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Ramblings from the Rectory

The weather's been changing; getting colder. The 'lazy wind' has started blowing up; the wind that blows right through you, because it's too lazy to go around. Then I think, "I'd like some snow for Christmas". Then I wonder about all those that don't have a warm cosy house like mine. I wonder what the winter will bring. I wonder what is to come, but I can't do much about it.

I think of the cold of winter and I think of all that will be in need. I think of the homeless, and remember to support Shelter and Emmaus at Ditchingham. I remember the birds, and check the bird seed stores and fat ball bucket. I think of those going without and remember to put a little more aside for Foodbank. I do these simple things, knowing that there is so much more that could be done. There are so many other good causes. Indeed, if you went through a similar checklist you would have a different list, you might include the air ambulance, a hospice or a cancer charity. You might include an overseas charity like Christian Aid or Oxfam. There are so many good causes that the ones that pull your heart strings are probably absent from my very short list here.

I suppose the point is to care, and to act on that care.

As I sit in the warmth with frost on the window, I know I'll feel a sense of well-being. I don't feel guilty about those who have less. I feel a need to share at least something of the good that I have been given, not out of guilt, but out of a desire for more and more people to be able to share that sense of well-being. For me this is an expression of my faith. It also comes out of a sense of justice. The sense of justice for all, that comes from the Bible, where Jesus says that rejecting the poor, hungry, the thirsty, and those in need is rejecting him. A sense of justice, with the mercy to want do something about this justice: The mercy to care.

For me it is all summed up in some words from before Jesus:

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8, NIV).

Those simple words are words that I can understand, and live by. They aren't too religious. They aren't too complicated. I know the call for justice. I know the need for mercy. I know also that the only way I can do both is by humbly walking with my God.

God bless, Nigel

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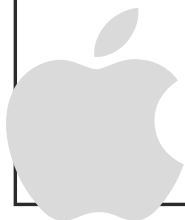
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SCOLE

Cards. Instead of giving each other Christmas Cards could we all write one card to everyone and leave at the back of Scole Church and make a donation to be given to The Children's Society. A box will be put there for this purpose. This eliminates lots of cards being handed out and the money saved can go to a good cause. *Georgie*

Coffee Morning will be replaced by our Winter Warmer. This will be on Saturday 2nd December from 10am till 2pm. Our coffee mornings will restart March 3rd.

Rev Sue's Clinic will reopen in Spring 2018

Scole Cafe Church is now from 11am to 12noon every Wednesday.

Children's Christingle will be on Saturday 23rd December at 4.15pm.

Toddler Group is on Wed 6th & 13th Dec at 9.15am and restarts Wed 10th January .

BROCKDISH

Christmas Evening in Brockdish Village hall on December 5th with the Castleton Brass Band and festive refreshments at Brockdish Village Hall at 8.00pm. Tickets are £5 to include festive snacks. Contact Jan on 01379 668630 to book your place.

Brockdish Village Carol Singing is on Tuesday 19th Dec, 6.30pm at St Peter's & St Paul's Close & collecting for Air Ambulance.

For more information contact Ann Cork (01379 852166)

NEEDHAM

Friends of St Peters held a meeting in October, we have 17 members. Our

Christmas Coffee Evening will be held at 8 High Road, Needham, the home of Robi Dove on December 9th at 7pm. There will be cakes on sale, raffle and David Cunliffe's Quiz (£1 a Quiz sheet). All money on the night goes to the Friends for the upkeep of the church. If you unable to attend the coffee evening but would like a Quiz sheet please contact Pauline on 01379853033

Christingle at the Red Lion will be on Sunday 3rd December at 4.30pm so bring your children to make Christingle Oranges, light the candles during a carol which will be followed by a Tea Party. **Carol Singing** will also follow on the same day at 6pm in the Red Lion. Look forward to seeing you there. Revd Nigel Tuffnell.

Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 5th Dec with cakes, raffles and a few stalls starting at 10am to 12noon in the Red Lion Needham

Benefice Office will be closed from Monday 26th Dec to 1st January and reopens on Tuesday 2nd January.

Christian Meditation will be on Weds 6th Dec and 3rd Jan at the Oasis Prayer Centre in the High School, Harleston, starting at 7.30pm

HARLESTON

St John 's Coffee Morning and Cake Stall will restart in February 2018

Christmas Light Lunches in St John's will be on the 3rd Tuesday (**19th December**) served from 12 noon at a cost of £6.00. Please put your name on the sheet at back of the church to help with catering.

Harleston Choral Society Christmas Concert will be on Saturday 9th Dec at 7.30pm in St John's Church.

Chatty Church's Christmas Party is on Saturday 16th December 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 would like more information call Fiona on 07702 972656 or Claire 07810 565805.

Thank you to everyone who sent messages, prayers and gifts, for your love and support during my stay in hospital, I am slowly recovering. Sheila Thurlow



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St John's Church, Harleston
Saturday 2nd December
10am - 4pm

Refreshments all day, plenty of stalls;
Crafts, Tombola, Raffle, Games, Cakes
and plenty more.

Do your Christmas shopping,
enjoy Light Lunches served
from 12-2 pm and
meet The Christmas Elf!



Evening of Carols

St John's Church Harleston
Tuesday 12th December
6.30pm

Let us celebrate this festive
season together raising joyful
voices as one in this special
thriving town 'Harleston'.

Sharing this Christmas with you
will be a joy!

Tea, coffee and mincepies
will be offered after
our exhilarating merriment.

Carol Services

Thrope Abbots 10th December 4.00pm

Billingford 10th December at 6.30pm

Scole 17th December at 11.00am

Brockdish 17th December at 6.00pm

Needham 17th December at 6.00pm

Redenhall 24th December at 6.00pm



WINTER WARMER

Saturday 2nd December
Scole church 10am

Coffee, cake and savouries.

Lunches are being served
from 11am. Homemade soup,
bacon rolls and desserts.

Raffle, cards, hand made jewellery
and decorations for sale.

PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Jocelyn, Laura and James, John and Elizabeth Crosson, Baby Bailey Elton, Little Thomas, Alison Goddard, Sylvia Colman, Annie, Lyn Veness, Nancy Russell, Derek Walterton, Diane Clarke, Derek Buttle, Sue Symonds, Peter from Harleston, Dorothy and family, Maude Williams, Maureen Franklin, Maurice 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.

THE REGISTERS FROM 13TH OCTOBER - 12TH NOVEMBER

Funerals and Interments.

- 19th Oct Robert Noble at SS Peter & Paul's, Brockdish followed by burial.
26th Oct Mary Hadi at St Andrew's, Scole churchyard
2nd Nov John Oberhoffer who was interred in St Mary's, Redenhall.
3rd Nov Charles Wheeler at St Andrew's, Scole then West Suffolk Crematorium
11th Nov Rose Frankland who was interred in St Mary's, Redenhall

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Tues** 9.30am Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Weds 10.00am Cafe Church - St Andrew's, Scole.
15th Dec 10.30am Informal Service for Malthouse Court residents, Harleston.
Thurs 9.15am Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole.
10.00am Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.
7th Dec 6.30pm Benefice Compline at Billingford Church.
21st Dec 11.15am Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents, Harleston.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

MONDAY 25TH GOLD	9.30am	Family Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Family Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Family Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30 am	Family Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Family Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Family Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Family Communion	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Titus 3.4-7 / Luke 2.8-20</i>			

DECEMBER SERVICES AND READINGS

SUNDAY 3RD Advent 1 PURPLE	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	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
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Holy Communion CW	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>1 Corinthians 1. 3-9 / Mark 13. 24-end</i>			
SUNDAY 10TH Advent 2 PURPLE	9.30am	Holy Communion	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
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	St John's, Harleston
	4.00pm	Carol Service	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	6.30pm	Carol Service	St Leonard's, Billingford
<i>2 Peter 3. 8-15a / Mark 1. 1-8</i>			
SUNDAY 17TH Advent 3 PURPLE	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Carol Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Compline	St Mary's, Redenhall
	6.00pm	Carol Service	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	6.00pm	Carol Service	St Peter's, Needham
<i>1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24 / John 1. 6-8, 19-28</i>			
SUNDAY 24TH PURPLE Christmas Eve Night GOLD	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Midnight Aucharist</i>
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John's, Harleston
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	5.30/6pm	Carols by Candlelight & Salvation Army Band	St Mary's, Redenhall <i>Remember to bring a torch</i>
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	St John's, Harleston
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>AM - Romans 16. 25-end / Luke 1. 26-38</i> <i>PM - Isaiah 52.7-10 / Hebrews 1.1-4 / John 1.1-14</i>			
SUNDAY 31ST GOLD	Benefice Holy Communion St Andrew's, Scole - 10.30am CHRISTMAS 1		

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