

JULY 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.

Curate's Curiosity



A friend of mine ran this year's London Marathon. A year and a half ago his wife had been diagnosed with breast cancer, but it was found early enough, and through intensive and exhausting therapy the cancer was eradicated. And so in gratitude my friend ran in support of Breast Cancer Care, and raised thousands of pounds.

I sometimes wonder at the logic of sponsorship. I run twenty six miles and you give money to charity?! You could have donated without my sweating so much! And yet we know sponsorship works — people donate generously when they see such people as my friend going through such tiredness, pain and dedication. They must really believe in what they're doing, we think, and so that earnestness of purpose gets into us, and we are right behind them.

Recently Sarah and I have been seeing answers to prayers. We have prayed for some people in desperate need and seen God responding. Things have improved. There is hope. God answers prayers!

What have we been doing differently to see prayers answered more regularly? Allowing that God is not some sort of prayer vending machine, there have been three things we are doing differently.

1. Imagination. We don't just ask God to make it better, we imagine exactly how this should happen — what should the change look like? That specificity means we are using the whole of our minds and hearts and souls in prayer, and it feels that this is important.
2. Intention. We keep a list of people and situations for whom we have chosen to pray. If you have lots of important things to do, you write a list so as not to forget any item. If prayer is important, and you're a list-er, you should list!

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3. Intensity. We are praying more. We have alarms set on our phones to remind us to pray through the day. Days when we have talked to God relentlessly (like in Luke 18!) have seen progress.

We do this amidst the exuberance and bickering of children. We can't create an atmosphere of monastic serenity, but it doesn't seem to matter, God honours our intention.

And this is where it feels like sponsorship: it's as if God values and rewards both our sacrifice of time and our earnestness in prayer, like we respond to the marathon runner.

All blessings, Tim.



Our Father

Concert of songs and readings
based on The Lord's Prayer.
Friday 13th July at 7pm

By the Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership Singers

Hosted by St John's Church, Harleston

Everyone Welcome

SCOLE

Toddler Group is every Wednesday from 9.00am to 10.30am 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.

Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th July 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.

HARLESTON

Harleston Primary School Summer Gala. Do come and visit our church stall/tent on the 7th July. The Gala is from 11am to 3pm with plenty of stalls, refreshments and games.

Marion's Alley Sale is on Saturday 21st July in St John's Church from 9am to 1pm with a variety of stalls. Refreshments available.

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 7th July 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.

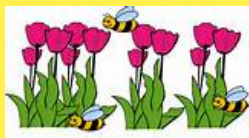
St John's Light Lunches every 3rd Tuesday (**17th July**) served from 12 noon at a cost of £5.00 which includes a pudding. Proceeds will go to the life of the church. Sheila Thurlow, 01379 852762

Community Lunches every 4th Tuesday (**24th July**) from 12noon to 1pm in St John's. Free, but donations welcome to help those who would appreciate lunch.

The Church Office will be closed from Friday 1pm 20th July and will reopen Monday 9am 30th July.

TRADITIONAL TEA IN THE GARDEN

8 Swan Lane, Harleston



Thursday 26th July

3pm to 5pm

Tickets cost £5



Please purchase from Jenny 01379 852617 or Maureen 01379 853605



HOUSEGROUPS

Informal and Fun!

A housegroup can be a great way of getting to know your fellow Christians better, deepening your faith, equipping us to help ourselves and others with everyday life.

The housegroups are set in the comfort of people's homes or local pubs fortnightly in most of our parishes. Also we do have a teaching group usually on Friday in St John's Church for those who have just started following Christ.

Please contact me if you would like to join a group and I will guide you to one that's best suited for you.

Revd Nigel Tuffnell - 01379 308905 or rector@7churches.org.uk

BILLINGFORD

80 people were in St Leonard's Billingford on June 12th to hear and enjoy Craig, a very talented young singer, the evening was very enjoyable with a buffet available during the interval, also enjoyed by all.

On July 29th after our 10.30am Benefice service at Billingford, we will be holding our annual lunch at 12 o'clock, tickets which cost £12.50 are available from Sue 01379 740837 or Georgina 01379 740759.

In the afternoon we will be entertained by a Ukulele band included in the ticket price. PLEASE NOTE - Spaces are limited for the lunch, so book early, if you would like to just come to see the band please bring a chair.

Tickets for this are £5 , tea and coffee will be available.

When people throw stones at you, you can choose to throw them back, to stumble on them, to climb over them, or to build with them. *Nicky Gumbel*

Ritz Style Afternoon Tea

Saturday 21st July at 3pm

St. Andrew's Church, Scole

with a selection of
sandwiches, savouries &
fancy cakes, tea or coffee



£10/person Tickets: Kay 01379 741054
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The Loneliness epidemic, the mobile phone and the cuppa tea

I am not a mobile phone person, I awkwardly handle my mobile phone, and ask Trevor and my grown up children to help me load apps on to my phone, and help me understand how much 'space' I have left.

A couple of friends have given up facebook, twitter and candycrush saga, and now feel much more alert and refreshed from not being a slave to apps on their phones. Many apps are designed to be addictive, brightly coloured with recurring themes etc. We get drawn in, and distracted, and engage less with face to face relationships and reality itself. Whilst the internet on our phones can be incredibly helpful for email communication and for online shopping etc, particularly in rural communities, this is no substitute for actually spending time with each other in friendships.

When we have the 'world at our fingertips', why is the world so lonely? According to the charity, 'Mind', feeling lonely can have a negative impact on our mental health. The government have even appointed a minister for loneliness.

Do you know anybody who is lonely? Could you invite them round for a humble cuppa tea. It is in building friendships and relationships with our neighbours and those around us, that we can combat loneliness, and even share our story with them, the story of Jesus in our lives.

I feel so honoured to be part of the benefice of Redenhall, and I would love to hear of anyone who has invited someone round for the humble cuppa tea, and maybe even got to the point of sharing Jesus with them.

Much love and great blessings to you all,

Bonnie Clarke

A Prayer for Peace - Psalm 85

Our Lord, you have blessed
your land

and made all go well

for Jacob's descendants.

You have forgiven the sin

and taken away the guilt

of your people.

Your fierce anger is no longer

aimed at us.

Our Lord and our God,

you save us!

Please bring us back home

and don't be angry.

Will you always be angry

with us and our families?

Won't you give us fresh life

and let your people be glad

because of you?

Show us your love

and save us!

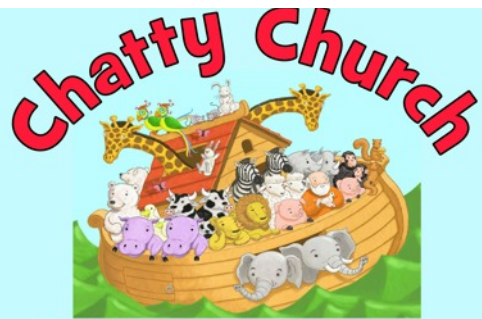
I will listen to you, Lord God,

because you promise peace

to those

who are faithful

and no longer foolish.



Every 3rd Saturday at 2pm

Chatty Church

Saturday 21st July 2.00pm

For children with parents or carers

Plenty of chat while all enjoy
activities and games.

St John's, Harleston.

If your child has a special dietary need and
you would like more information call

Fiona on 07702 972656

Claire 07810 565805.



Midweek Mingle with Tea, Coffee and Toast

Every Wednesday

St John's Church, Harleston

9.15am to 11.30am

Great opportunity to meet new
people and mingle.

Play area for children,

All welcome.

(Term Time Only)

Closed from 25th July to 5th September

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You are ready to rescue
everyone who worships you,
so that you will live with us
in all of your glory.

Love and loyalty
will come together;
goodness and peace
will unite.

Loyalty will sprout
from the ground;
justice will look down
from the sky above.

Our Lord, you will bless us;
our land will produce
wonderful crops.
Justice will march in front,
making a path
or you to follow.


BROCKDISH

Quiz and Light Supper is on Saturday 7th July in Brockdish Village Hall starting at 7.30pm for 8pm. Remember to bring your own drink. Costs £4 - Bookings Jan 01379 668630

REDENHALL

Friends of St Mary's AGM is on Monday 3rd July in the church at 7.30pm.

Wortwell Pub Study Group meets on Thursdays 5th and 19th July at 2pm in the Wortwell Bell. More details from Revd Nigel Tuffnell 01379 308905



**Rev. Sue's
Clinic**
Scole Church

Drop in for a
chat with Sue

Mondays 11am – 12 noon (Starting 6th March)



Look Out For!

Summer Gala
Harleston Primary School
7th July

Norfolk Day
27th July

Harleston Fun Day
27th August

We have a church stall at these events so do pop by to say hello.

“Humans wither like grass, and their glory fades like wild flowers.
Grass dries up, and flowers fall to the ground.
But what the Lord has said will stand forever.”

1 Peter 1 24-25 CEV

THE REGISTERS FROM 13TH MAY - 12TH JUNE

Baptisms

20th May - Allannah Rose at St Andrew's, Scole

27th May - Lacey May Self at St Mary's, Redenhall

Funerals and Interments.

May

12th Lester Pratt at Waveney Crematorium who came from Harleston

17th Interment of Margery Pigney in St John's Churchyard.

31st Interment of Shirley Edsor in St Peter's Churchyard.

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Weds 4th July and 1st August at 7.30pm

Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.

Contact Revd Nigel Tuffnell for more details

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
17th July	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.
19th July	11.15am	Holy Communion - Trees Nursing Home residents.

JULY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 1st July SS Peter & Paul / Red Trinity 2 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer Patronal	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Prayer Patronal	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>1 Peter 2. 19-end / Matthew 16. 13-19 - St Peter 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 17-18 / Matthew 16. 13-19 St Peter & St Paul's 2 Corinthians 8.7-end / Mark 5.21-end</i>			
Sunday 8th July Trinity 6	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	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
<i>2 Corinthians 12. 2-10 / Mark 6. 1-13</i>			
Sunday 15th July Trinity 7 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	Lord's Prayer Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Ephesians 1. 3-14 / Mark 6. 14-29</i>			
Sunday 22nd July Trinity8 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 <i>CW</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 2.11-end / Mark 6.30-34, 53-end</i>			
Sunday 29th July	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion - St Leonard's, Billingford <i>Trinity 9 - Ephesians 3. 14-end / John 6. 1-21</i>	

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