

AUGUST 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

“August Rest”

August for me is a time for holidays, weddings and for catching up after a busy year as a school governor. I am also very aware that for my farming friends August is the exact opposite, a time of frantic activity from dawn until dusk, and beyond. I remember their hard work, but I'm still going to enjoy the slightly more restful month of August before I get into the busy joy of Harvest Festivals.

I'm looking forward to being able to spend a little more time with people, rather than in meetings and planning. Time to listen to the joys and sorrows of the people that I too often have to dash past. The Stargazer Hare in the grounds of St. John's is inspiring me to stop, stare and dream. I hope to dream too. I hope to dream of what could be here in Harleston for the church. What could we do better? How can we make the building more available and useful to our town?

Most of all I plan to ponder the question, “How can we love more?” You see, Jesus' only commandment was to love. For people in the church, we are to love one another. Notice that does not mean that we have to always agree with each other, or even like each other. But we do have to care for and love one another. That is a big ask, and that is why I want to take some time to figure out how we can love more.

I hope that by the end of this month I will have enjoyed some sunshine, and had some great conversations. I also hope that I will have lots to celebrate and share with the town at the Fun Day. See you there, if not before.

Happy August.

God bless, Nigel.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

1st August & 19th September at 7.30pm

Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.

Contact Revd Nigel Tuffnell for more details (see back page)

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 give us a call 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.**

Thank you to friends who gave a donation towards the work of **Women's World Day of Prayer** after the service was cancelled due to bad weather.

I collected £36.00 from St. John's. Total amount sent was £98.00

We hope for good weather next year so do mark the first Friday in March 2019 WWDP in your diaries. *Sheila Thurlow*

The Benefice/Church Office will be closed from Saturday 20th to Tuesday 28th August.

Before you speak: THINK

T : Is it true?

H : Is it helpful?

I : Is it inspiring?

N : Is it necessary?

K : Is it kind?

Look Out For!



Harvest Supper

Saturday 29th

September

St John's,
Harleston.

SCOLE - ST ANDREW'S

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

Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th August from 10am to 12 noon; come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake, along with coffee, tea, raffle and table top sales.

Hymns n Pymns

With a

Picnic

Scole Pocket Park at 4pm

Sunday 2nd September

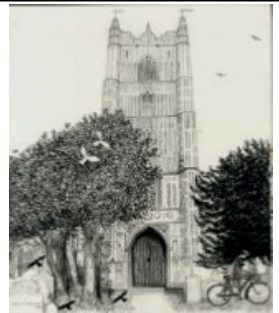


REDENHALL- ST MARY'S

Tower Tours and Teas

Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday
26th & 27th August

2pm to 4pm



NEEDHAM - ST PETER'S



Needham Village BBQ

Sunday 12th August

starting at 1pm in the village hall grounds.

**LIVE MUSIC, BOUNCY CASTLE, FACE PAINTING,
TOMBOLA, RAFFLE AND MORRIS DANCERS**

Plenty of food available & bar with drinks for all tastes .

All welcome to an afternoon of chat,
food, fun, games and a raffle.

Ministers Joke Column

Q. What happened when Bethlehem's alarm clocks didn't go off?

A. The lie-in of the tribe of Judah.

Revd Tim Roger's entry

Small Change

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him, *"Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you."*

The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven to greet St. Peter. Seeing the suitcase Peter says, *"Hold on, you can't bring that in here!"*

But the man explains to him that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, Peter checks and comes back saying, *"You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."*

Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims, *"You brought pavement?!?!?"*

Revd Tuffnell's entry from Grove Books

The devout cowboy lost his favourite Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later, a donkey walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the donkey's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, *"It's a miracle!"*, *"Not really"* said the donkey. *"Your name is written inside the cover."*

Capt. Trevor Clarks entry.

HARLESTON - ST JOHN'S

HARLESTON & WAVENEY FESTIVAL

presents

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Tuesday 21st August

7.30pm

**St John's Church
Broad Street
Harleston IP20 9AZ**

**Tickets £9 available from Reception
The Swan Hotel, Harleston
Saturdays 10am - 1pm
www.visitharleston.org.uk**

Bar and refreshments available

THE BIG SING

Sunday 26th August

6.00pm

St John's Church, Harleston

To Celebrate the Harleston & Waveney Festival

Informal Singing is every Tuesday from 11.00am to 12noon in St John's. Refreshments available and no need to book, just come along or for more details contact Stephanie Woollam 01379 852527

Coffee & Cake Morning. Saturday 4th August at 9.30am to 11.30am in St John's. If you would like to contribute cakes or savouries contact Maureen Youngman on 01379 853605. Proceeds will go to the life of the church.

St John's Light Lunches every 3rd Tuesday (**21st August**) served from 12 noon at a cost of £5.00 which includes a pudding. Proceeds will go to the life of the church. Sheila Thurlow, 01379 852762

Community Lunches will restart Tuesday 26th September.



Chatty Church

St John's - Every 3rd Saturday at 2pm

18th August -15th September

For primary aged school children and their families.

Crafts, games and refreshments.

Free of Charge. No need to book.

Family Friendly Informal Worship

St John's - Every 1st Sunday at 11am

Activities for the children. We often have a puppet show and great music together with an informal talk followed by refreshments.

For more information on all our family and children events, activities and services follow us on

facebook.com/7churches.org.uk **email:** welcome@7churches.org.uk

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The last few weeks have been compelling and riveting in many ways! I am of course referring to England's exploits on the Football field.

Whatever the outcome of the World Cup, the last few weeks have shown what it can be like when lots of people get behind a common cause. There's been the thrill of actually winning a penalty shoot-out, strangers chatting excitedly on the bus about the game, gatherings in public squares and bars to watch events unfold, twitter and Facebook melting as we all learned what #Gareth Southgate would do in unending hypothetical situations; the nation has truly taken him to heart. Of course, the cash tills have been ringing as folk rush out to buy flags, bunting, replica shirts and even waistcoats (Gareth could be saving Marks & Spencer single handedly!). Then there's everyone singing 'it's coming home' and likely to take Skinner and Baddiel back to the top of the charts 22 years after the song was first recorded.

I remember as a boy my father would talk football all the time but that was because he was a 1st division referee in the day. The interesting thing is, many of the people I know caught up in World Cup fever don't usually watch football at all! (Just ask my wife Bonnie!) They've been caught up in the midst of it all as others talk about it with passion and real excitement. Would the Church talk about Jesus that way?!

Can you imagine how our communities could be changed by people talking about Jesus as openly as we do about football? Sharing our joy with excitement and passion? We might not be there yet but as we unite behind the common cause of Jesus, let us be the ones inspiring those we know in the church to tell their story and share the joy that gives an eternal crown, rather than merely a trophy to be kept for just four years.

That is why I have been delivering a short course called 'Faith Pictures',

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it helps enable people to tell their story regardless of whether it's a story that happened instantly or a story that happened over time.

The participants were at first unsure but as time went on the group came together and now are a group that have made firm friendships and are more confident about sharing their stories about Jesus with others!

I will be delivering a second 'Faith Pictures' sometime in September/October and **I want to invite you to take part .**

Every Blessing in Jesus, Capt. Trevor Clarke



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Please listen when I pray!

Have pity. Answer my prayer.

My heart tells me to pray.

I am eager to see your face, so don't hide from me.

I am your servant, and you have helped me.

Don't turn from me in anger. You alone keep me safe.

Don't reject or desert me.

Even if my father and mother should desert me,
you will take care of me

(Psalm 7-10 CEV)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jean Roper, Lyn Veness, Maurice & Frances Cormack, Karen & Mike Rayner and David Jackson

If you would like to be added to our prayer list then please contact a minister; details back page.

THE REGISTERS FROM 13TH JUNE - 12TH JULY

Baptisms

1st July Poppy May blunt at St Mary's, Redenhall

Funerals and Interments

5th July David Kenneth Snowdon at Earlham Crematorium who came from Harleston.

9th July Beryl Christine Chambers at Scole Church and Waveney

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Wednesday 15th August	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.
16th August	11.15am	Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents.

AUGUST SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 5th August Trinity 10 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion CW	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 4. 1-16 / John 6. 24-35</i>			
Sunday 12th August Trinity 11	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Short Holy Communion & Baptism	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Ephesians 4. 25-- 5.2 / John 6. 35, 41-51</i>			
Sunday 19th August Trinity 12 Green	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 Patronal	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Ephesians 5.15-20 / John 6. 51-58</i> <i>Galatians 4. 4-7 / Luke 1. 46-55 St Mary's, Redenhall - GOLD</i>			
Sunday 26th August Trinity 13 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
	11.00am	Morning Prayer CW	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Ephesians 6. 10-20 / John 6. 56-69</i>			

Midweek Mingle

There will be no Midweek Mingle during the Schools holidays so we will restart on Wednesday 5th September serving tea, coffee and toast 9.15am to 11.30am in St John's. We hope you have a great summer and see you soon. *Helen & Marina*

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