

APRIL 2019



**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.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE RECTORY

Hope is important. Hope is what I need. Without hope it is hard, if not impossible, for me or anyone, to get on with even the basic things of life. When I've felt hopeless, it felt as though I was empty inside and all was futile and pointless. I'm writing about this not because I want sympathy. I'm writing this because I know what hopeless feels like and I don't want that for anyone else. I need hope when things go wrong. I admit it. I admit that I need hope when friends or family die young; when depressed or lonely. I have found that hope in my faith, and I pray that you have found hope in the same place too.

There is much of Lent still to go, and then the pain of Holy Week. There is much for us yet to learn in our Lent Groups. Then Easter will be here. All that joy and hope of Christmas comes to fruition on Easter morning when we gather together to proclaim, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

On 21st April, we will celebrate all the hope of Christmas being fulfilled. The baby has grown up and become someone. The horrors of this world did their worst and failed. Jesus was tortured, humiliated and killed, only to rise again with hope for us all. That baby from the school nativity has become the one who is stronger even than death, or despair, or any ill in this world.



You and I have not been promised lots of money or an easy life, but we have been given the hope that God will transform whatever life brings with it. People find hope in many different places; different philosophies, different religions. I have found my source of hope in Christianity and that hope has changed my life for ever. I pray for the Spirit to change my life some more. I pray the same for you and wish you a Happy Easter.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

God bless, Nigel.

SUNRISE SERVICE



6am

Easter Day Ocean Pit Weybread Ecumenical service All welcome

Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, “Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? Jesus isn’t here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, ‘The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life.’”

Then they remembered what Jesus had said. **Luke 24: 4b - 8**

HOLY WEEK - MONDAY 15TH APRIL TO SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

Mon 15th Reading of Luke's Gospel - SS Peter & Paul, Brockdish 6.30pm

Tues 16th Evening Devotions - St Leonard's, Billingford 6.30pm

Weds 17th Evening Devotions - St Mary's, Redenhall 6.30pm

Thurs 18th Chrism Eucharist at Norwich Cathedral 11.00am

Said BCP Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Scole 4pm

Passover Meal - St John's, Harleston 6pm - £6 - Bookings only

Fri 19th Walk of Witness from Co-Op car park to London Road Church 10am

Devotional Half Hour in each church as follows;

11am - Ss Peter's & Paul, Brockdish

12pm - St Mary's, Redenhall

1pm - St Peter's, Needham

2pm - St Andrew's, Scole

3pm - All Saints - Thorpe Abbots

4pm - St Leonard's, Billingford.

Stations of the Cross at St John's, Harleston 6pm



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HARLESTON - ST JOHN'S

Pew Removal. We would like to thank everyone for all their support, voluntary time and donations in bringing our stage one project to near completion. The church now has the flexible space for the community to access all kinds of worship, events and groups. We are now moving on to our stage two project of replacing our sound and audio visual system.

Community Use and Bookings. St John's hosts a variety of groups which include Foodbank, Community Lunches, Youth Group, Chatty Church Family Afternoons, Cooking Classes, Midweek Mingle for all, including Tea and Toast, U3A groups, Concerts, Harleston Events and Fresh Expressions Church, as well as a variety of worship to suit all. For more information do visit www.7churches.org.uk/harleston

Tuesday Informal Singing is every Tuesday from 11.00am to 12noon. Refreshments available before 11am.

Midweek Mingle for toddlers, parents and those who like to mingle. Every Wednesday, with toast & refreshments from 9.15 to 11.30am (term time only).

Coffee Morning and Cake Stall is Saturday 6th April from 9.30am to 11.30am. If you would like to help with cake or savoury contributions please contact Maureen 01379 853605.

Light Lunches are on 16th April at 12noon. £5 including a pudding.

Easter Chatty Church for families, with activities, crafts and a short talk/story, Saturday 20th April at 2pm with snacks and refreshments.

Community Lunches are on Tuesday 23rd April at 12noon. No set charge but donations welcome.

Prayers for Harleston at the High School, 730pm in the Oasis Prayer Space

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Brockdish - 2nd April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Thorpe Abbots - 4th April, 7pm in the Village Hall

Scole - 10th April, 7.30pm in the church

Redenhall & Harleston - 11th April, 7pm in St John's

BENEFICE OUTING TO ELY – SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2019



On Saturday 27th April we're going on a benefice outing to Ely. What will we do when we're there? Anything you like, really: Ely is beautiful, interesting and historic. You could take a tour of the Cathedral, enjoy the craft market and antique shops, or just visit cafés and go shopping. Whatever you choose to do, many of us will end the day joining the Ely Cathedral Choir for Evensong, before returning home.

- Redenhall - Wortwell Bell (9.30 am) and Redenhall Church shortly after.
- Harleston - Harleston Bus Stop by War Memorial (9.35 am)
- Needham – Outside Village Hall (9.40 am)
- Brockdish - Brockdish Village Hall (9.45 am)
- Thorpe Abbots - Village Pump (9.50 am)
- Billingford - Layby by The Horseshoes (9.55 am)
- Scole - Outside Scole Inn (10 am)

We hope to arrive in Ely a little around 11.45am.

Evensong is at 5.30pm and we hope to leave Ely by about 6.30pm, returning to Scole by about 8pm.

The cost of the coach is £12.50pp which needs to be paid when booking your seat to your Churchwarden or at the Benefice Office inside St John's Church.



Thorpe Abbots Messy Church

for children is on
Saturday 13th April
in the Village Hall
starting at 10.30am to 12noon.

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 18th April 2019
Chrism Eucharist - Norwich Cathedral 11am

We are writing to invite you to share with us in the Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral at 11am where we renew our ordination vows, bless the oils for use in initiation and healing, and recommit ourselves as clergy and lay people in our ministry for the coming year.

Increasing numbers of lay people now attend this service. Members of your family will be very welcome. So too will your parishioners.

We know this is a busy time of year but please give this service priority in your diary so that it may be a truly diocesan celebration within Holy Week. It is for clergy and people of all traditions in the Church of England and is an important opportunity for us to be together in prayer and worship as we await the appointment of a new Bishop of Norwich.

The increased numbers in recent years have put pressure on parking in the Cathedral Close where it is an ordinary working day. Those working in or visiting the offices have priority. If you can park elsewhere in the city (such as the Bishopgate car park near the Adam & Eve Pub) that would be very helpful.

A sandwich lunch will be available for all after the service in the north and south transepts.

This comes with our prayers for you all as we approach Holy Week and Easter.

Yours sincerely,
The Rt Revd Dr Alan Winton

OPEN GARDENS - DAFFODIL WALK



Down to the banks of the River Waveney at
The Old Coach House, The Street, Brockdish IP21 4JY

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 12NOON TO 4.00PM.

Proceeds to St Peter & St Pauls, Brockdish Fabric Fund.
Refreshments, Craft Stalls, Jams, Books and Bric-a-brac.

Adults £3 - Children Free - Dogs welcome on leads.



St Luke the Physician.



Luke wrote his gospel around 60 A.D. and composed Acts approximately three years later. For his gospel account, Luke garnered his information from eye-witnesses and documents. Since Luke is believed to have been with Paul when the latter was imprisoned at Rome, it appears likely that he would have met the apostles and disciples, and would have been aware of the gospels written by Mark and Matthew. It is widely held that one of the people Luke interviewed... perhaps at greater length than any other witness... may have been Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ.

A Prayer for Healing

Lord of Heaven,

I rest underneath your mighty wings of love.

I dwell within your gentle heart.

I know there is healing in your touch.

Through the sufferings of Christ I can ask for restoration

And trust in your goodness.

You are my Lord, my Saviour,

My healer and my friend.

I dwell within your gentle embrace.

Amen

<http://www.orderofstluke.org.uk/prayers-for-healing>

NEEDHAM - ST PETER'S



EASTER EGG HUNT

St Peter's Church

Saturday 20th April

11.30am

followed by a

Bring and Share Lunch.

All are welcome so

Mums, Dads and Grandparents come
along and join in the fun!

Contact Gill Powell for anymore information on 0745 396695

Coffee Morning & Spring Lunch

6th April **Scole church**

11am – 2pm

£9

- * Quiche / Cheese / Ham
- * Salads & New Potatoes
- * Dessert
- * Tea/Coffee



Raffle

To assist the caterers, please register your interest with Carol 742 713, Georgie 740 127 or Kay 741 054

THE REGISTERS - 13TH FEBRUARY TO 12TH MARCH 2019

Funerals and Interments

15th Feb Jean Margaret Renaut at St Mary's, Redenhall
21st Feb Alison June Goddard at St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish
26th Feb John Mark Ransome at St Leonard's, Billingford
8th March Emma May Hurdley at St Mary's, Redenhall

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Jean Roper, Lyn Veness, Maurice & Frances Cormack.

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 our Friday Youth Group, Chatty Church and Midweek Mingle in Harleston and our Toddler Group in Scole especially the volunteers who run the groups and the families and children who come to enjoy the welcome and make new friendships in our churches.



7churches Benefice Services

BCP Said Holy Communion

St John's Thursday 4th April at 10am

Christian Meditation

Oasis Prayer Space, Archbishop Sancroft High School
Wednesday 3rd April, 7.30pm

Prayers for the Benefice

St Peter's, Needham Sunday 7th and 14th April at 4.30pm

Compline

St Leonard's, Billingford Thursday 11th April at 6.30pm
All Saints, Thorpe Abbots Thursday 13th June at 6.30pm

Celebration Service

St Andrew's, Scole Sunday 28th April at 4.30pm

Look Out For

Taize Service in Harleston 29th May 7pm
Pet Service in Brockdish 7th July 3pm



APRIL SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

SUNDAY 7TH Lent 5 Purple	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion cw	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Philippians 3. 4b-14 / John 12. 1-8</i>			
SUNDAY 14TH Palm Sunday Red	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Luke 19.28-40</i> Liturgy of Palms inc. Blessing <i>Philippians 2.5-11 / Luke 23.1-49 or Luke 22. 14—end of 23</i>			
EASTER SUNDAY 21ST Gold/White	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion cw	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Family Service	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
<i>Acts 10.34-43 / Luke 24.1-12</i>			
SUNDAY 28TH Easter 2 Gold/White	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish		
	4.30pm Benefice Celebration Service St Andrew's, Scole		
<i>Acts 5. 27-32 / John 20.19-31</i>			

Father,

You are full of grace and complete forgiveness. Help me to walk forward
from this day. Thank you that right now I can enter into a new dawn,
a fresh start, and a new freedom.

Thank you for the price that you paid
that I always have a chance to begin again with you.

Amen

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