

# OCTOBER 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.



## CURATES CURIOSITIES

‘Truth is not truth’, said former New York mayor and Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, recently. What was that about?

Yesterday I read that people in different cultures, speaking different languages, perceived colour differently. Two green colour wheels were shown: 11 blocks of the same colour while one was different. The first wheel looked all the same to me — but to a member of the Himba from Namibia one block was obviously different. In the second, one was clearly blue-green and the rest green — yet a Himba would have difficulty seeing it. The striking conclusion was that language can literally alter your perception!

There are things we see clearly — like our views on politics, education, and health — that make no sense to others. We build an opinion that accounts for our knowledge, experience and values — and yet other people sometimes don’t agree with us! Similarly, their views may seem like lunacy to us, but make complete sense to them. Like the colour wheels, there are times that we just cannot see what others see, and vice versa!

So it is not much use digging in our heels and telling each other we are wrong — real disagreements happen not because of faulty logic, but because of different perceptions, values and emotions. We shouldn’t just agree not to talk about it either — because that robs each of us of a wider point of view. If I really try, perhaps I can learn to see the shade of green that I couldn’t see before.

I have friend — a priest called Rob — with whom I disagree about lots, including faith issues! We have argued back and forth, but we disagree well, trying to understand each other’s perspectives. We still disagree, but by trying to understand each other our friendship has become stronger, and — hopefully — we have become wiser.

Truth is truth, but we don’t always see all the evidence from the same angle. We may agree, or disagree, but if we try to understand each other, we will get closer to the truth — and true friendship.

Revd Tim Rogers

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Wednesday 3rd October and 7th November at 7.30pm

Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.

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

# EMMAUS

**Emmaus is a homelessness charity with a difference, providing more than just a bed for the night for people who have experienced homelessness and social exclusion.**

They provide a home for as long as someone needs it, as well as meaningful work in their social enterprise. This works to help to restore feelings of self-esteem and give their companions, as residents are known, the opportunity to regain control of their lives.

## **How it works**

There are currently 25 Emmaus communities spread across the UK, providing a home and meaningful work to around 623 formerly homeless people. There are also a further seven groups working to establish new communities. They are working towards a target of being able to offer 750 companion places by 2017.

Like any successful community, Emmaus is most successful when everyone makes a contribution, working together in the social enterprise to generate the funds that support themselves and others.

Companions are expected to work for 40 hours per week, or to the best of their ability, in the charity's social enterprise and are required to sign off all benefits, with the exception of housing benefit, which is claimed to help to support the community. The intention is for each community to eventually become self-sufficient, supporting itself with the revenue it generates through its businesses.

The community model has a huge impact on restoring self-esteem as companions take responsibility for keeping their community going, working to support themselves and others.

Emmaus is not about giving hand-outs, it's about providing an opportunity for each individual to work to overcome homelessness. This approach has been proven to produce long-term, sustainable results and, for many who have been stuck in a cycle of homelessness, offers them support they need to overcome this.

**This year our Benefice are collecting food donations in all our Harvest Services, to help them learn and be creative in the kitchen. (See page 5)**

## SCOLE - ST ANDREW'S

**Toddler Group** is every Wednesday from 9.00am to 10.30am term time only so will restart 12th September.

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

**Scole Coffee Morning** is Saturday 6th October 10.00 am with usual cakes, scones, sausage rolls, etc.



**6.30pm**

***Friday 12th October***

**St Andrew's Church**

***2 Course Hot Supper  
Snapdragon Ceilidh Band  
& Raffle***

Bring your own drink and glass.

**£12** \*\* Booking essential \*\*

Tickets: Georgie 740127, Kay 741054, Carol 742713

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Brockdish Village Hall

5th October 10.00am-11.30am

Everyone very welcome!

Coffee Mornings can help change lives!



### **A Winter Prayer for those who find Winter darkness oppressive.**

Heavenly Father,  
We pray for those who dread the nights drawing in.  
Please keep them in your arms  
throughout the next four dark months  
and may your powerful healing spirit  
fill them with the light of you Son.

**Amen**

## **Harvest Festival Services**

7th October - St Mary's, Redenhall at 9.30am

7th October - St John's, Harleston at 11.00am

7th October - St Peter's, Needham at 6.00pm

14th October - St Andrew's, Scole at 11.00am

14th October - All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts at 4.00pm

21st October - St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish at 9.30am

21st October - St Leonard's, Billingford at 6.00pm

All services are followed with refreshments.

**We will be collecting for Emmaus in Ditchingham.**

**Below are suggested items that will help this charity.**

All fresh fruit and vegetables will be welcome! (*except marrows please*)

**To inspire creative cooking in the kitchen** try donating tinned tomatoes and fish, rice, pasta, spices, herbs, eggs, flour or sugar.

Treats of biscuits, hot chocolate and jam would be appreciated.

*Donations can be left in your church (by the font) to  
be blessed at the Harvest Services.*

## **HARLESTON - ST JOHN'S**

**Coffee & Cake Morning.** Every first Saturday (**6th Oct**) at 9.30am to 11.30am. If you would like to contribute cakes or savouries contact Maureen on 01379 853605. Proceeds will go to the life of the church.

**Tuesdays Time Together** with refreshments from 10.am to 12noon.

**Informal Singing** is every Tuesday from 11.00am to 12noon. Refreshments available and no need to book, just come along.

**Light Lunches** every 3rd Tuesday (**16th Oct**) served from 12 noon at a cost of £5.00 which includes a pudding. Proceeds will go to the life of the church.

**Community Lunches** every 4th Tuesday (**23rd Oct**) at 12noon. Free of charge but donations gratefully appreciated.

**Midweek Mingle.** Wednesday 5th September then every Wednesday from 9.15am to 11.30am (Term Time only). Great opportunity to meet new people and mingle. Toast, tea and chat. Toys available for toddlers. £1 for adults, children are free.



**Chatty Church** Every 3rd Saturday at 2pm (20th October) For 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.

**Children Society Boxes.** Please will anyone who holds a collecting box for the Children's Society let me have it early in October. I will collect if required, just Tel: 01379 852762. Thank You, Sheila.

A foursome of senior golfers hit the course with waning enthusiasm for the sport. "These fairways seem to be getting longer and longer," said one of the foursome. "And these hills are getting steeper as the years go by," another complained. "The sand traps seem to be bigger than I remember them, too," said the third senior. After hearing enough from his buddies, the oldest, and the wisest of the four of them at 87 years old, piped up and said, "Oh my friends, just be thankful we're still on this side of the grass!"

**LIGHTHOUSE** is on Tuesday 2nd October with Bring & Share Lunch at 12noon in St John's. Every 3 months we get together and chat how we can be more active in our services and outreach. If you would like to join this group then call Lucy or Nigel (details back page) so we can let you know if times or days need to be changed. Also you might have a great idea on how to be more active in the community and in church life.



## *All Souls*

### *A Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*

An opportunity to remember before God  
those whose love we have shared.  
To gain comfort and renew our hope.



**Friday 2nd November**  
**6.30pm**



**St. John's Harleston**  
and  
**St. Andrew's Scole**

If you would like the name of your loved one remembered at the service, please add the name to the list at the back of your church or contact the benefice office 01379 851148.

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## Harvest Giving

*I was looking for something in the online bible and tapped in the word 'gather' then the word 'food' and loads of readings came up but none on harvest. Then the story of Joseph jumped out at me. Joseph wisely had food stored during times of abundance ready for hardship. This made me think that we too need to collect from our abundance to help the hardship of others.*

### **Genesis 41:46-57 (CEV)**

Joseph was thirty when the king made him governor, and he went everywhere for the king. For seven years there were big harvests of grain. Joseph collected and stored up the extra grain in the cities of Egypt near the fields where it was harvested. In fact, there was so much grain that they stopped keeping record, because it was like counting the grains of sand along the beach.

Joseph and his wife had two sons before the famine began. Their first son was named Manasseh, which means, "God has let me forget all my troubles and my family back home." His second son was named Ephraim, which means "God has made me a success in the land where I suffered."

Egypt's seven years of plenty came to an end, and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was not enough food in other countries, but all over Egypt there was plenty. When the famine finally struck Egypt, the people asked the king for food, but he said, "Go to Joseph and do what he tells you to do."

The famine became bad everywhere in Egypt, so Joseph opened the storehouses and sold the grain to the Egyptians. People from all over the world came to Egypt, because the famine was severe in their countries.

*Moving to the New testament, in Galatians 2:10 we are reminded to never forget the poor (see also Paul collecting money for the Christians in Jerusalem Romans 15:25-26).*

*If we don't have much to give we can share what we have, we can also share the hope that we have in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We can share how He has helped us all, in the small and large things in our lives.*

*God bless, Lucy.*



## Race Night

Thorpe Abbots Village Hall

**Saturday**

**10th November**

**7pm**

There will be a bar and first race will run at 7.30pm.  
Tickets £5 which includes a light supper, available from

Simon Beet on 01379 668132.



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## 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.

**Also please pray for** our Friday Youth Group, Chatty Church and Midweek Mingle in Harleston and our Toddler Group in Scole especially the volunteers who run the groups and the families and children who come to enjoy the welcome and making new friendships in our churches.

## THE REGISTERS FROM 9TH AUGUST - 12TH SEPT

### Funerals and Interments

14th Aug Mary Pipe at St Mary's, Redenhall & Town Cemetery

24th Aug Pamela Woolterton interred in SS Peter & Paul, Brockdish

### Baptisms

5th Aug May Rush at St Peter's, Needham

12th Aug Tommy Sharman at St John's, Harleston.

Ellis Ramsay at St John's, Harleston.

19th Aug Katie-Rose Freeman at St John's, Harleston

## BENEFICE SERVICES

**Celebration at Scole.** Sunday 28th October - Revd Paul Schweir from the Pullham Benefice will be the guest speaker.

**Compline at Thorpe Abbots** Thursday 25th October at 6.30pm followed by refreshments.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS

Tuesdays	9.30am	Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.
Thursdays	9.15am	Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole.
	10.00am	Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.
18th Oct	11.15am	Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents.
Friday	7.30pm	Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Centre,
12th Oct		Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.

## OCTOBER SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 7th Oct</b> Trinity 19 Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Harvest Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	6.00pm	Harvest Service	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Harvest Service	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 / Mark 10.2-16</i>			
<b>Sunday 14th Oct</b> Trinity 20 Green	4.00pm	Harvest Service	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	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	Harvest Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Service	Wortwell Chapel
<i>Hebrews 4.12-16 / Mark 10.17-31</i>			
<b>Sunday 21st Oct</b> Trinity 21 Green	6.00pm	Harvest Service	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Harvest 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 CW	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Hebrews 5.1-1 / Mark 10.35-45</i>			
<b>Sunday 28th Oct</b> Trinity 22 Green <b>Clocks go Back!</b>	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>Hebrews 7.23-28 / Mark 10.46-52</i>			



**Thursday 1st November, 6.30pm**  
**Patronal Holy Communion**  
**All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts.**

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