

MARCH 2019



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE RECTORY

For me March is a turning point in the year. The weather is beginning to change, but is far from predictable (if English weather could ever be called predictable!). The garden is preparing to come to life with wonderful bulbs like daffodils and hyacinths adding swathes of colour and fragrance. That said, March can look back to the cold and snow of winter as easily as it looks forward to the warmer months to come. March is a pivot point. A time when I can just as easily see the glass half empty, as see the glass half full. After all the dark and the cold, I choose to look forward in hope. I choose to look forward to something better, even if that 'something better' might be some time to come.

I look forward with hope, but as a realist too. If the future is to be better, then I need to work now to make it so. When I grew more of my own vegetables, early March meant digging and planting rows and rows of potatoes. The same is true within me. The outer dark of winter often seeps into me. So for me the grey can replace the bright flame of faith. So for me March is a spiritual turning point too.

This March, as I look forward to Easter I will look forward with hope. As with those potatoes I know that I need to prepare the ground and allow God to plant the seeds of hope in me. First there is Ash Wednesday. For me Ash Wednesday is one of the highlights of the year. I know it sounds strange. How can a solemn occasion like Ash Wednesday be a highlight? It is a wonderful day for me because it is a day when I really and truly do not have to pretend. I don't have to pretend to be better than I am. I can be honest about my faults; about my fallibility. Honesty is such a liberating thing!

I accept who I am as I receive the ash on Ash Wednesday. As I receive that ash, I know too that God accepts me as I am. We both stand together at the starting line, ready to set off on a journey of growth and life restored. Ash Wednesday gives me the inner drive to begin the journey of Lent. The Lent Groups form an essential part of this. This year I am particularly excited to be looking at big questions, like "Why do bad things happen to good people?" and "Faith vs Science?" These are all part of the Church Army's "Why on earth?" course.

I for one am really looking forward to exploring faith with fellow pilgrims. Pilgrims together on the road to Easter.

Now I am back to where I began. March is an inner and outer turning point in the year. As we stand together at a balance point in the year, I encourage you to join me in working now to make the Easter hope a reality, and not just wishful thinking. God bless, Nigel.

LENT 2019

Sunday 10th March to Saturday 13th April

Ash Wednesday - 6th March - 7pm

Ashing services both at St John's, Harleston and St Andrew's, Scole.

Lent Groups

"This year's lent groups will be using the Church Army course called "Why on Earth." "Why on Earth" is a Bible based course that helps us to explore difficult real world questions like "Why do bad things happen if there's a good God?" "has science replaced religion?" and "is there anything special about Jesus?"

We will meet weekly for 5 weeks. All groups will be studying the same thing so you can move between them to avoid missing a session."

Leaders/Groups

Revd Nigel Tuffnell - Thursdays at 2pm in The Bell at Wortwell 01379 308905 rector@7churches.org.uk).

Rev Sue Auckland - (Thursdays at 7.30pm at 8 Karen Close, Scole 01379 740325 revsue@7churches.org.uk).

Lynda Mansfield - (Tuesdays at 7.30pm (not 7th April) at Home Farm House, The Street, Thorpe Abbots IP21 4JB - 01379 740401 lyndamscole@hotmail.co.uk

Don Blagg - Wednesdays at 7.30pm at 24 Church View, Harleston 01379 854156 waveney24@btinternet.com

Sheila Thurlow - Tuesdays at 7.30pm at 72, London Road, Harleston, or 2 Shotford Road, Harleston 01379 852762 sheila@londonroad72.plus.com

Revd Tim Rogers - Tuesdays at 2pm at 20 St Peter' Close, Brockdish 01379 852166 curate@7churches.org.uk

At each group there will be a collection for the Bishops Lent Appeal (see page 9).

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

Mon 15th - Reading of Luke's Gospel - Ss Peter & St 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

Passover Meal - St John's, Harleston 5.30pm - Bookings only

Fri 19th - Walk of Witness from CoOp carpark 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.

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



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HARLESTON - ST JOHN'S



Pancakes in St John's is on Shrove Tuesday 5th March at 12noon to 1.30pm. Pancakes, cake and refreshments. £5 per adult, £2 per child, under 7s free of charge. Also there will be a raffle. Jenny Pitt-Pladdy and Maureen.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer is Friday 1st March London Road Church, Harleston at 7pm.

Prepared by the women of Slovenia.

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

Coffee Morning and Cake Stall is Saturday 2nd March from 9.30am to 11.30am. If you would like to help with cake or savoury contributions then contact Maureen 01379 853605.

Chatty Church for families with activities, crafts and a short talk/story is on Saturday 16th March at 2pm with snacks and refreshments.

Light Lunches are on 19th March at 12noon. £5 including a pudding.

Community Lunches are on Tuesday 26th March at 12noon. No set charge but donations welcome.

SCOLE - ST ANDREW'S



Spring Clean in Scole Church is planned for Saturday 23rd March starting at 9.30am. Any help would be appreciated.

Toddler Group is every Wednesday 9.15 to 10.45am in term time only.

Coffee Mornings begin again on Saturday 2nd March, 10am - 12 noon; come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.

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.



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.

LUKE 6:17-26 (CEV)

Jesus Teaches, Preaches, and Heals. Jesus and his apostles went down from the mountain and came to some flat, level ground. Many other disciples were there to meet him. Large crowds of people from all over Judea, Jerusalem, and the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon were there too. These people had come to listen to Jesus and to be healed of their diseases. All who were troubled by evil spirits were also healed. Everyone was trying to touch Jesus, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

Blessings and Troubles - Jesus looked at his disciples and said:

God will bless you people who are poor.

His kingdom belongs to you!

God will bless you hungry people.

You will have plenty to eat!

God will bless you people who are crying.

You will laugh!

God will bless you when others hate you and won't have anything to do with you. God will bless you when people insult you and say cruel things about you, all because you are a follower of the Son of Man. Long ago your own people did these same things to the prophets. So when this happens to you, be happy and jump for joy! You will have a great reward in heaven.

But you rich people are in for trouble.

You have already had an easy life!

You well-fed people are in for trouble.

You will go hungry!

You people who are laughing now

are in for trouble.

You are going to cry and weep!

You are in for trouble when everyone says good things about you. That is what your own people said about those prophets who told lies.

NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL - 2019

Notice is hereby given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment..

Under the Church Representation Rules any persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if they:

- 1 are baptised and are aged 16 or over;
 - 2 have signed a form of application for enrolment;
- and either
- 3 Living in the parish and a member of the Church of England or a Church in communion with the Church of England.
 - 4 Not resident in the parish but a member of the Church of England (or a Church with which the Church of England is in communion) and has regularly attended worship in the parish during the six months prior to enrolment.
 - 5 A member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and they are prepared to declare themselves a member of the Church of England, having regularly attended worship during the six months prior to enrolment.

Each parish will need to produce a new electoral roll before their annual meeting. If anyone has concerns they are to ask, and I will be happy to advise. God bless, Nigel - Rector

NEEDHAM - ST PETER'S

Friends of St Peter's, Needham. Results of David Cunliffs Quiz. We have a winner with 48 correct answers out of 50, winning a bottle of wine donated by Olive Hudson. We thank David and Olive and everyone who took part. The Quiz made £61.00 for the Friends which goes to the upkeep of the church. Thank you to David who produces the Quiz for us. *Pauline*

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THE REGISTERS - 13TH JANUARY TO 12TH FEBRUARY 2019

Funerals and Interments

Correction from the January Newsletter - 30th Nov - Robin Lambert at St Andrew's, Scole followed by a burial in the churchyard.

14th Jan Barbara Vickers at St Andrew's, Scole & burial in the churchyard.

18th Jan Michael Frederick Ransome interred in St Peter & St Pauls, Brockdish.

23rd Jan David Oakley at St Peter & St Paul's, Brockdish & burial in the churchyard.

8th Feb Ellen Mabel Sheldrake at St John's, Harleston & Waveney Crematorium.

12th Feb Christina Turner at Waveney Crematorium and St Leonard's Billingford.

Baptisms

9th Feb Madeleine Julliette Marjoram at St John's, Harleston

10th Feb Harry Giles Frederick Thornette 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 making new friendships in our churches.

BENEFICE WEEKDAY SERVICES AND OTHER PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Weds 13th March	7.30pm	Christian Meditation in the 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.
8th March	7.30pm	Prayers - Oasis Prayer Space - High School
21st March	11.15am	Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents.
Sundays	4.30pm	Benefice Prayers at Needham Church

MARCH SERVICES AND READINGS

SUNDAY 3RD Sunday before Lent Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>2 Corinthians 3. 12-4.2 / Luke 9. 28-36</i>			
SUNDAY 10TH Lent 1 Purple	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Romans 10.8b - 13 / Luke 4. 1-13</i>			
SUNDAY 17TH Lent 2 Purple	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Compline	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Philippians 3. 17-4.1 / Luke 13. 31-end</i>			
SUNDAY 24TH Lent 3 Purple	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
	4.00pm	Compline	St Mary's, Redenhall
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>1 Corinthians 10. 1-13 / Luke 13. 1-9</i>			
Mothering Sunday 31st Lent 4 Purple Clocks go Forward!	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Colossians 3.12-17 / Luke 2.33-35</i>			

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