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Ramblings from the Rectory

This Harvest much of the produce and other food donated across the benefice will be going to support the Emmaus Community in Ditchingham. I think that this is particularly appropriate. We will be celebrating God's generosity and creativity while at the same time sharing that generosity with others. I am constantly impressed by the work of the Emmaus Communities across the country. They are practical expressions of the hope of Christ offered to the most vulnerable and beaten down in our society. If you do not know about the Emmaus Community, please visit them, they are on the site of the convent, just follow the signs for Belsey Bridge Conference Centre and you will find the community on your right, before you reach the Conference Centre. I have also reproduced what they say about themselves below, please read their story and be inspired by what Christ is doing through them. To find out still more and to read a short history of the Emmaus movement see <https://www.emmaus.org.uk/norwich/> and <https://www.emmaus.org.uk/history>.

God bless, Nigel.

Emmaus is a homelessness charity providing more than just a bed for the night to people who have experienced homelessness and social exclusion.

We provide a home for as long as someone needs it and meaningful work in our social enterprise. Living in a stable environment with the opportunity to work, helps our companions, as residents are known, to regain lost self-esteem and the confidence to get back on their feet.

How it works

There are currently 29 Emmaus communities across the UK, providing a home and meaningful work to more than 750 formerly homeless people. In addition to this, there are four emerging groups, working hard to establish new communities. Together, we are working towards a target of being able to offer 1,000 companion places by 2020.

Like any flourishing community, Emmaus is most successful when everyone makes a contribution. For us, that means working together in the social enterprise, to generate funds needed to support the community and the companions that call it home.

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In return, companions are expected to work 40 hours per week or as much as they are able in the charity's social enterprise. They are required to sign off all benefits with the exception of housing benefit, which is claimed to help support the community. The ultimate goal is for each community to become self-sufficient, supporting itself with the revenue it generates through its businesses.

The Emmaus model has a huge impact on restoring confidence and self-respect, as companions take responsibility for keeping their community going and work hard to support themselves and others.

Emmaus is not about giving hand-outs, it's about providing people with the tools to help themselves. This approach has been proven to produce long-term, sustainable results. For the many people who have been stuck in a cycle of homelessness, Emmaus provides the space and support they need to take stock of their lives and make positive changes for the future.

**Harvest Service
Collection**



**Emmaus
Ditchingham**

A Home for the Homeless

Suggestions of items to give

Flour, sugar, dried fruits, potatoes, rice, onions, cabbage, carrots, jams, curry paste, spices, biscuits, chocolate or juice?

Gifts of non-perishable items can be left in the church at any time. Fruit and vegetables can be brought in on the Saturday before in one of our churches or on the day of our Harvest Sunday Services (see page 11)



Benefice Compline. Once a month either Thorpe Abbots or Billingford Church will host our 7churches midweek Compline service. This month it will be at Thorpe Abbots on **Wednesday 18th October at 6.30pm**. Do look out for future dates in our newsletters. We look forward to seeing you there. God bless, The Ministry Team

SCOLE

Savoury, Coffee and Cake Morning is on Saturday 7th October 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.

Also on the same day will be **Scole Church Gift Day**. We are grateful for any contribution you are able to make towards the upkeep and running costs of St Andrew's Church. We will be sending out letters nearer the time with details of how you can make a donation.



Children - dress up and come and join us at **Messy Church Light Party on Halloween 4.30 - 6.30 pm at the Scole Church (Tuesday 31st Oct)**. Bring an adult and enjoy food, games, craft activities, songs, stories - all with a special 'halloween' theme. No need to book and free of charge.

Prayer Box: 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.

NEEDHAM

A Talk from the Neolithic to the 19th Century in Needham Village Hall, Sunday 1st October 2.30pm.

Roman coin hoards, Norman knights, a medieval religious protest, plus dramatic court cases from the Victorian era involving a fatal accident caused by drunk driving, and a violent pub brawl which resulted in a trial for manslaughter.

With a view to launching a Heritage Project for the village and possibly publishing a new book on Needham's history, we'd love you to bring along any family photos, old postcards, documents or stories you would like to share about historic buildings in the village and/or former residents.

Admission is free. Refreshments available.



BumbleTea Family Church is on Saturday 7th October at 2pm. Crafts and activities, free of charge and no need to book.

Coffee Morning, stalls, raffle and cake at the Red Lion in Needham is on the first Tuesday of every month (3rd October) starting at 10am.

Christian Meditation

Wednesday 4th October and 1st November at 7.30pm

Learn to quieten your mind for prayer and reflection. Free and open to all.

Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.

Contact Nigel for more information (details back page).

Teaching Tuesday. The next two Teaching Tuesdays will be on 3rd October and 7th November at 1.45 in St John's, Harleston.

Last month we talked a bit about how trustworthy were the Bible stories about Jesus? We also talked a bit about Islam — what is similar, what is different, how do they treat their holy book, does it matter?

We are informal and lively, no question is too big or too small to explore, and we aim to be suitable both for those who are exploring faith, and those who have been around the (metaphorical) Christian block a little longer! *Revd Tim Rogers.*

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. A service of commemoration for those who have died. This will be an opportunity to remember before God those whose love we have shared, to gain comfort, and to renew our hope. The service will be quiet and reflective; we will pray for those who mourn, the names of those whom we remember will be read out, and there will be an opportunity to light a candle.

The names of those whose funerals we have conducted in this benefice during 2016 and 2017 will be read out. Further names will be read out, on request which you can add to the list at the back of your church or alternatively you can always email or call me. Please be reassured that we will be remembering these people and their names will be read out, whether or not you are able to attend.

This year we will be holding two commemoration services for the our benefice which covers Scole, Thorpe Parva, Billingford, Thorpe Abbotts, Brockdish, Needham, Harleston, Redenhall and Wortwell. The services will both be on **Thursday 2nd November at 6.30pm**, at **St. Andrew's Scole** and at **St. John's Harleston**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.
Revd Nigel Tuffnell (details back page)

HARLESTON

Free Cookery Classes. Launching on Tuesday 10th October from 2pm to 4pm in St John's Church by Harleston Information Plus.

If you are tired of burnt offerings, eating expensive ready meals or take away, then this new beginners' cookery class is ideal for you. We will show you how to create healthy, cheap meals using fresh produce. The course, covers basic cookery skills and you get to take away a tasty dish each week to impress your family and friends!

The classes are especially for those with very little knowledge of cooking meals from scratch and will be limited to a maximum of six people per session. Topics covered include preparing vegetables, cooking meat and making simple desserts. All equipment and ingredients are included. All ages are welcome. *To find out more please call in at the Information Centre, 8 Exchange Street, or ring 01379 851917*

Coffee Morning and Cake Stall at St John's is on Saturday, 7th October from 9.30 to 11.30am

Light Lunches in St John's will be on Tuesday 17th October served from 12 noon at a cost of £5 which includes a pudding.



Chatty Church is on Saturday 21st October starting at 2pm for parents/carers and their children. Plenty of chat while all enjoy activities and games in St John's, Harleston. If you would like more information call Fiona on 07702 972656 or Claire 07810 565805

THORPE ABBOTTS

100th Bomb Group Talk will be at Thorpe Abbots Village Hall on Saturday 21st October at 7.30pm raising funds for All Saints Church.

REDENHALL

Autumn Supper and Quiz, a joint event between St Mary's Redenhall and Wortwell URC is on Saturday 21st October at Wortwell Community Centre. 6:30 for 7:00pm. Tickets are £8 each, available from 27th September - 18th October from: Brenda LeGrys (01379 852572 or brendalegrys@gmail.com) Please advise when booking whether a vegetarian meal is required. A licensed bar is available at the community centre.

Bishops Day of Prayer Saturday October 14th at Norwich Cathedral.

You are invited to this great day of celebration of the life of our diocese. I hope you will bring others with you from your parish, benefice or community. It is an event for people of all ages.

The keynote speaker is **Mark Russell**, Chief Executive of Church Army. He is one of the most inspirational (and humorous) speakers and preachers in the Church today. Be sure to hear him.

The Cathedral will be divided into four 'zones', each dedicated to one of the elements of our diocesan mission strategy. Each zone will have workshops, prayer stations, bible studies led by the Bishops, activities and resources for mission. The Horstead Centre staff and Cathedral education team will lead activities for children and young people throughout the day.

The **programme** for the day is as follows:

10.00 Opening Worship led by the Dean

10.15 Zones/workshops open

Choose your activity:

A full and detailed programme will be available on the day

11.15 Keynote Address: Mark Russell

12.00 Midday Office

12.10 Lunch break (please bring your own picnic or food is available from the Cathedral Refectory and cafes in and around Tombland)

13.00 Zones/workshops open

(as in the morning – there will be a lot to do)

15.00 Gathering on Upper Green of the Close where one or more church music groups from the Diocese will be playing.

15.20 We assemble and move into the Cathedral for:

15.30 Eucharist

Preacher: Mark Russell

Featuring music and contributions from the zones/workshops and concluding with the distribution of prayer beads, a gift from the Archbishop of York to everyone present to help us in our prayers for God's mission in the world.

Please try to come all day, if possible. Encourage others to do so too. This is a day of celebration, learning, bible teaching and engagement with God for the whole diocesan family.

Reflection

It seems it's either the brave new dawn, transforming our lives for the better, or the destroyer of the entire fabric of society...

In reality, of course, technology is neither of these things. It is a means, not an end, and most of us use it in one way or another. Those who steer clear of social media, online shopping or smartphones, may still possess a digital phone (mobile or landline), credit card or washing machine with pre-set programmes.

In writing this, I've used a digital Bible, because it's easier to search, and a paper Bible, because I happen to find that easier to browse.

Technology is in fact pretty neutral. We can use it to support, to keep in touch, or to bully; to encounter new ideas, or to deepen our prejudices. It can make our lives easier and more connected, and it can contribute to isolation and mental ill-health. As our passage says, 'to the pure all things are pure.'

And the passage also shows us that stereotyping and prejudice are every bit as real when we have a pen in our hand as when we're behind a keyboard! Whatever means we're using to communicate, the responsibility to do so with love, compassion and grace remains. To misquote 1 Peter 4:11, "Whoever tweets must do so as one tweeting the very words of God."

Practical Action

Consider the ways in which technology shapes your life. What positive impacts does it have, on your wellbeing, engagement with others, or environmental impact?

And what more negative impact does it have? Are there ways in which you use it to harm or belittle? Does it sometimes damage your self-esteem or suck up your time?

Perhaps you could consider a technology fast? This could mean a day's sabbatical each week from social media, or perhaps an hour a day when you consciously leave all screens behind and spend phone-free time outdoors. It may free up time to pray, to volunteer, or to read a (paper?) Bible.

Prayer

Creative God,

Your generosity has given us gifts of human ingenuity. Help us to embrace technological advances, and use them to enrich life and proclaim your love.

But let us never forget those left behind, and help us to be people of human love, contact and community.

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

Deanery Synod is on Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm This time it will be held at St Mary Magdalene, Pulham Market.

Waveney Foodbank's latest donation list. Pasta Sauce, Rice Puddings, Noodles, Tinned Tomatoes, Long Life Fruit Juice, Custard Powder, Tinned Vegetables, UHT Milk, Puddings and Treats for Children.

BROCKDISH

Gardeners Question time with Rick Wakeman. We are holding our yearly Gardener's Question Time on Friday 20th October. This event does get booked quickly so do ring Jan Croxson on 01379 668630 for more information and secure your ticket. It will start at 7.30pm and remember to bring your own drinks!



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THE REGISTERS FROM 13TH AUGUST - 12TH SEPTEMBER

Funerals and Interments.

24th August Interment of Kathleen Carpenter at All Saints, Thorpe Abbots.

25th August Interment of Mrs Lock, St Andrew's, Scole

5th September Interment of Terrence Carey, St Andrew's, Scole

Baptisms

27th August Mason Hilton at St John's, Harleston.

Weddings

26th August Roger Buckenham and Jazmin Croft at St Andrew's, Scole.

26th August Oliver Blandy and Kayelle Danyluk at St Mary's, Red

PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: John and Elizabeth Croxson, Baby Bailey Elton, Little Thomas, Alison Goddard, Sylvia Colman, Annie, Lyn Veness, Nancy Russell. Derek Walterton, Diane Clarke, Derek Buttle, Sue Symonds, Peter and Sheila, 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, Geoffrey, Michael Palmer, Dorothy, Lois Bailey, Henry Vines, Johnny Hunt, and for all the residents of Oaklands and The Trees nursing homes.

Proverbs 4:20-22

My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words.

Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart;

for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays 9.30am Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.

Wednesdays 10.00am Cafe Church - St Andrew's, Scole.

11th Oct 10.30am Informal Service for Malthouse Court residents, Harleston.

18th Oct 6.30pm Benefice Compline service, All Saints, Thorpe Abbots.

Thursdays 9.15am Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole.

10.00am Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.

19th Oct 11.15am Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents, Harleston.

LOOK OUT FOR!

Town Carols - St John's, Harleston - Tues 12th December at 6.30pm

Annual Quiz Night - Thorpe Abbots - Sat 27th January 2018 at 7.30pm

OCTOBER SERVICES AND READINGS

N.B Psalms - Morning or Evening Prayer only

SUNDAY 1ST 16 Trinity GREEN	9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.00am Harvest Informal Worship 11.00am Harvest Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Harvest Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish St John's, Harleston St Andrew's, Scole St Peter's, Needham St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-end / Psalm 25. 1-8 / Philippians 2. 1-13 / Matthew 21. 23-32</i>		
SUNDAY 8TH 17 Trinity GREEN	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Morning Prayer 4.00pm Harvest Service 11.00am Morning Prayer 11.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Redenhall joining with	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish St Peter's, Needham All Saints, Thorpe Abbots St Andrew's, Scole St John's, Harleston Wortwell Chapel
<i>Isaiah 5. 1-7 / Psalm 80. 9-17 / Philippians 3. 4b-14 Matthew 21. 33-end</i>		
SUNDAY 15TH 18 Trinity GREEN	9.30am Harvest Holy Communion 6.00pm Harvest Service 11.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Informal Worship 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish St Leonard's, Billingford St John's, Harleston St Andrew's, Scole St Peter's, Needham St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Isaiah 25. 1-9 / Psalm 23 / Philippians 4. 1-9 / Matthew 22. 1-14</i>		
SUNDAY 22ND 19 Trinity GREEN	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer <i>CW</i> 11.00am Morning Worship 4.30pm Celebration Service	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish St Peter's, Needham St Andrew's, Scole St Mary's, Redenhall St John's, Harleston St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Isaiah 45. 1-7 / Psalm 96. 1-9 / 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10 / Matthew 22. 15-22</i>		
SUNDAY 29TH All Saints GOLD	10.30am - Benefice Holy Communion (clocks go back!) All Saints, Thorpe Abbots. <i>Revelations 7. 9-end / 1 John 3. 1-3 / Matthew 5. 1-12</i>	

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