search for what is right in a changing world. But perhaps the greatest thing that we have to offer is a way of approaching this search. We have wisdom which says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God" (1 John 4.7). There is wisdom here which says that we should conduct our whole lives within this way of love. This includes our sexuality, but also our arguments about sexuality.

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We may disagree; in fact we are almost certain to disagree. However, if we continue to love then we are able to listen and respect one another, even in disagreement. We can search for the right way without tearing ourselves apart.

We have wisdom which says, "If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar" (1 John 4.19). This is a truth that the Church of England is not always good at living out. But after the mess we got into over women bishops, and our very confused response to gay marriage, I see signs that we are starting to search again for a more Biblical way to conduct our business.

We have all this wisdom locked away, it is time that we were more loving, more generous in our sharing of all that God has given to us.

God bless, Nigel.

Saturday 1st July at 2.30pm will be the ordination of Revd Tim Rogers at Norwich Cathedral. Do come along and support him if you can. We can't believe he will have been here for a whole year with Sarah and the boys and they even had time to add another boy, Josiah, to their brood!



Training Evening - Tuesday 6th June - 6.30pm

For reading in church, leading intercessions, setting up for Communion and serving etc. Also, a chance to ask questions. This is for the whole benefice and will take place in St John's Church

THORPE ABBOTTS

Community Event with Bring & Share on Sunday 2nd July at the Village Pump in Thorpe Abbots as the Pink Tractors race through at 12noon.

Compline. on Thursday 15th June there will be an evening compline at All Saints, Thorpe Abbots followed by refreshments. This will be held alternatively on the first Thursday of each month with St Leonard's, Billingford.

BROCKDISH



Pet Service

All type of pets welcome.
All creatures great and small!

Sunday 11th June 3.00pm
Brockdish Church

Parking for all types of transport. Pets to be on leads, or in suitable pens/cages.

For more information contact Rev Sue 01379 740325



Quiz & Light Supper

Saturday 1st July 2017

(Bring your own drink)

7.30pm for 8pm start
Brockdish Village Hall.

Bookings £4: Jan 01379 668630

NEEDHAM

BumbleTea Church - Saturdays 3rd June and 15th July at, 2pm in 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!

Coffee Morning with cakes and raffle etc is on Tuesday 6th June at the Red Lion, Needham starting at 10am.

SCOLE

Savoury, Coffee and Cake Morning is on Saturday 3rd June 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

On Monday 10 July, at 7 pm, there is **the 'Annual Evening of Prayer and Praise** in Scole Church. All are welcome to sing hymns old and new - please let Lynda have your choices of worship songs and hymns which you would like to be included.



Prayer Box in Scole Church: If you would like the ministers to pray for you or anyone or anything you are concerned about, please write the details on a prayer paper and leave it in the secure box on the left as you enter the main church.

REDENHALL

SIR ARNOLD WESKER'S "ROOTS"

Sunday 11th June at 2.00pm

Readings from Acts 1, 2 and 3 by familiar faces from local amateur dramatics groups followed at **3.30pm - 5.00pm** by

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM

Beck Cottage at Redenhal where the idea for "Roots" originated

Tickets: £7 for both events £5 for Strawberries and Cream only

On sale in advance May 8th - June 8th

Brenda 01379 852572 brendalegrys@gmail.com or Valarie01379 853120 valeriebarrell@hirsts.me.uk . Proceeds for maintenance of St. Mary's



Wortwell House Group meets every month (Thursdays 1st June and 6th July) at the Wortwell Bell at 1pm. For more information about this group contact Revd Nigel Tuffnell.

HARLESTON

Coffee Morning and Cake Stall is on Saturday 3rd June from 9.30 to 11.30am in St John's.

Light Summer Lunches in St John's will be on Tuesday 20th June served from 12 noon at a cost of £5 which includes a pudding.

Chatty Church meets at Harleston, in St John's on Saturday 17th June 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.

Mothers' Union. No one has come forward to take over as branch leader after I step down, and from feedback which I have received it has become clear that some members do not wish for us to continue into the Autumn, and therefore the decision has now been made to close the branch at our meeting on 1st June. I realize that this is a sad outcome, but I do hope that all members and friends will be able to come to this meeting (7.30 pm, Methodist Hall), when Rev'd Nigel will be joining us to talk about how, at some future date, we might give thanks and celebrate the work and witness of the branch during many years, and for happy times shared, and then to lead us in the closure prayers, With love, Daphne.

Summer Concert by Harleston Choral Society is on Saturday 17th June in St John's, Harleston starting at 7.30pm. Tickets from the Harleston Information Plus or on the door.

Lighthouse Group is meeting Thursday 15th June at 1pm in St John's Church. This group is now meeting quarterly to help bring mission and discipleship into our community. Anyone is welcome to join us.



Teaching Tuesdays 6th June and 4th July

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 Benefice Broadcasting Company Players
Invite you to a live performance of

LET THEM EAT CAKE



An Anglo French Light Comedy By Brian Wright

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

St John's Church, Harleston

7.30 PM

Tickets £7

includes a plate of French food and a glass of wine.

To book call:

Diane 01379 853825 or Brian 01379 853660

Proceeds towards the Ministry serving our Communities.

Redenhall Deanery Prayer Pilgrimage with Bishop Jonathan

Thursday 6th July 2017

We're going to spend a day praying for our Deanery –

its parishes, its people, its homes and churches, its shops and schools,
its pubs and parks, its care-homes and hospitals, its markets and factories,
its fields and forests and farms.

Let's journey around the Deanery stopping at various places to meet people,
to listen and to pray. Themes from the Lord's Prayer will underpin our day. The
Bishop will be leading us throughout and would love people to walk with him on this
prayer pilgrimage. He warmly invites you to accompany him!

Time	Place	Description
9.30am - 10.20am	Redgrave and Lopham Fen Joined by children from Lopham Primary School	Morning Prayer (visitor centre) followed by a short walk in the nature reserve
10.30am- 11.30am	Morrisons, Diss	Tour of the store followed by coffee
11.45am - 12.15pm	Culrose House Nursing Home, Dickleburgh	Tour and meet people
12.45pm - 1.45pm	Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston	Midday Prayer (Prayer Space) followed by lunch
2pm - 2.45pm	Ditchingham Hospital	Tour and meet people
3pm - 3.45	Pennoyer Centre, Pulham St. Mary	Coffee
4.15pm - 5.45pm	The Fighting Cocks, Winfarthing 5pm: The Fighting Cocks, Winfarthing	Tour of farm moving away from dairy Tea and cake followed by Evening Prayer
6pm	Finish	

Come and join us!

LOOK OUT FOR!

CHURCH ARMY INTERVIEWS 3RD AND 4TH JULY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO APPLY!

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE DAY

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

STALLS, BACON ROLLS, CAKES REFRESHMENTS ON SATURDAY 29TH JULY

BENEFICE SERVICE AND PRE BOOKED LUNCH ON SUNDAY 30TH JULY

Ring Sue 740837 or Georgina 740759

BILLINGFORD CHURCH

BENEFICE PRAYER WALK WITH BISHOP ALAN

TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST

BENEFICE SERVICE WITH BISHOP ALAN

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST AT BROCKDISH

PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Baby Bailey Elton, Little Max, Alison Goddard, Sylvia Colman, Annie, Joan Bloomfield, Mel & 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, 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.

For families of loved ones who died recently; Brian Cunliffe from Scole and Sylvia Miller from Needham.

For couples who are preparing for marriage; Benjamin Ray & Charmaine Merchant on 3rd June, Matthew Neville & Christine Walker on 17th June, 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; Adam Jack Denney on 25th June at All Saints, Thorpe Abbots.

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

Thank you Lord for Being our Faithful Father in Hearing our Prayers.

THE REGISTERS FROM 16TH APRIL - 18TH MAY

Funerals and Interments.

- 18th April - Norma Spinks, interred in St Mary's, Redenhall.
20th April - Emil Hellman aged 88, died 5th April, St Peter's, Needham.
20th April - Neville Hadingham aged 80, died 5th April, St Mary's, Redenhall.
24th April - Daphne Purland, interred in St Mary's, Redenhall.
25th April - Kyle Warren aged 17, died 6th April, St John's, Harleston.
27th April - Doris Johnson aged 85, died 21st March, Waveney Crematorium who lived in Harleston.
3rd May - Peggy Aldous aged 89, died 17th April, Waveney Crematorium who lived in Harleston.
6th May - Sylvia Miller aged 84, died 15th April, Waveney Crematorium followed by a Memorial at St Peter's, Needham.
6th May William Keywood, interred in St Mary's, Redenhall.

Baptisms

- 23rd April Charlotte Rose Jackson at St John's, Harleston.
14th May Madison Lesley French at St John's, Harleston.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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| Tuesdays | 9.30am | Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston |
| Thursdays | 9.15am | Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole |
| | 10.00am | Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston |
| 15th June | 6.30pm | Compline - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots |
| 15th June | 11.15am | Holy Communion - Trees Nursing Home, Harleston |

Stillness, Mindfulness, Meditation

Wed 7th June 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*).



JUNE SERVICES AND READINGS

N.B Psalms - Morning or Evening Prayer only

SUN 4TH PENTECOST	9.30am	Holy Communion	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 CW	St Mary's, Redenhall
Psalm 104.26 -36 or [26 -end] / Acts 2.1-21 / 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 / John 20.19-23			
SUN 11TH TRINITY SUNDAY	3.00pm	Pet Service	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	6.00pm	Redenhall joining with	Wortwell Chapel
Psalm 8 / Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end / 2 Corinthians 13.11-end / Matthew 28.16-end			
SUN 18TH 1 TRINITY	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 BCP	St Mary's, Redenhall
Psalm 100 / Exodus 19.2-8a / Romans 5.1-8 / Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]			
SUNDAY 25TH 2 TRINITY	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
Psalm 69.8-11 [12-17] 18-20 / Jeremiah 20.7-13 / Romans 6.1b-11 / Matthew 10.24-39			
SUNDAY 25TH - BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST - WHITE			
Psalm 85.7-end / Isaiah 40.1-11 / Galatians 3.23-end / Luke 1.57-66,80			

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