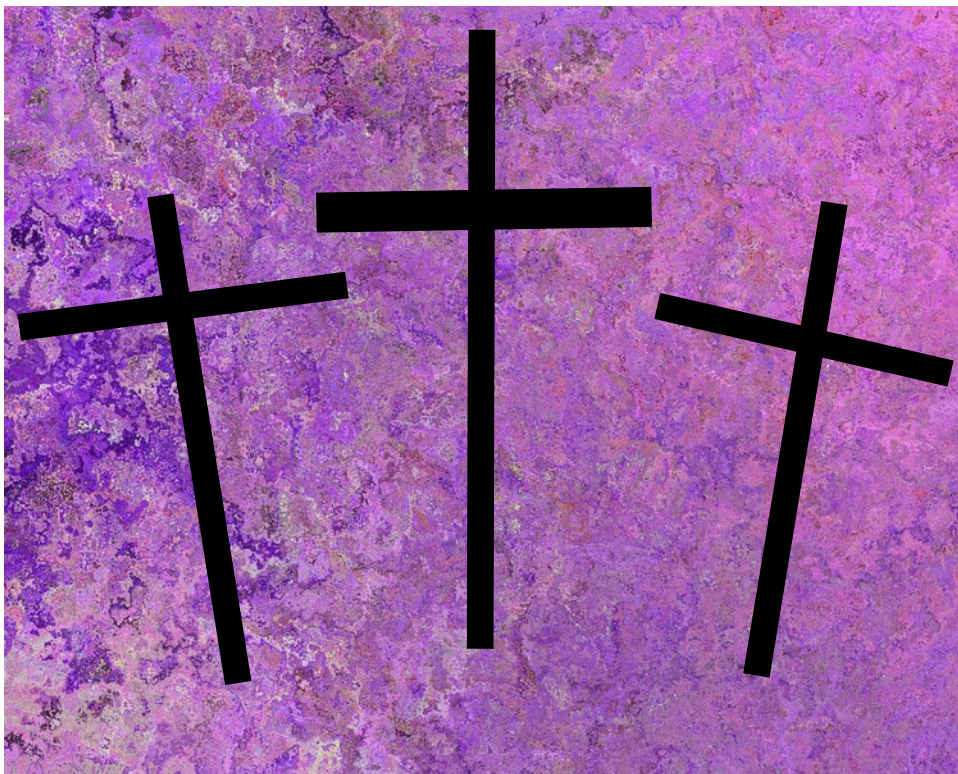


# **MARCH 2018**



**Scole - Harleston - Brockdish**

**Thorpe Abbots - Needham**

**Billingsford - 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**

I'm getting twitchy and impatient. The sun is shining, the roads are drying and I'm longing for the good riding days to return. By the time you read this I pray that I'll out and about again but that is no help right now. Patience is a gift of the Spirit, one I pray for every day, "God give me patience; and make it quick!"

That said, my need for patience is nothing compared to the Jewish people at the time of Jesus. They had been given a promise. A promise from God that he would send someone to lead them back to him: The chosen one, the Messiah, the Christ. All these expectations, swirling around for centuries. Then comes Jesus. He came with an answer to war and offering peace, but not the way people expected him to; he didn't raise an army and slaughter all Romans and butcher all Jewish collaborators like tax collectors.

Jesus came with God's message. A message of reconciliation and peace and the crowds came. But they seem to have come in their thousands for a free lunch, or to have Jesus cure their sick friends. Jesus brought a revolution, but not the one that the crowds bayed for. So in the end they turned on him.

It is so like today. Jesus calls us to turn to God, to live lives transformed by God, and people reject him because he isn't like the picture in their head. He calls us to love, and forgive and to bring people together, to be self-controlled and patient. This is a call that I need to respond to. I need to stop worrying whether or not people will like me or follow me. I need to look to Jesus, and him alone, be changed, and trust that God knows what he is doing!

God bless, Nigel.

## **REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll will be revised in March 2018. If you would like:

- a) a form of application for enrolment to the electoral roll
- b) check you are on the electoral roll
- c) changed your details since last year's electoral roll

please contact your Church Electoral Roll Officer.

## **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.enjoystalbans.com/>    <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/>

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

**PASSOVER MEAL - MAUNDY THURSDAY 29TH MARCH.** If you would like to join us for a Passover meal and learn a little bit more about that special occasion that Jesus shared with his disciples in that upper room then contact Nigel or Lucy (*details back page*) Cost; approximately £6 per person which will include a full meal of lamb and pudding or vegetarian alternative so please indicate when you book (*booking essential*).

**BOTTLE TOP LIDS FOR MATTHEW PROJECT.** Sadly the Matthew Project are no longer able to collect bottle top lids for their charity. Please let everyone know.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

Needham - Thursday 8th March, 7pm at George Milller's home.

Billingford - Thursday, 22 March, 7.30 pm at Pauline Greenard's

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

## **SCOLE**

**Spring Cleaning.** A Church spring clean will take place on Saturday 24th March for a 9.30am start. Anyone who can give an hour or two please turn up on the day. All help appreciated.

**Coffee Mornings** restart on Saturday March 3rd in Scole church at 10am to 12 noon. Come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, raffle and friendly chat.

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

**Lent Lunches.** Come and enjoy homemade soup, cheese and scrumptious bread to raise money for local mission work which supports the people of Papua New Guinea. It runs on four Thursdays in Lent - 1 March, 8 March, 15 March & 22 March - 12 noon to 1.30 pm at the church. We suggest a minimum donation of £3 to support this important work.

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

## **NEEDHAM**

**'Friends' of St Peters Church** would like to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas - New Year Quiz. We have two joint winners with 50 correct answers; Doug and Joan Grant, Mark Tims and Sarah Day well done! First time we have had 50 out of 50 correct answers. Two joint runners up with 49 & half were Sonia Whatling and Linda Sydenham. Three with 49 correct answers were B.Gowland, John Kuzmic and Janet Kefford. We had 11 answers returned to be checked by Olive Hudson. The quiz made £66.00

Thank you to Olive for donating the bottles of wine as prizes and to David Cunliffe for putting the quiz together for the 'Friends'. As you can see from the money we raised at £1 each a quiz many people were keen to buy one and enjoyed doing it over the Christmas and New Year holidays. *Pauline*

**Easter Egg Hunt.** Bring your families for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 31st March in St Peter's church, Needham starting at 2pm. Everyone 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 March 15th (every 3rd Thursday of each month) at The Swift Piano Bar, Swan Hotel in Harleston. This month's the activity is 'Old Time Music Hall'. It starts at 2pm and finishes at 4pm. Refreshments available. *Maureen Youngman*

**St John's Coffee Morning and Cake Stall** is on Saturday 3rd March at 9.30am to 11.30am. If you would like to contribute cakes or savouries contact *Maureen on 01379 853605*.

**St John's Light Lunches** will be on the 3rd Tuesday (**20th March**) served from 12 noon at a cost of £5.00 which includes a pudding. This time donations will go to the 'building fund). *Sheila Thurlow*.

**Community Lunches.** We now have a light community lunch every 4th Tuesday (27th March) from 12noon to 1pm in St John's. There isn't a cost but donations welcome. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this new outreach. *Matt Scade-Foodbank*

**Chatty Church** is on Saturday 17th March (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*.

**St John's Lent Spring Cleaning Day** will be on Wednesday 28th March from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Decobwebbing eaves and windows will be 11.30am to 12.30pm then normal church cleaning from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. We would appreciate any help with dusting, polishing, kitchen cleanse and cleaning the tiled floors. Just put your name on the list at the back of the church and remember to bring you favourite broom, duster and polish. *Lucy & Maureen*.

**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.

**Thank You.** 2017 was a good year for our stall, raising money for Priscilla Bacon Lodge, where end of life care is so valuable. In Jan this year we sent £1,300.00.. and are already collecting for this year. THANK YOU SO MUCH ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US IN ANY WAY, buying,or donating. Your kindness helps us to help others. *Sheila and Mick Thurlow*.

## **BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL**

Simbai village and the church serve a scattered population of 25,000 people, most of who are Anglican Christians. The Rt Revd Nathan Ingen, Bishop of Aipo Rongo (Papa New Guinea), wants to increase the size of the existing building to allow the church to better serve the community, and engage with the young people of the area.

The only way to access Simbai is via a 10 seater plane, made possible by Mission Aviation Fellowship. In a place where the people have very little materially, what they do have in abundance is their enthusiasm for God and His mission in their country.

Lyn and Tony Fry, a couple from East Harling, accepted an enormous challenge by moving to this remote location and volunteering.

Even though it's tough - there is no electricity; their bathroom is a combination of a stream at the bottom of the garden and a pit lavatory; and they cook over a solitary paraffin flame - they are determined in their mission and are committed to helping the local community. Your gift will help support them with periodic retreat and refreshment breaks.

Your gift will help to develop a larger church building, facilitating new mission initiatives with young people and support people, such as Lynn and Tony Fry.

We have lunches to help raise donations - see Scole on page 4 or alternatively you can give online by visiting [www.dioceseofnorwich.org/lent](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/lent)

# **Toddler Group**

**Every Wednesday  
9am to 10.45am  
Scole Church  
(term time only)**



## **WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 2nd March.**

The service is for everyone any age, and will be held in St Thomas More Chapel, Jay's Green, Harleston at 7pm.

The Theme is "All God's creation is very good". This is written by the women of Suriname, a beautiful country and they encourage us to cherish God's gift of creation and commit ourselves to caring for the world, so we can pass it on to the next generations.

Do come and share with us as we will be a small part of a wave of prayer encircling the whole world. Starting in Samoa and ending in American Samoa 36 hours later, after celebrating in 170 countries and islands. 6,000 services will have taken place in the British Isles alone. WOW!! Do come and experience this lovely service. All denominations will be taking part, and is usually a very uplifting time. Refreshments will be served at the end, and allows time for chat. Sheila (St John's Rep)

# ***The Lighthouse***



If you would like to help our community with Mission or sharing Christian Faith do come to our monthly meetings.

For more information contact Lucy Elton  
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851148 (mornings only)

## JESUS HAS BEEN BORN, SO NOW WHAT?

Well it really goes straight to the Baptism of Jesus.

Part of establishing who Jesus is, is to make it perfectly clear who John is, or more properly who John is not. We can be fairly sure that Jesus was baptised by John, the gospel writers would not have told us unless it was true.

Do not confuse John and Jesus, they are as different as chalk and cheese. John baptizes with water, Jesus baptize with fire! John is only the forerunner. John is heard to say that he is not worthy to untie the sandals of Jesus. This was a nasty task, so much so that even servants were excused doing.

So at the River Jordon when all the people were baptized by John then and only then was Jesus baptized. Jesus was last to be baptized.

Then we get the quote of what happened at the Baptism: *A voice from heaven said, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you."*

When all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized too.

We know that Jesus will in many ways be different from John. He is a real contrast from the austerity of John, the anger of John and the harsh teaching of John. Jesus is a man who eats and drinks and loves to be with people, enjoying their company. There is none of the remote prophet seen in John, wearing coarse clothes and living in the desert.

Indeed so different was Jesus from John and what John expected, that it is little wonder that when John was in prison he sent word to say, are you the Messiah or should we expect another!

Nevertheless, in spite of all the differences between John and Jesus, there is in the baptism of Jesus a recognition that Jesus wants to be associated with John, not with the religious authorities. Jesus is not found in the palace of the king, he is in the same river as the ordinary people, who were acutely aware of their own poverty, both spiritual and material.

In the baptism Jesus gets into the river with ordinary folks and the scene is set for a Messiah who will having nothing to do with the trappings of the religious and social elite.



## THE REGISTERS FROM 13TH JANUARY - 12 FEBRUARY

### Funerals and Interments.

#### January

16th Brian Melvin Barber at Earlham Crematorium aged 78 from Harleston.

18th Teresa Carstairs at Waveney Crematorium & St John's, Harleston aged 93.

18th Rene Patricia Gates at St Leonard's, Billingford aged 89 from Brockdish.

26th Pamela Josephine Sizer at Waveney Crematorium aged 85 from Brockdish.

#### February

1st Florence Maude Williams St John's, Harleston & interred in St Mary's aged 103.

9th Peter John Wisken at St John's, Harleston&Redenhall Cemetery aged 86.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**For the Sick:** David Shipp, Annie, Jeane Roper, Brenda Shortell, Geoff Bellfield, Trevor Clarke, Jocelyn, Laura and James, John Croxson, Little Bailey Elton, Little Thomas, Alison Goddard, Sylvia Colman, Annie, Lyn Veness, Nancy Russell, Derek Walterton, Diane Clarke, Sue Symonds, Peter from Harleston, Dorothy and family, Maureen Franklin, 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.

**Please pray for ones who have recently died:** Patrick McEntee, Dorothea Minai, Christine Minns and Peggy Pearce.

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).

### JOHN 13: 334-34 CEV

*My children, I will be with you for a little while longer. Then you will look for me, but you won't find me. I tell you just as I told the people, "You cannot go where I am going." But I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you.*

## **HOLY WEEK**

### **Holy Monday 26th March**

Reading of Mark's Gospel - SS Peter & Paul, Brockdish 6.30pm

### **Holy Tuesday 27th March**

Evening Devotions - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots 6.30pm

### **Holy Wednesday 28th March**

Evening Devotions - St Peter's Needham 6.30pm

### **Maundy Thursday 29th March**

Chris Eucharist Norwich Cathedral 11.00am

Said Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Scole 4.00pm

Passover Meal & Informal Communion - St John's, Harleston 6.00pm

### **Good Friday 30th March**

Walk of Witness - Starting at Co Operative Carpark, Harleston 10am

#### ***Devotional Half Hour***

SS Peter's & Paul, Brockdish 11am

St Mary's, Redenhall, 12pm

St Peter's, Needham 1pm

St Andrew's, Scole 2pm

All Saints Thorpe Abbots 3pm

St Leonard's, Billingford 4pm

Stations of the Cross - St John's, Harleston 7pm

### **Holy Saturday 31st March**

Morning Devotions - St John's, Harleston 10.30am

## **EASTER DAY - SUNDAY 1ST APRIL**

There will be a Holy Communion in every church

*Billingford, Thorpe Abbots, Needham, Brockdish and Redenhall at 9.30am*

*Harleston and Scole at 11.00am*

## **WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
<b>Weds 14th Mar</b>	7.30pm	Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.
<b>Thursdays</b>	9.15am 10.00am	Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole. Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston. (except 29th March.)
<b>Thurs 15th Mar</b>	11.15am	Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents.

## MARCH SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday</b> <b>4th March</b> Lent 3 <b>Purple</b>	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
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
<i>1 Corinthians 1.18-25 / John 2.13-22</i>			
<b>Mothering</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>11th March</b> Lent 4 <b>Purple</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Colossians 3:12-17 / Luke 2.33-35</i>			
<b>Sunday</b> <b>18th March</b> Lent 6 <b>Purple</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion & <i>Baptism</i>	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>bcp</i>	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Hebrews 5.5-10 / John 12.20-33</i>			
<b>Palm</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>25th March</b> <b>Red</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	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 BCP	St Mary's, Redenhall
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Philippians 2.5-11 / Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11.1-11 / Mark 14.1 - 15.47 or Mark 15.1-39</i>			

### Christian Meditation

Weds 7th March at 7.30pm - Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston. Contact Revd Nigel Tuffnell for more details (*details back page*)

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