

JUNE 2019



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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.

The Curious Curate

Have you ever tried to play a new board game without having the instructions? My wife's family got given a second hand set of Risk when she was a kid — but without instructions. She and her brothers made up any number of games, but it wasn't Risk as you know it.

Or think of a pack of playing cards or a set of dominoes — there are no instructions included, but you probably know a few games you can play. If you only knew Snap, you'd be quite surprised if you tried to play cards with someone who dealt for Rummy, or Bridge or Poker.

Now these are bad analogies for what we do when we encounter a book of which the newest parts are over 1900 years old: you may have all the parts, but the instructions for what you do with them aren't included! So you do your best to work out what it all means. Some of it is fairly easy reading — parts of the New Testament — other parts are hugely frustrating and difficult.

A lot of people believe in God but still struggle to read the book that is supposed to tell them about God. Or they read bits, but avoid the rest like the plague. Or they just don't know what to think. And church doesn't always help — we read the Bible and preach every week, but we rarely put all those little weekly chunks together into a big picture.

But never fear, help is at hand! From 19th June for 7 weeks, I'm going to do my best to open up the bits that have seemed closed, and make the incomprehensible comprehensible! This is going to be interactive, friendly and fun. It's not for swots and holy Joes, just anyone who has questions about the Bible, and wants to get the big picture. Amongst other things we will learn the timeline of the Bible — and discover how useful that is. We will learn how to understand the really weird bits in prophecy books, and what to do with Psalms, and Revelation.

7.30pm at St John's, Harleston — 19th June and the following Wednesdays. Free.

please email curate@7churches.org.uk to let me know you're coming, for refreshments purposes.

Blessings, Tim.



PET SERVICE



**Sunday 7th July
3.00pm**



Brockdish Church

All kinds of pets welcome



**All Creatures
Great and Small!**



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



SEVEN
CHURCHES



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Scole - St Andrew's

Wanted: Foundation Governor For Scole VC Primary School. If you are a committed Christian and passionate about children's education, you may be the person we are looking for! You do not need to live in Scole and no previous experience in education is required. If you feel God might be calling you to serve in this way, please get in touch with Rev Sue to find out more. Sue can be contacted on 01379740325 or email revsue@7churches.org.uk.

Toddler Group is every Wednesday 9.15 to 10.30am in term time only.

Coffee Morning Saturday 1st June 10am - 12 noon; come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.

A Place to be quiet: In summer, the church is open each day from 8 am, approximately, until the evening. It provides a cool space for 'quiet thoughts'. Also, the churchyard is a beautiful place to sit - there are two seats - please use them and enjoy the trees, wildflowers and birdsong. *We continue to thank Chris and his team for making it such a lovely place.*

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COFFEE MORNING



Cakes and Savouries
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SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

9.30am to 12noon

ST JOHN'S CHURCH Harleston



Proceeds to Church Funds



Maureen Youngman - 01379 853605

Harleston - St John's

Tuesday Informal Singing is every Tuesday from 11.00am to 12noon. Refreshments available before 11am.

Light Lunches are on Tuesday 18th June at 12noon. £5 including a pudding.

Community Lunches are on Tuesday 25th June at 12noon. No set charge but donations welcome.

Family Service (Informal) is every 1st Sunday at 11am with children craft, live music and much more. June's theme (2nd June) is 'Why Pray'?

Chatty Church for families, with activities, crafts and a short talk/story, Saturday 15th June at 2pm with snacks and refreshments. This is every 3rd Saturday in St John's Church, Harleston.

Glow Crew Youth Group is every Friday at 3.30 to 5.15pm (term time) in St Johns from Yr 6 to Yr 8. We do have a waiting list so do contact Lucy Elton if you would like more information on 01379 851148 or email stjohns.harleston@gmail.com



Every Wednesday

In term time

9.15am to 11.30am

St John's Church, Harleston
Great opportunity to meet new people and mingle.

Children welcome

Tea, Coffee and Toast

Marina Webb: 07776 339 340

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AFTERNOON TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT



St John's Church, Harleston
Sunday 30th June 4pm

Please come along and enjoy a
traditional afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes.

Plus local talent to entertain you!

Limited number of tickets at £6 each are available from the
Church Office or Gill (01379 852597) or Sheila (852762)

Brockdish - Ss Peter & Paul.

Quiz and Light Supper is on Saturday 29th June in Brockdish Village Hall starting at 7.30pm for 8pm. Remember to bring your own drink. Costs £4 - Bookings Jan 01379 668630

Needham - St Peter's

My Life as a Jazz Musician. Gill Alexander is doing a talk about her 60 year career as a Jazz musician at St Peter's Church on Saturday June 22nd starting at 2pm. The cost is £6 on the door, then after the talk refreshments will be served in the village hall. Gill has lived in the village for a very long time and wants to share her story. All are welcome.



Thy Kingdom Come

30th May to 9th June

Lord Jesus, I love you and I praise you.

Help me to love as you love.

May my love help to reveal your presence to others this day.

I pray especially for those who most need to find the
light of your love in their lives

From 'Journey with Mary' A guide to praying with Mary for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit from The Ascension to Pentecost



Look Out For!

Buffet, Drinks and Entertainment
28th July at Billingford Church

Quiz n Chips 13th July at Scole Church

Pledge to protect the Planet



Recently, the news has been full of warnings about the threats to the planet from our modern ways of life. Wildlife is in trouble, the climate is in a muddle and time is running out.

On Equinox Earth Day the young people of Harleston Primary Academy made pledges to the Planet, challenging us all to act here and now to protect their world. But what are we to do when we are individually so small and the scale of the problem so large?

Each month there will be ideas in Grapevine on ways to honour a 'promise to the future' for our children and grand-children. Meanwhile it is a perfect time to ask our civic, business and community leaders to respond to the demands of the young by setting a clear example. Here is a simple seven-point guiding plan.

- Know the problems are real and urgent
- Believe we can make a difference no matter how small
- Save energy
- Reduce waste
- Buy local, recycle and use resources wisely
- Lessen our impact- satisfy needs ... limit wants
- Encourage each other to meet the challenge



The planet needs us ... we need the planet ... and we all need each other – if we don't act, who will?.

Time for Action ... here ... NOW



Harleston Centre Of Mission

Trevor Clarke

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.

1 Thessalonians 5 v 11

I have found myself building a puppet theatre.....the engineer part of me loves problem solving and putting things together. In the way that I am building the puppet theatre, please pray that I can also build up the body of Christ, here in the Redenhall Deanery, to share our faith and our story. We all have a story to tell, usually with many highs and lows. Puppets are a great way to engage with families, please also pray that the Lord uses this puppet theatre for His glory, so the puppets can share their stories and share the good news of Jesus.



Act 2: 17-21 (CEV)



*“When the last days come,
I will give my Spirit
to everyone.
Your sons and daughters
will prophesy.
Your young men
will see visions,
and your old men
will have dreams.
In those days I will give
my Spirit to my servants,
both men and women,
and they will prophesy.
I will work miracles*

*in the sky above
and wonders
on the earth below.
There will be blood and fire
and clouds of smoke.
The sun will turn dark,
and the moon
will be as red as blood
before the great
and wonderful day
of the Lord appears.
Then the Lord
will save everyone
who asks for his help.”*

Archbishop Sancroft High School tackles homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. (*Diss Mercury 8th May 2019*)

Archbishop Sancroft High School has signed up to Stonewall's Champions programme, which the charity has designed to create an inclusive and accepting culture within institutions and wider society.

Head of student support Catherine Adams said: "We want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to support all members of our community.

"Recently, we've had students who joined us who recognise themselves as being part of the LGBT+ community and I, therefore, requested some training to make sure that we could meet their needs."

Before signing up for the programme, the school had already provided gender-neutral toilets and spread awareness over using correct pronouns. Around 15 of the 400 students identify as LGBT+.

"We want to be all-inclusive and the programme is making our school a place where students and staff are accepted without exception and I love that," said Mrs Adams.

Being part of the programme means receiving resources and support, such as lesson ideas and the opportunity to host lesbian, gay, bi and trans speakers.

As ASHS is a Church of England School, it was the Diocese of Norwich which organised Mrs Adams' training as part of the Champions programme.

She said: "On reflection, I have wondered whether people have not come to our school as a high school choice because we are a Church of England School and people might think that we wouldn't accept students. So, we want to get the message out that we are very inclusive."

Feedback from parents and students has been positive so far.

"Some families are a bit lost on how to support their child and knowing that they can come and talk to staff at the school has had a positive impact on their children's wellbeing," said Mrs Adams.

A Stonewall spokeswoman said: "We're thrilled to have Archbishop Sancroft High School on board as one of our school champions. Our work with schools helps teachers to address anti-LGBT discrimination and create more welcoming environments where all young people feel able to be themselves."

THE REGISTERS - 13TH APRIL TO 12TH MAY 2019

Weddings

20th April - Mark Pearce and Natalie Potter at St Mary's, Redenhall

Funerals and Interments

16th April - Hazel Newman at Waveney Crematorium who lived in Harleston.

24th April - Margaret Moore at St Andrew's Scole and interred in the churchyard.



10th May - Anthony Garnham at St John's, Harleston and interred in Starston Churchyard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jane Debenham, Ken Deighton, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, 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 the family and friends of Elsie White and Celia Welsh who have recently died.

	7churches Benefice Services BCP Said Holy Communion St John's Thursdays 6th & 20th June 10am Christian Meditation Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School Wednesday 5th June 7.30pm Prayers for the Benefice St Peter's, Needham Sunday 2nd, 9th and 30th June 4.30pm Celebration Service St Andrew's, Scole Sunday 23rd June 4.30pm Compline All Saints, Thorpe Abbots Thursday 13th June 6.30pm	
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WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Weds 12th June	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.

JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

SUNDAY 2ND Easter 7 White	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Sunday after Ascension Acts 16. 16-34 / John 17. 20-26</i>			
SUNDAY 9TH Pentecost Red Whit Sunday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Acts 2. 1-21 / John 14.8-17</i>			
SUNDAY 16TH Trinity Sunday Gold	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
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Romans 5. 1-5 / John 16. 12-15</i>			
SUNDAY 23RD Trinity 1 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Worship (Patronal)	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Galatians 3.23-29 / Luke 8. 26-39</i> <i>Harleston Patronal - White Acts 13.14b-26 / Luke 1.57-66,80</i>			
SUNDAY 30TH Trinity 2 Green	9.30am	Holy Communion (Patronal)	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Patronal)	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Galatians 5 1,13-25 / Luke 9. 51-62</i> <i>Needham Patronal - Red 1 Peter 2.19-25 / Matthew 16.13-19</i> <i>Brockdish Patronal - Red 2 Timothy 4.6-8,17,18 / Matthew 16.13-19</i>			

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