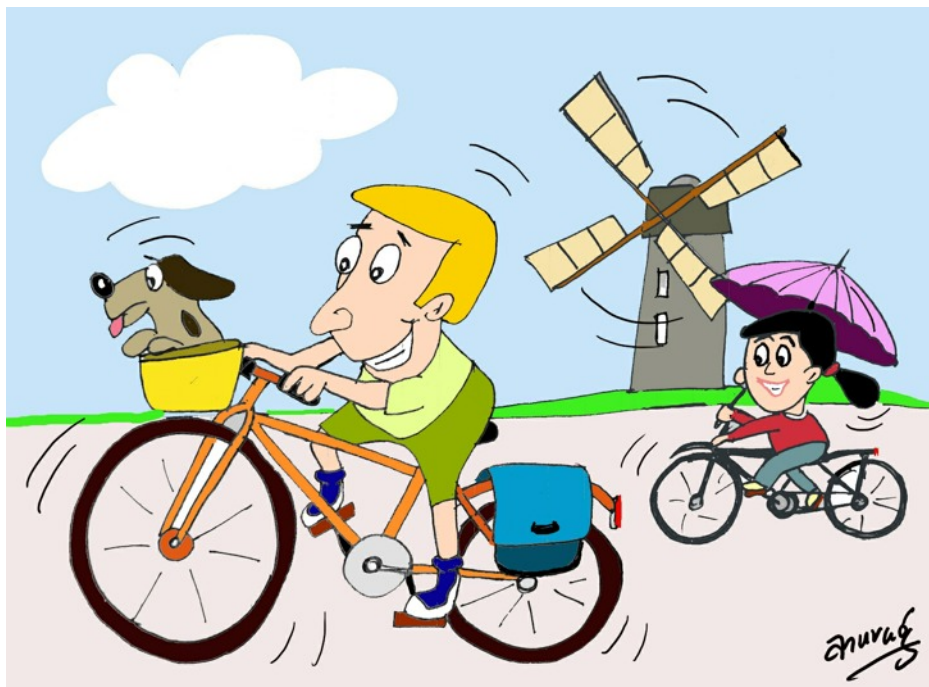


# **SEPTEMBER 2019**



## **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

Since the run up to the US election in 2016 I have had a fascination with US politics. Actually, not so much a fascination, so much as a slow-motion sense of rubbernecking at the horror story of a democratic nation

electing one of the least suitable persons to the highest office. I have uttered frequent disbelief at the lies, the arrogance, the lack of personal morals, the incompetence and the chaos.

Back in the early 2000s there was a US television series called the West Wing, brilliantly written and superbly acted by an ensemble cast led by Martin Sheen as the fictional US president. This was a hugely charismatic former economics professor who built a strong team of brilliant advisers around him. What was most notable was that it was the portrayal of a leader with deep integrity and character. Willing to do the right, but unpopular thing. To weigh the situation. To set his goals beyond simply re-election in four years time. This was the kind of series in which every episode made you feel stupid by comparison with these characters — and yet cleverer too, because this programme raised your levels of thinking, your sense of humour, and your positivity. Every time I watch an episode, I am reminded how fundamental deep integrity is to real leadership.

Recently the US president has caused outrage by a series of openly racist speeches and tweets, condemning now whole cities. Democrats and black American leaders have expressed their outrage, but there has been too little outrage from his own party — or American Christians.

But this trend was bucked on 30th July when Washington National Cathedral published a statement of condemnation, asking 'Where is our country's sense of decency?... When does silence become complicity?'

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I was relieved to see such a clear statement from such a major church in the US. About time, too.

To stand with them, and echo their dissension, let me add that Christ's love was and is equally for all, without exception, and that Christians should affirm this. God loves all people, of all colour and nation, young or old, rich or poor, gay or straight, cool or nerd, saint or sinner — and regardless of any other means by which we so often group and categorize people.

Our churches in this benefice welcome all people, too. Whether you are 'church' or 'unchurched', faith or no faith, inquiring or not interested, you matter. You are welcome.

And racism, bigotry and hate are wrong, no matter who it is.

God bless you, Revd Tim.

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## Harleston - St John's

**Tuesday Informal Singing** is every Tuesday from 11.00am to 12noon except Tuesday 3rd September. Refreshments available.

**Coffee Morning** is Saturday 7th September from 9.30am to 11.30am. Includes cake and savoury stalls.

**Summer Light Lunches** are on Tuesday 17th September at 12noon. Cost is only £5 which includes a pudding!

**Community Lunches** are on Tuesday 24th September at 12noon. No set charge but donations welcome.

**Family Service** (Informal) is every 1st Sunday (1st September) at 11am All age, lively music, interactive talk, children's activities, creative prayer and more! Followed by refreshments.

This months theme is 'Why are Christians so Judgemental'

**Chatty Church Family BBQ** is on Saturday 21st September at 2pm. Donations towards the BBQ to cover costs appreciated. 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!



**The Norfolk Churches  
Trust**

**Sponsored Bike, Walk  
or Drive**

**14th September 2019  
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.



## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

**The Life and Musical  
choices of a "Castaway" in a  
Mythical Tropical Paradise**

**MUSIC AND MEMORIES  
OF BRIAN WRIGHT**

**Sunday 15th  
September**

**3 PM**

**Tickets £5**

St John's Church office  
(01379) 851148  
Brian 853660



**ST JOHN'S, HARLESTON**

Event will last about 90 Minutes  
including Tea & Cake

## Brockdish - St Peter & Paul's

On 22nd September at 2.30pm Baroness Elaine Murphy will lead a tour of Brockdish Church. She has written the latest guide to the church and also a comprehensive history containing photographs and details not available before. Elaine has written articles for Brockdish "Mardler" magazine on topics ranging from stage coaches, fell-mongering, pubs, shops, cattle droving and much else. She is also the author of the history of "Monks Hall", a beautiful mediaeval house at Syleham and her own house "The Grange" in Brockdish. She is a fascinating speaker and well worth listening to. Tea and cakes will be provided and the cost is just £5. If you are a member of Waveney Heritage, based at the old School in Brockdish, it is even better value at £4! Further information from:- Mary Thompson 01379 668279 or Jill Edwards 669057

**Quiz & Light Supper** Saturday 21st September 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets cost £4 (Bring your own drink) Brockdish Village Hall - Bookings Jan 01379 668630

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** will be on Friday 27th September at Brockdish Village hall from 10am to 11.30am

## Needham - St Peter's

**Annual BBQ.** The Village Hall in Needham is holding it's annual BBQ on September 15th starting at 1p.m, there will be music, raffle, bouncy castle + lots of other stalls. St. Peters church will also be open with a floral exhibition. All are welcome.

**The Harvest Festival date** is now on October 6th at 4p.m followed by a Bring + Share tea in the village hall. If anyone would like to help decorate the church for either the Harvest Festival or village BBQ please contact Gill Powell on 07545396695.

**Volunteers.** I am looking for volunteers to help form a cleaning rota for St.Peters so please contact Gill on the above phone number.

### Look Out For!

Messy Church  
(Halloween)  
31st October, 4.30pm  
Scole Church



All Souls  
2nd November, 6pm  
in Scole and  
Harleston Church

## Scole - St Andrew's

**Coffee Morning** Saturday 7th September 10am - 12 noon; come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.

**Annual Gift Weekend** - 7 & 8 of September. Saturday, the church will be open between 9 am and 1 pm. It costs more than **£60 a day to keep the church open** so without your help we couldn't manage. If you are able to, please be generous, and help us to maintain and keep the church viable. On the Sunday evening, at 6 pm (8 September), there will be an evening '**Songs of Praise**' in the church at 6pm - please let Rev Sue (740325) know if you would like any favourite hymns, readings or poems included.



**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](mailto:kathy.m.wood.stb@googlemail.com) or Sue on 740325; [revsue@7churches.org.uk](mailto:revsue@7churches.org.uk), for more

information or **just turn up!**

**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 and congratulate him and 'The Volunteers of Scole Nature Trails' Trust' for winning an award for their work in the Churchyard.***

## St Leonard's Billingford.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped & supported our Roof Fundraiser Buffet Lunch on 28th July. A good time was had by all. Just under £600 was raised. Sue & Georgina





## Redenhall Abseil 2019

Just a few photos of  
Helen and Zoe stepping  
over the tower edge at  
St Mary's for  
Christian Aid.



Top -Zoe Orford from our Glow Crew Youth Group braving the step.

Left - Helen Orford our Tuesday Office Girl and runs Midweek Mingle looking startled on how is she going to get out of this one!

Right - Helen and Zoe with their certificates. Well done!

## A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO FEEL WOUNDED

Dear God, We feel wounded, betrayed, and brokenhearted.

We wonder sometimes if we can ever fully recover  
from the deep hurt we feel inside.

Thank you that you know what we've been  
through and the struggles we still carry.

Help us to forgive. Help us to let go.

We know that we can move forward with you in peace and freedom.

We pray for those who have hurt us right now,  
and ask for your power to work mightily within their lives.

We leave them in your hands and  
find our comfort and strength in your spirit. Amen



### Pledge to Protect the Planet

In their words : **Reminder number 2**

To celebrate Earth Day Harleston Primary Academy pupils sent messages to everyone asking for our help to Protect the Planet and why:

*'Recycle as much as possible ... the  
earth's resources are finite and one  
day they will run out'*

*Well said Phoebe ... keep on telling us - the more we do it the better it will be.*

*We need the Planet ... the Planet needs us ... and we all need  
each other ... if we don't act, who will?*

***Time for Action ... here ... NOW***



### LUKE 12:6-7 CEV

Five sparrows are sold for just two pennies, but God doesn't forget one of them. Even the hairs on your head are counted. So don't be afraid!

You are worth much more than many sparrows.



## THE REGISTERS - 13TH JULY TO 12TH AUGUST 2019

### Weddings

19 July Peter Edwards and Jennifer Fisher at St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish.

### Funerals and Interments

17th July Rita Ransome who was interred in St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish.

22nd July Stewart Orr at St Mary's, Redenhall

29th July Bridget Timbers at St Mary's, Redenhall and interred in the Churchyard.

30th July Doris Belt at St Mary's, Redenhall and interred in the town cemetery.

6th Aug Hildegard Martin who was interred in St Andrew's, Scole.

10th Aug Celia Welsh who was interred in St John's, Harleston.

### 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 back page*).

**Also please pray for** the family and friends of Bill Woodworth, Derek Leeder, Paul Palmer and Leslie Leeder who have recently died.

### 7CHURCHES BENEFICE SERVICES

SEVEN  
CHURCHES

#### Celebration

St Andrew's, Scole 22nd September, 4.30pm

#### Compline

St Leonard's, Billingford Thursday 10th October, 6.30pm

#### Informal Taize

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

SEVEN  
CHURCHES

### WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

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

Mon 16th 7.30pm Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Space,  
September Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.

Thursdays 9.15am Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole.  
10.00am Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.

## SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

|  |         |                      |                               |
|--|---------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>1ST</b><br>Trinity 11<br>Green     | 9.30am  | Holy Communion       | St Leonard's, Billingford     |
|  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary's, Redenhall          |
|  | 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            |
|  | 4.30pm  | Benefice Prayers     | St Peter's, Needham           |
| <i>Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16 / Luke 14. 1, 7-14</i> |         |                      |                               |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>8TH</b><br>Trinity 12<br>Green     | 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 | Holy Communion       | St John's, Harleston          |
|  | 11.00am | Morning Prayer       | St Andrew's, Scole            |
|  | 4.30pm  | Benefice Prayers     | St Peter's, Needham           |
|  | 6.00pm  | Service              | Wortwell Chapel               |
|  | 6.30pm  | Songs of Praise      | St Andrew's, Scole            |
| <i>Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16 / Luke 14. 1, 7-14</i> |         |                      |                               |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>15TH</b><br>Trinity 13<br>Green    | 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            |
|  | 4.30pm  | Benefice Prayers     | St Peter's, Needham           |
|  | 6.00pm  | Evening Prayer (CW)  | St Mary's, Redenhall          |
| <i>1 Timothy 1. 12-17 / Luke 15. 1-10</i>        |         |                      |                               |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>22ND</b><br>Trinity 14<br>Green    | 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            |
|  | 4.30pm  | Celebration Service  | St Andrew's, Scole            |
| <i>1 Timothy 2. 1-7 / Luke 16. 1-13</i>          |         |                      |                               |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>29TH</b><br>Trinity 15<br>Green    | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer       | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish |
|  | 11.00am | Holy Communion       | St John's, Harleston          |
|  | 11.00am | Morning Prayer       | Mary's, Redenhall             |
|  | 11.00am | Holy Communion       | St Andrew's, Scole            |
| <i>1 Timothy 6. 6-19 / Luke 16. 19-31</i>        |         |                      |                               |

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# **HARVEST SUPPER**

**St John's Church - Harleston  
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