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Ramblings from the Rectory



When I think of May I think of May blossom; the start of summer and warmer weather. I look at the fields, trees, hedgerows and gardens, and I see life fresh, vibrant and green. This May I pray that the Spirit will make all of us in this benefice glow with new life too.

Looking at the diary two events stand out. We have our benefice outing to Cambridge on Tuesday 9th May. Then Thursday 25th May (Ascension Day) marks the start of the global wave of prayer, “Thy Kingdom Come” which continues to the celebration of the birth of the church at Pentecost on 4th June.

At our Vision Day there was a clear call for us to draw closer together as a benefice. What better way to get to know one another than to travel together and spend a day in the beautiful city of Cambridge. There is an optional tour of Kings College and we will be visiting Tim’s theological college, Ridley Hall. If you haven’t bought your ticket yet then get in touch with me or Lucy now, there may still be one or two places available.

Thy Kingdom Come, is a call for prayer from our Archbishops of Canterbury and York (see <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/about>):

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops’ of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The hope is that:

- *people will commit to pray with God’s world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;*
- *churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world;*
- *people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.*

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer...

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added." Acts 1,2"

....cont

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby

In this benefice I encourage all of you to join me and your ministry team at Norwich Cathedral to take part in one of the national celebrations of prayer (7pm start). In this way we begin our prayer for people to come to know Jesus reminded that we out in rural Norfolk are not alone; we are part of a huge global family of Christians.

There will be a booklet for all of us with prayers for each day of Thy Kingdom Come, along with a guide to help us to focus our individual prayers on a few people that we know. There are materials and ideas to help families to get involved. Our Sunday and weekday worship and prayer will be using the resources provided too. In addition, all of our House Groups will be meeting between Ascension and Pentecost to focus on how we can work to see God's kingdom come in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

We have an exciting May ahead of us. I'm sure that we are going to have a great time together.

God bless, Nigel.

Churchwardens.

This year there will be one Central Visitation for the Norfolk Archdeaconry, to be held on **Tuesday 16th May 2017 at Norwich Cathedral**. Registration will commence at 7pm, followed by Admission to Office and Evening Prayer at 7.30pm.

Training Evening - Tuesday 6th June.

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

Teaching Tuesdays 2nd May and 5th June

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.



**Film & Talk by David Quin
(Visit to Bhutan)**

Donations to Asia Link

St John's church, Harleston on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.30pm

NEEDHAM

BumbleTea Church - Saturday May 6th and 3rd June - 2pm at 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.

Needham Friends of St Peters Church are holding their A.G.M on May 12th at 3pm in the Village Hall. We hope some old and new friends will come and support us, as I think it will be difficult for the Friends to continue if we do not get some more help.

Over the years we have raised money for a new roof, guttering and drainage, replaced the curtains and carpets, had a disabled ramp put in which makes it easier for wheelchair users.

Annual subscription is £5 and we meet about 2 or 3 times a year. Please contact me on 01379 853033 if you wish to know more. *Pauline*

Coffee Morning with cakes and raffle etc is on Tuesday 2nd May at the Red Lion, Needham starting at 10am.

SCOLE

Savoury, Coffee and Cake Morning is on Saturday 6th May in Scole church from 10am to 12noon.

Quiz & Chips Saturday 20th May at Scole Church, 6.30pm for 7pm start. Please call Rev Sue 01379 740325 to **book** and place your order. £8 per person. Bring your own drink.

Scole - Café Church, Every Wednesday from 10am to 11am.

Rev Sue's Clinic Scole Church every Monday from 11am to 12noon.

REDENHALL

Coffee Morning at George Grist's home (Olde Post House, Wortwell) on Saturday 20th May from 10am till 12noon. Proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's.

Concert WindJammers in St Mary's, Redenhall on Sunday 28th May at 5pm. £6 payment on the door which includes a glass of wine/soft drink. Proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's.

BROCKDISH

Quiz Night in Brockdish Village Hall including a light supper for just £4. Saturday 6th May. 7.30pm for 8pm. Remember to bring your own drink. Bookings call Jan 01379 668630.

HARLESTON

Coffee Morning and Cake Stall is on Saturday 6th May from 9.30 to 11.30am in St John's.

Plant Sale & a variety of stalls is on Saturday 13th May starting at 9am till 12noon in St John's Church and grounds.

Light Lunches in St John's will be on Tuesday 16th May served from 12 noon at a cost of £5 which includes a pudding.

Chatty Church meets at Harleston, in St John's on Saturday 20th May 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.

Dementia Cafe is at the Swan Hotel, Harleston on **Thursday 18th May** starting at 2pm until 4pm. This cafe runs every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Tuesday House Groups will have changes to their regular pattern. Please see weekly news sheet for information or contact Sheila on 01379 852762

Mothers' Union. We had a very enjoyable meeting in April, when Cathy and two of her companions from Emmaus came for a return visit. We were updated on the latest news from Ditchingham, and heard from Alicia and Stephen of some of their personal experiences. At our meeting on Thursday 4th May, Methodist Hall, 7.30 pm our speaker will be Rev'd Nigel, with a talk entitled "Bees". We are always pleased for friends and visitors to join us. With love, Daphne.

Stillness, Mindfulness, Meditation. Free & open to all at the Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston on Wed 3rd May and 7th June at 7.30pm. Contact Nigel for more information (*details back page*).

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LET THEM EAT CAKE an Anglo-French light comedy by Brian Wright which will take to the air on

Saturday 24 June in St Johns Church, Harleston at 7.30pm.

Come with us to the French village of Ste Brioche to follow the fortunes of its residents, both French and British, following the death of the baker which leaves the village, for the first time in its history, without a boulangerie. Those who know France will realise what a traumatic event that is for a French village and hence the play's title. The solution to the problem is both interesting and amusing.

"Tickets which will include refreshments and a snack (to be served in the interval) will be on sale shortly on **01379 853825 / 01379 853660**

The BCCP look forward to seeing you.

PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Alison Goddard, Sylvia Colman, Annie, Joan Bloomfield, Mel & Lyn Veness, Nancy Russell. Derek Walterton, Barbara Mewse, 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 have died recently;

Sylvia Millier, Kyle Warren, Billy Hines, Dominic O'Neil, Emil Frankman, Tina Doubleday, Neville Hadingham, Harry and Peggy Aldous and Doris Johnson.

THE REGISTERS FROM 16TH FEBRUARY - 15TH MARCH

Funerals and Interments.

- 24th March Kathleen June Hengist at St John's, Harleston
Margaret Kathleen Howlett interred in St Andrew's, Scole.
- 5th April Doreen Jacob interred in St Andrew's, Scole.
- 7th April Tina Doubleday at St Andrew's, Scole
Richard Pleasants at St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish
- 11th April Harry Aldous at St Mary's, Redenhall

Baptisms

- 9th April Noah Bedwell at St Mary's, Redenhall



Thursday May 25th at 7.30pm Norwich Cathedral
Ascension Day - Thy Kingdom Come

MAY SERVICES AND READINGS

N.B Psalms - Morning or Evening Prayer only

SUN 7TH EASTER 4	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 BCP	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Psalm 23 / Acts 2.42-end / 1 Peter 2.19-end / John 10.1-10</i>			
SUN 14TH EASTER 5	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
<i>Psalm 31.1-5,15 / Acts 7.55-end / 1 Peter 2.2-10 / John 14.1-14</i>			
SUN 21ST EASTER 6	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
<i>Psalm 66.6-end / Acts 17.22-31 / 1 Peter 3.13-end / John 14.15-21</i>			
SUNDAY 28TH SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY	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 BCP	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Worship & Baptism	St John's, Harleston St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Psalm 68.1-10,32-end / Acts 1.6-14 / 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 / John 17.1-11</i>			

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



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