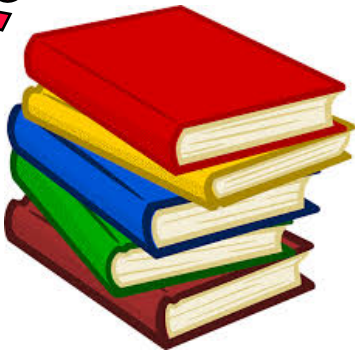


# SEPTEMBER 2017

BACK TO SCHOOL - BACK TO STUDY



**Redenhall with Wortwell**

**Harleston - Needham**

**Brockdish - Thorpe Abbots**

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## Ramblings from the Rectory

Have you ever been somewhere where you feel completely out of place; the odd one out. It doesn't happen to me too often in this country, but it does happen. I've felt it in a pub at the other end of Norfolk. I don't know whether any of those isolated places still exist but they did twenty odd years ago. I remember going into that village pub, and everything went quite, so quite you could hear a pin drop. No one spoke, and then every face turned round. They turned to look at the stranger, the foreigner who had invaded 'their' village and worse still had entered 'their' private pub.

As I said, it is rare for me to feel like an outsider in this country, but those rare times do give me a tiny glimpse into the world of the foreigner. It makes me wonder about the black person, or the Asian person in this very white part of England. It also makes me wonder how someone would feel if I walked into a church for the first time. In my imagination, there I am, entering a world that's new to me. I have no idea what's going to happen. Will these church-goers be hostile? Will they judge me for not being like them? What do I do with this book in my hands? Where do I sit? They don't expect me to sing do they?! Maybe, I feel uncomfortable and alone. Perhaps I can escape now.

I can honestly say that these 7 churches have a good foundation of welcome to build upon. Though I think we forget the immensity of the task that we have. Jesus' task for us to share the wonderful news of God's love with the people of this country.

I read the sad story of a bear that paced up and down the twenty feet of its cage. When, five years later it was rescued, the bear continued to pace up and down those twenty feet, as if the cage was still there. It was. For him.

That is how so many people are when it comes to the freedom of faith. They have been pacing up and down in a life without their Creator for so long that they can't see the freedom of the Spirit, right there for them to walk into. Our job as Christians is to find ways to welcome people into a world that's more than twenty feet long.

God bless, Nigel.

## **Training Lay People in Worship - Scole**

Service Training. Last time we had this in St John's it proved very popular and helpful. On Tuesday 19th September at 6.30pm we will be having another one held at St Andrew's, Scole where you can get all the tips and help on prayers, reading, setting up Sacristan and any other questions you might have. Look forward to seeing you there, *from the Ministry Team*.

## **Introduction of our new training reader in the Benefice**

Nigel has asked me to write an introduction to myself as I am joining the benefice as a newly licensed Reader from the beginning of October this year.

I have lived just outside Pulham St Mary for thirty years this year with my wife Anne, two dogs, five breeding ewes, seven chickens and a continuing discussion as to the wisdom of keeping pigs. We grow top fruit, soft fruit and vegetables. In a good year we keep ourselves and our extended family well supplied.

I know Harleston and the surrounding area well having worked in the town for twenty-six years and came to know many people. I was, for a long time, an active member of Harleston Round Table involved in local fund raising and charitable events.

I used to ride, competing very badly in local cross country and show jumping competitions. My main activities now focus on dog training and field sports. I enjoy watching rather than now trying to participate in cricket in the summer and rugby in the winter.

Following my retirement, we decided I would be able to increase my involvement with the church and I began exploring the ministry of Readership. Formal training started in August 2015 and has progressed through lectures, essays, training weekends and practical exercises.

Nigel and I have worked very happily together in the past, he as Rural Dean and I as churchwarden. Fortunately, we share the same sense of humour. I am very much looking forward to getting to know and work with the benefice congregations and ministry team. I enjoy taking services, preaching and teaching. I hope to be able to build on this background combined with the opportunity for pastoral care to the wider community.

God bless, John Taylor

## Christian Meditation

Wednesday 20th September 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).

## **BILLINGFORD**

**Billingsford Memories and Lunch.** St Leonard's Church Billingsford was open on 29th July for our 'Memories' weekend, we welcomed a steady stream of visitors from 10am. The display boards caused a lot of happy moments and a few sad ones.

On display were details about the Flowerdew, Bloomfield, Foreman, Gardner & Greenard families, Billingsford Womens Guild, past Flower Festivals and Billingsford Windmill, also World War 1, which included details about Arthur Nunn whose name along with Gordon Flowerdew VC is on our War Memorial.

There was also plenty of refreshments to be had and cakes to buy.

On Sunday 30th July we had our Annual Lunch after the Benefice service.

Over 50 people enjoyed lunch, then our Grand Draw was held.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way before, over and after the weekend, also thanks to those who donated prizes and sold Draw tickets. This all added up to a very successful weekend. We raised in excess of £1000 for church funds. Thank you everyone who came along to support us.

*Sue Redgrave for Billingsford PCC*

## **BROCKDISH**

**Film Night** on 12th September at 7.30pm. The Old Kings Head Brockdish premieres Billy Wilder's 'Some Like It Hot', starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, as part of our new 16mm film nights.

Book your ticket for this exclusive film event now. Call us on 01379 668843 or visit us to purchase your tickets. Tuesday 12th September 2017. Curtain up at 7:30 pm. Cost £10 per person

**Quiz Night at Brockdish.** This will be held on Saturday 23rd September. As usual just contact Jan on 01379 668630 if you would like to book. The cost is £4 which includes a light supper. Time is 7.30pm for 8pm start at Brockdish Village Hall. Remember to bring you own drink.

## **SCOLE**

**Savoury, Coffee and Cake Morning** is on Saturday 2nd September 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.

**Rev Sue's Clinic** for all pastoral questions about life is every Monday in Scole Church from 11am to 12pm. Do drop in for a chat.

**Home Group in Scole.** The following are the new Autumn dates for the home groups held at Rev Sue's at 7 Karen Close, Scole on 1st and 3rd Thursdays; **7 September, 21 September, 5 October, 19 October, 9 November, 23 November, 7 December.** They all start at 7.30pm. If you would like more information or thinking of coming to the group please call Rev Sue on 01379 740325.

**Pimms, Picnic and Praise in the Park** in Scole will be on Sunday 17th September at 4.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Scole Messy Church** for primary aged school children with their families is on Saturday 23rd September, Scole Church at 2pm. Activities and games with refreshments and snacks. No need to book and free of charge. Led by Rev Sue.



## **NEEDHAM**



**BumbleTea** Family Church is on Saturday 9th September 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 every first Tuesday of the month (5th Sept) starting at 10am.

**The P.C.C** will be on Thursday 21st September, 7pm at George's Home.

"Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen."

## **REDENHALL**

**HEXACHORDIA** - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 6:00 pm at St Mary's Church, Redenhall with Tony Scheuregger, flute and Rosamund Walton, Soprano. From the end of the Elizabethan era high quality poetry was accompanied by the sonorous sound of the lute. This recital explores the development of these songs and brings to life some of the most popular works of John Downland, Thomas Campion, Thomas Morley and other 'golden age' composers. £5 on the door including light refreshments.

**Wortwell Study Group** meets on Thursday 7th and 21st September at 2pm in the Wortwell Bell. More details from Revd Nigel Tuffnell 01379 308905

## **HARLESTON**

**Coffee Morning and Cake Stall** at St John's is on Saturday, 2nd September from 9.30 to 11.30am

**PCC** for Redenhall & Harleston is on Wednesday 13th September in the Oasis Prayer Centre at ASHS at 7pm

**Cranes of Peace Events.** Friday 15th September at 2pm. To mark the ringing of the peace bell in New York, We in St John's will be doing a short service with handbell ringing at 2pm. Afterwards the wings of the Cranes will be clipped and the clippings are to be flown to New York.

**International Peace Day** is on Thursday 21st September. We will be marking this special moment in St John's, by bringing the cranes down from the rafters. God bless, Lucy.

**Light Lunches** in St John's will be on Tuesday 19th September served from 12 noon at a cost of £5 which includes a pudding.

**Chatty Church** is on Saturday 16th September 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

**Children's Society.** Are you a loyal supporter and hold a collecting box at home? Please will you let me have yours in September. You can take it to church on Tuesday mornings up to 12 noon, or Sunday morning. If you prefer I will collect it. Thank you. If you read this and would like to support the Children's Society by having a box at home for loose change, please ring Sheila on 01379 852762.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** is Tuesday 26th September run by Harleston Funeral Care in St John's, Harleston starting at 10.00am.

**Lighthouse Group** is meeting on Thursday 28th September at 2pm at The Rectory. We meet every 3 months to help bring mission and discipleship to our church and community. Please feel free to come along if you would like to help, have ideas or call me on 01379 851148. God bless, Lucy.

**Annual Harvest Supper** is on Saturday 30th September in St John's. Sausage & mash with a pud including entertainment, all for £7 per person. It starts at 6.30pm for 7pm and as usual bring your own drink. Booking is essential so please call Maureen on 01379 853605 or Jenny on 01379 852617.

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**Teaching Tuesday.** The next two Teaching Tuesdays will be on 5th September and 3rd October at 1.45 in St John's, Harleston. 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.*

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## **LOOK OUT FOR!**

Quiz and Supper at Wortwell Community Centre, Sunday 21st October  
Benefice Service at Thorpe Abbots Church, Sunday 29th October  
All Souls Service at Scole and Harleston, Thursday 2nd November  
Christmas Fayre at St John's, Harleston Saturday 2nd December  
Winter Warmer at Scole Church Saturday 2nd December

### **A Christian Rhyme for the Children**

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, And a wee little man was he  
He climbed up in a sycamore tree, For the Lord he wanted to see  
And as the Savior passed that way,  
He looked up in that tree and He said,  
"Zacchaeus, you come down!

For I'm going to your house today For I'm going to your house to stay"

### Reflection

We often talk of God's calling, or purpose, for our life - where or how we think God wants us to serve. Some people have a clear picture of this, whether it is within career, church roles, family, community, or any other way. Even if you are sure of this calling, it still requires a lot of faith to follow this path, maybe taking you out of your comfort zone, or trusting God to provide in uncertain circumstances.

Alternatively, your path may not always be clear, perhaps you don't know where you are being called to serve. Maybe you are still exploring your particular gifts and searching for your purpose. Or perhaps you have an idea of what you think God has in store for you, but obstacles keep getting in your way, plans don't work out and opportunities fall through, leaving you questioning whether this really is your calling.

However we are specifically called to serve, God asks us to love one another, and above all, no matter what our situation, we are asked to abide with and remain rooted in God, and by doing so we can and will bear fruit. Whether you feel like you've found your calling or not, God is using you, and just as a gardener prunes the branches of the vines, you are growing through the process, with each stumbling block and challenge.

### Practical Action

- Keep pursuing your calling - pray, explore your gifts, and your passions – and even if things don't seem to be working out, trust and remain rooted in Christ, knowing that you are still growing in this process.
- What ways can you show God's love to others in your own settings, whether at work, with family and friends, neighbours etc.?

### Prayer

Loving God, thank you that we can live in relationship with you, for giving our lives purpose, and that you have chosen and appointed each of us to serve you. Help us to trust in you as we explore this more, and rest in your love, but also show this love to others. Amen.

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**Trevor Clarke Appointed as the Lead Evangelist  
for the new Church Army Centre of Mission.**

I am overjoyed to be able to announce the appointment of Trevor Clarke as Lead Evangelist for the new Church Army Centre of Mission to be created in this deanery.



A start date has not yet been agreed but hopefully Trevor and his wife Bonnie will be moving in to their house in Harleston in October. Please pray for Trevor and Bonnie as they prepare for this new adventure.

“Trevor and Bonnie,  
may the Lord pour out his blessings upon you,  
now and always.”

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**Waveney Foodbank**



During the Summer Holidays the Foodbank has been really busy and stocks are at a very low level. We do collect every 1st Sunday at our services but if you cannot come to our 1st Sunday service in our churches then do just drop items off at your church whenever you can or pop donations over to St John's in Harleston as we do get donations picked up from here every Friday morning.

The urgent list they have put out are as follows;

PASTA SAUCE, SUGAR 500G, COFFEE, TINNED TOMATOES, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, CUSTARD POWDER, TINNED VEGETABLES AND RICE PUDDING

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**The Norfolk Churches Trust  
Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk  
9th September 2017  
9am – 5pm**

A fun day out for all, stopping off at as many Churches and Chapels as you can!

Or be a recorder in your church or sponsor someone.  
Details in your local church.

## THE REGISTERS FROM 12TH JULY - 12TH AUGUST

### Funerals and Interments.

- 24th July Joyce Coleman, died 3rd June aged 83, St Andrew's, Scole.  
25th July John Oberhoffer, died 20th June aged 78, Waveney Crematorium who lived in Harleston.  
2nd August Anthony Cecil Doe, died 6th July aged 86, at SS Peter's & Pauls, Brockdish.  
3rd August Pamela Edwards, died 30th June aged 96, St Andrew's, Scole.  
7th August Joan Bloomfield who was interred at St Andrew's, Scole.

### Baptisms

- 16th July Milly Cain at St John's, Harleston.  
29th July Georgia and Ethan Overton at St John's, Harleston.

### Weddings

- 22nd July Philip Howell and Katrina Palmer at St Mary's, Redenhall.  
5th August Hubert Steggles and Shiobhan Woollorton at St Mary's, Redenhall.  
11th August Richard Thomas and Melanie Morant at St John's, Harleston.

### 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.

**The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.**

Psalm 23:1-3 (NIV)

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Tuesdays 9.30am Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston  
Weds 10.00am Cafe Church - St Andrew's, Scole.  
Thursdays 9.15am Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole.  
10.00am Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston  
13th Sept 10.30am Short informal Service for Malthouse Court residents, Harleston  
21st Sept 11.15am Holy Communion for Trees Nursing Home residents, Harleston.

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES AND READINGS

N.B Psalms - Morning or Evening Prayer only

<b>SUNDAY 3RD</b>  12 Trinity  <b>GREEN</b>	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
<i>Jeremiah 15.15-21 / Psalm 26.1-8 / Romans 12.9-end / Matthew 16.21-end</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 10TH</b>  13 Trinity  <b>GREEN</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	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>Ezekiel 33.7-11 / Psalm 119.33-40 / Romans 13.8-end / Matthew 18.15-20</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 17TH</b>  14 Trinity  <b>GREEN</b>	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
	4.00pm	Picnic & Praise	Pocket Park, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Genesis 50.15-21 / Psalm 103.1-13 [or 103.8-13 / Romans 14.1-12 / Matthew 18.21-35</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 24TH</b>  15 Trinity  <b>GREEN</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	<b>Harvest</b> Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Jonah 3.10-end of 4 / Psalm 145.1-8 / Philippians 1.21-end / Matthew 20.1-6</i>			

### Harvest Services in October

1st October	11.00am	St Andrew's, Scole, St John's, Harleston
	9.30am	St Mary's, Redenhall
8th October	9.30am	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
15th October	9.30am	SS Peter & Paul's, Brockdish.
	6.00pm	St Leonard's, Billingford



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