

APRIL 2018



**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

Thinking of April I think of “April Fools”. I think of all of the tricks played on people. I think of the famous “Spaghetti Harvest” joke by the BBC, and the more recent flying penguins “nature documentary”, again by the BBC. If you haven’t seen them then you can easily look them both up on YouTube. They make me smile, every time.

This year April Fools’ Day could be one of the greatest ever. This year there were lots of fools turning out of their homes early to celebrate something crazy not just foolish, including me. I was up at 6am to celebrate the stupid idea that a man could die and then come to life again. How could that possibly be?

This year I am an April Fool and proud of it! I am an April Fool because I believe the impossible. I believe that a man died 2,000 years ago and three days later he was alive again. I have read lots of accounts and they are pretty convincing. More than that, I know first hand that it’s true. I know because I have met him, sadly not physically, but through his Spirit. I have met Jesus and found my life changed. I’ve discovered that I’m loved, and that there is hope in this world of confusion, lies and pain.

I must be mad; at least if you think that the world is just a machine made up of nothing more than what we can easily see, or measure. Then I have never thought that there was nothing more to the world than the physical, even before I contracted this Christian madness. Very few people really do. Most of us know that this world is made up of more, we love and wonder, and ‘feel’ reality, just as much as we weigh and measure it.

Perhaps I am sane? Perhaps it’s the rest of the world that is mad? Perhaps, you and I are more than just machines? Perhaps it’s all the rest who are April Fools.

God bless, Nigel.

Benefice Compline is on Thursday 19th April at St Leonard’s, Billingford starting at 6.30pm.

Benefice Choir practice is 6.30pm on 10th April at Scole Church and again at St John’s on 17th April

EASTER DAY SERVICES - SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

6.00AM SUNRISE SERVICE

WEYBREAD PITS.

9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION

BILLINGFORD, THORPE ABBOTTS, NEEDHAM, BROCKDISH AND REDENHALL.

11AM HOLY COMMUNION

HARLESTON AND SCOLE.

BENEFICE ROAD TRIP TO ST ALBANS - Saturday April 28th

Coach Leaving: Wortwell Bell 8.30am, Redenhall Church 8.35am, Harleston Bus Stop Broad Street 8.40am, Needham Red Lion Pub 8.50am, Brockdish Village Hall 8.55am, Billingford Pub 9.00am and Scole Inn 9.05am

We will then arrive in St Albans about 12noon. Leaving St Albans approximately 5pm. Estimated time of arrival home 9pm (Wortwell)

Times are approximate all depending on traffic and weather conditions. The cost of the coach is **£15.00 pp on booking**. To book your place contact your Churchwarden (*details back page*).

Cathedral tours are available at 11.30am and 2pm which cost £6.50 for adults, concessions are £6 children 5 to 16yoa is £3. Please let us know if you would like to be booked on a tour (payment at tour) Everyone is welcome to join the Evensong at 4pm.

For more information about St. Albans see:

<http://www.enjoystalbens.com/>

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/>

<http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/verulamium/>

Christian Meditation is Weds 4th April at 7.30pm - Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston. Contact Revd Nigel Tuffnell for more details (*details back page*)

SCOLE

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

Cafe Church. Come and have a tea or coffee with a short half hour informal service every Wednesday at 11.00 am.

NEEDHAM

Songs of Praise

Sunday 8th April at 6pm

A special service for Charles Chenery and George Miller
(*Charles is leaving the area*) for their dedicated service as wardens

At St Peter's Needham.

Do come and enjoy singing your thanks to them both. Refreshments will be served after the service.



BILLINGFORD

The Memorial Stone to honour Lieut. Gordon Flowerdew V.C is on Tuesday 10th April, 12noon at St Leonard's, Billingford. All Welcome.

HARLESTON

Informal Singing is every Tuesday from 11.15am to 12.15pm in St John's. Refreshments available. No need to book just come along or for more details contact *Stephanie Woollam 01379 852527*

Dementia Cafe & Support Group will be meeting on Thursday April 19th (every 3rd Thursday of each month) at The Swift Piano Bar, Swan Hotel in Harleston. Its starts at 2pm and finishes at 4pm. Refreshments available.
Maureen Youngman

St John's Coffee Morning and Cake Stall is on Saturday 7th April at 9.30am to 11.30am. Come and have toasted tea cakes or a slice of cake with your coffee and relax in a friendly atmosphere. Children welcome with toys available. If you would like to contribute cakes or savouries contact *Maureen Youngman on 01379 853605.*

St John's Light Lunches will be on the 3rd Tuesday (**17th April**) served from 12 noon at a cost of £5.00 which includes a pudding. Donations will go to the life of the church. *Sheila Thurlow.01379 852762*

Community Lunches. We now have a light community lunch every 4th Tuesday (24th April) from 12noon to 1pm in St John's. There isn't a cost but donations welcome. *Matt Scade-Foodbank*

Chatty Church is on Saturday 21st April (every 3rd Saturday of the month) 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 child has a special dietary need and would like more information call *Fiona on 07702 972656 or Claire 07810 565805.*

Midweek Mingle with Tea, Coffee and Toast. Every Wednesday from 9.15am to 11.30am in St John's Church, Harleston with Marina, Helen and Kat. Great opportunity to meet new people and mingle. Play area for children and activities in the holidays. *Marina 07776 339 340*

SPONSOR A CHAIR

For St John's Church in Harleston

Can You or Your Group Help?

We are removing the pews inside the church to make a more flexible space for all its needs as a church and as a community building together with repairing the flooring.

The chairs will cost appx £60 each

If you are able to help please call us or fill in the flyer at the back of the church then hand it in personally to either;

Revd Nigel Tuffnell - Rector

10 Swan Lane, Harleston IP20 9AN / 01379 308905

Lucy Elton - Churchwarden

Parish Office, St John's Church, Broad Street, Harleston IP20 9AZ / 01379 851148

**A dedication book will be purchased
should you wish a dedication to be added to your gift.**

Yeast like Jesus

I don't care if you're white, black, brown, green, whatever ... you are flour.

I don't care if you're rich, poor, tall, small, fat, thin ... you are all flour.

You can cut your hair, change your clothes, get a new a job, move house, you are still flour.

This is great news! Why?

So many people think 'I need to change before God will accept me, I'm not good enough for God, I can't become the person God wants me to be, I've screwed up' etc ... you hear it right?

Well here is the great news. Forget the past, forget the labels you've been given, forget the screw ups, forget everything because whatever has happened in your life you are still flour and guess what? God wants you. He can use you. He can take you and make you into something different.

You see it time and time again in the Bible, our God is a God who takes what is there and changes it for His glory, he is a *Re* God. What do I mean by that? He *revives, restores, repairs, rebuilds* - he takes what is there and turns it into something else.

If you are feeling that you're not good enough for God, that He can't use you, that you will never be a 'good' Christian – the truth is all you need to do is come as you are. All you need is a desire for God to take control!

Why Yeast?

Flour is a dead ingredient with the potential to be brought to life – yeast brings it to life, strengthens it and improves its flavour.

The sin in us makes us dead but because Jesus died on a cross for our sin we have the potential to be brought to life – His Holy Spirit brings us to life, strengthens us and improves us to be more like Jesus.

To be brought to life takes more than just believing in Jesus and the Bible – Satan believes in Jesus and the Bible – it is being filled with the Holy Spirit, only He can bring what's dead to life! It is the start of the journey – before Jesus began His ministry He got baptised and we read the Holy Spirit manifested like a dove upon him – then off He went radically challenging and changing the beliefs of the day. After Jesus died, rose again and went

back to heaven the disciples were told to wait in a room – we read that the Holy Spirit came like a rushing wind and tongues of fire appeared upon their heads – then boom off they went, formed ‘church’, and fundamentally changed the world, so much so that some 2000 plus years later we’re still talking about it. If Jesus and His disciples set the precedent of being filled with the Holy Spirit before going out into the world, then you can safely say so should we.

Read more in depth about this article at

<http://www.heathervale.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1499619630.pdf>

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Thorpe Abbots - Thursday 5th April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Scole - Thursday 12 April, 7.30 pm at the church

Harleston & Redenhall - Wednesday 11th April, 7pm at St John’s

Brockdish - Wednesday 18th April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

A Prayer for those in Pain

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,
understood people's fear and pain
before they spoke of them,
we pray for those in hospital;
surround the frightened with your tenderness;
give strength to those in pain;
hold the weak in your arms of love,
and give hope and patience
to those who are recovering;
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



Look Out For!

Brunch at Redenhall - Sunday 3rd June

Pet Service at Brockdish - 10th June

Concert at Billingford - 12th June

Ritz Style Tea at Scole - 21st July

Origin and history of the Easter bunny



What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Easter? As a Christian, the first image might be the cross or the empty tomb. For the general public, a blitz of media images and merchandise on store shelves makes it more likely that the Easter Bunny comes to mind. So how did a rabbit distributing eggs become a part of Easter?

There are several reasons for the rabbit, or hare, to be associated with Easter, all of which come through pagan celebrations or beliefs. The most obvious is the hare's fertility. Easter comes during spring and celebrates new life. The Christian meaning of new life through Christ and a general emphasis on new life are different, but the two gradually merged. Any animals – like the hare – that produced many offspring were easy to include.

The hare is also an ancient symbol for the moon. The date of Easter depends on the moon. This may have helped the hare to be absorbed into Easter celebrations.

The hare or rabbit's burrow helped the animal's adoption as part of Easter celebrations. Believers saw the rabbit coming out of its underground home as a symbol for Jesus coming out of the tomb. Perhaps this was another case of taking a pre-existing symbol and giving it Christian meaning.

The Easter hare came to America with German immigrants, and the hare's role passed to the common American rabbit. Originally children made nests for the rabbit in hats, bonnets, or fancy paper boxes, rather than the baskets of today. Once the children finished their nests, they put them in a secluded spot to keep from frightening the shy rabbit. The appealing nests full of coloured eggs probably helped the customs to spread.

Back in Southern Germany, the first pastry and candy Easter bunnies became popular at the beginning of the nineteenth century. This custom also crossed the Atlantic, and children still eat candy rabbits – particularly chocolate ones – at Easter.

Coffee Morning & Spring Lunch

7th 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

John 15: 4-5 CEV

Stay joined to me, and I will stay joined to you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me.

THE REGISTERS FROM 13TH FEBRUARY - 12TH MARCH

Baptisms

11th March - Charlotte Isobella Kay Walker at St Peter's, Needham

Funerals and Interments.

Feburay

14th Doroethea Menai at Poringland Crematorium and St John's, Harleston.

15th Peggy Pearce at St Mary's, Redenhall and burial in the churchyard.

19th Christine Minns at Waveney Crematorium who came from Harleston.

March

5th Colin Bond interred at St Andrew's, Scole

6th Joan Cawcutt interred at SS Peter & Paul, Brockdish

8th Charles (Billy) Kilbourne at St John's, Harleston and Town Cemetery

9th Trevor Lewis James at St Mary's, Redenhall and Town Cemetery

10th Doris Lasenby at St Mary's, Redenhall and Town Cemetery

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

For the Sick: David Shipp, Annie, Jeane Roper, Brenda Shortell, Geoff Bellfield, Jocelyn, Laura and James, John Croxson, Little Bailey, Little Thomas, Alison Goddard, Sylvia Colman, Annie, Lyn Veness, Nancy Russell, Derek Walterton, Diane Clarke, Sue Symonds, Peter from Harleston, Dorothy and family, Maurice and Frances 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, Johnny Hunt, and for all the residents of Oaklands and The Trees nursing homes, Holly Court, Malthouse Court and Terence Airey Court.

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).

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Weds 19th Apr	7.30pm	Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.
Thursdays	9.15am 10.00am	Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole. Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston. (except 29th March.)
Thurs 19th Apr	11.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents. Compline at St Leonard's, Billingford

APRIL SERVICES AND READINGS

Easter Sunday 1st April Gold	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Acts 10. 34-43 / John 20. 1-8</i>			
Sunday 8th April Easter 2 White	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Acts 4. 32-35 / John 20. 19-end</i>			
Sunday 15th April Easter 3 White	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
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>bcp</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Acts 3. 12-19 / Luke 24.36b-48</i>			
Sunday 22nd April Easter 4 White	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 CW	St Mary's, Redenhall
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Acts 4. 5-12 / John 10. 11-18</i>			
Sunday 29th April Easter 5 White	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion St John's, Harleston		
	<i>Acts 8. 26-end / John 15. 1-8</i>		

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