

OCTOBER 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.

CURATE'S CURIOSITY



I have a confession: I enjoy superhero fiction. I enjoy superheroes, from Batman to the Avengers, to Buffy the Vampire Slayer. And I learned something fascinating recently.

Superheroes, as a genre, were born in 1938 by a Jewish immigrant to New York: Jerry Siegel. He heard what was happening to Jews in Europe and felt powerless in the face of unimaginable evil, wielding unimaginable forces of destruction. And he created Superman — a thoroughly good guy with unbelievable powers. Even Supe's Krypton name — Kal-el — spoke to the situation, in Hebrew this means 'voice of God'. As the world war began, so began the golden age of comic-books — Batman, Wonderwoman and Captain America. Millions of kids and adults needed, on some sort of unconscious level, to process the struggle of good and evil and power, and they did so with comic books.

The most confusing and difficult book of the Bible (for most people) is Revelation — the prophetic book that closes the Bible, and which gives us such phrases as apocalypse, armageddon, the 'four horsemen' and 666. Revelation belongs to a genre of writing that can be seen in the book of Daniel in the Old Testament, and in other books that were contemporary with the Bible, but didn't make the cut. It was a style of writing that was born of persecution — when people wondered 'What is the future? Where is God? Why is this happening? When will we have justice?' Daniel, Ezekiel and many other such books answered those questions with strange visions of a cosmic struggle, fought with angels and demons. When Revelation was written Christians were being killed for their faith by the powerful Roman emperor, Domitian. And so Revelation talks about the battle of good and evil on a cosmic scale, with unimaginable forces, but it ends in hope. God wins.

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To this extent, Revelation works like superhero fiction. It isn't trying to be 'realistic', but it talks about reality on another level — evil seeking its own way, but good winning in the end. It steps away from the detail to paint the big picture in bold, primary colour images. Superman clearly isn't the Bible, but both Superman and Revelation express the 'voice of God' — and that voice is full of goodness and hope.

God bless you, Revd Tim.

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**The
Children's
Society**

Children's Society Collecting Box.

It is now time for me to open and count these, do you hold one? Please let me have them early in October in the usual way. If you would like me to collect yours, please ring me on 01379 852762.

Thank you so much for you support. Sheila.

Harleston - St John's

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

Coffee Morning with cake and savoury stalls is Saturday 5th October
from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Autumn Light Lunches are on Tuesday 15th October at 12noon.
Cost is only £5 which includes a pudding!

Community Lunches are on Tuesday 22nd October at 12noon.
No set charge but donations welcome.

Chatty Church is on Saturday 19th October at 2pm. Activities for the
children and plenty of chat for the adults. Everyone welcome.

Midweek Mingle every Wednesday in Term Time from 9.15am to
11.30am. Toast and refreshments, Everyone welcome from newborn to
the young at heart!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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Sunday 20th

October

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St John's Church office

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ST JOHN'S, HARLESTON

Event will last about 90 Minutes
including Tea & Cake

St John's Harvest Service 6th October 11.00am.

We will be collecting for
Emmaus in Ditchingham.
Below are suggested items that
will help this charity.

**All fresh fruit and vegetables
will be welcome!**

(except marrows please)

**To inspire creative cooking in
the kitchen**

try donating tinned tomatoes
and fish, rice, pasta, spices,
herbs, eggs, flour or sugar.

Treats of biscuits, hot
chocolate and jam would be
appreciated.

*Donations can be left in the
church (in yellow crate) to
be blessed at the Harvest
Service.*

Glow Crew Youth Group started again last month with the excitement of 13 children. We have quite a few on the waiting list which shows how popular the Glow Crew is. Good news is that they were donated equipment from Smurfit Kappa from Pulham who have always been so kind in sponsoring our family church activities.

Brockdish - St Peter & Paul's

The Harvest Service is on 20th October when we will be collecting for Waveney Foodbank, please leave donations in the church to be blessed at the service.

Needham - St Peter's

The Harvest Festival date is on October 6th at 4.00pm followed by a Bring + Share tea in the village hall.

Benefice Administrator

Lucy our wonderful benefice administrator has a fantastic new job working as an administrator for the Revitalising and Church Planting project with the Diocese of Norwich. We will miss Lucy but wish her every blessing as she starts this new vocational path.

I will let you all know as soon as there is any news about a new administrator. God bless, Nigel.

Look Out For!

Coffee Morning
Brockdish Village
hall with stalls &
refreshments
30th Nov



WW1 talk
Thorpe Abbots
Village Hall
23rd Nov

Scole - St Andrew's

Harvest Supper (with Raffle): Friday 11th October - 6.30 pm. Come and enjoy a two course meal followed by live entertainment provided by Snapdragon Ceilidh Band. Sit and listen to the music or enjoy a dance. Tickets are £12 and are available from Georgie 740127 or Kay 741054. Booking is essential.

Coffee Morning Saturday 5th October 10am - 12 noon; come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.



Toddler Group: Scole Church, Wednesday, term time only 9 am to 10.30 (ish!)

Enjoy - play, song, refreshments and chat. Cost is £1.50. Please contact Kathy on 01379 423775, kathy.m.wood.stb@googlemail.com or Sue on 740325; revsue@7churches.org.uk, for more information or **just turn up!**



Halloween / Light Party Messy Church is Thursday 31st October from 4.30pm to 6.16pm in Scole Church. Great fun for children dressing up, doing crafts and learning about the light. Hotdogs and refreshments.



Harvest Festival Services

6th October - St Mary's, Redenhall at 9.30am

6th October - St John's, Harleston at 11.00am

6th October - St Peter's, Needham at 4.00pm

13th October - St Andrew's, Scole at 11.00am

13th October - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots at 4.00pm

20th October - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish at 9.30am

20th October - St Leonard's, Billingford at 6.00pm

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

STILLNESS, MINDFULNESS, CONTEMPLATION

Free & Open to All

Monthly on a Wednesday - 7.30pm to 8.30pm

9th October - 6th November

11th December - 8th January

5th February - 4th March

Oasis Prayer Space

Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston

Revd Nigel Tuffnell - 01379 308905

rector@7churches.org.uk

All Souls

A Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

An opportunity to remember before God those whose love
we have shared.

To gain comfort and renew our hope.

Saturday 2nd November at 6.00pm

St. John's Harleston & St. Andrew's Scole

If you would like the name of your loved one remembered
at the service, please add the name to the list at the
back of your church or contact

Revd Nigel Tuffnell on 01379 308905 rector@7churches.org.uk

Thorpe Abbotts - The All Saints Bit

Well the summer has rather come and gone I am afraid as we settle into autumn. A quiet summer with our regular monthly service which alternates between morning Prayer and Communion. We always think that 9.30am is a great time to meet up as it does not really get in the way of the day although the chatting over tea/coffee often lasts longer than the service!

Then on the 23rd November when we have the Gary and Simon double act with Simon putting on a talk about the Royal Naval Division in WW1 and Gary will bring in a good number of items with WW1 history to talk about. So very much a date for the diary, as always there will be a Light Supper, Bar and Raffle on offer. Further details will be forthcoming.

Our famous Messy Church will be running in the Village Hall on 12th Oct 10.30-1200. As those who have been will tell you this is great fun for the youngsters and a chance for parents to catch up too. The last one earlier in the year was an absolute gas. The theme this time will be Harvest and everything that is made will go up to the Church for our Family Harvest Festival service on 13th Oct at 4.00pm



Church Lights. Driving down the A143 you will notice every so often that All Saints Church is alight, and without doubt it looks absolutely fabulous. It's all about remembrance or celebration so if you have something or someone you would like to remember, or an event to celebrate let us know. We already have a list of events and celebrations we mark with the lights and would love to light the

church more often. It costs just £5 a night and the money goes straight into our Maintenance Fund from which we draw frequently in the upkeep of this Grade 1 listed 900 year old Church. If you would like the lights on please contact **Sue Williams** on **07855414941** or myself on allsaintsta@btinternet.com. Payment will be needed before the night if you could please.

May I close wishing you all a bountiful harvest.

Simon Beet

THE REGISTERS - 13TH AUGUST TO 12TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Baptisms

17th Aug Ziggy Giles at St John's, Harleston
8th Sept Sonny Kinsella at St Peter's, Needham

Funerals and Interments

27th Aug Paul Palmer at Waveney Crematorium who lived in Harleston.
30th Aug Betty Fidler who was interred at St Andrew's Scole.
2nd Sept Leslie Leeder at St Andrew's, Scole and burial in the churchyard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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
page 11*).

7 CHURCHES BENEFICE SERVICES

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Compline

All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
Thursday 10th October, 6.30pm

Celebration

St Andrew's, Scole 27th October 4.30pm

Informal Taize

St John's, Harleston Weds 30th October, 7pm

Patronal Holy Communion

All Saints, Thorpe Abbots Friday 1st November 6.30pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Tues 15th October	7.30pm	Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.
Thursdays	9.15am	Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole.
	10.00am	Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

SUNDAY 6TH Trinity 16 Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Harvest Service	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Harvest Service	St Peter's, Needham
<i>2 Timothy 1. 1-14 / Luke 17. 5-10</i>			
SUNDAY 13TH Trinity 17 Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	4.00pm	Harvest Service	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Harvest Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Benefice Prayers	St Peter's, Needham
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>2 Timothy 2. 8-15 / Luke 17. 11-19</i>			
SUNDAY 20TH Trinity 18 Green	9.30am	Harvest Service	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	6.00pm	Harvest Service	St Leonard's, Billingford
	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 (BCP)	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>2 Timothy 3. 14 -- 4.5 / Luke 18. 1-8</i>			
SUNDAY 27TH Trinity 19 Green Clocks go back!	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 15.1-6 / Luke 4.16-24</i>			

Even Christ did not try to please himself. But as the Scriptures say,
"The people who insulted you also insulted me."

And the Scriptures were written to teach and encourage us by giving us hope.

God is the one who makes us patient and cheerful.

I pray that he will help you live at peace with each other,
as you follow Christ.

Romans 15: 3-5 (CEV)

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Thorpe Abbots Village Hall

Saturday 12th October

10.30am to 12noon

Theme - Harvest

Messy Church is for children with their families with crafts and activities together with refreshments.

All Welcome and Free of Charge.