

# **FEBRUARY 2018**



## **The Baptism of Jesus**

About that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. As soon as Jesus came out of the water, he saw the sky open and the Holy Spirit coming down to him like a dove. *Mark 1 9-10*

**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

If you're like me, I cringe when asked, "What are you giving up for Lent". I'm not alone either. I know a few monks that hate it too. I remember one answering, "Nude, underwater hang-gliding". Another, monk was so fed up with this he simply answered, "Sex!", scandalising the poor woman who had asked him.

The reason was not that they and I hate people taking Lent seriously. It is precisely because we take Lent incredibly seriously that the thought of giving up chocolate just doesn't seem to cut it. So give up chocolate, by all means, but don't **just** give up chocolate. If you give something up there has to be a reason, and that reason needs to be linked to a closer walk with God. So it could be that every time you don't buy a bar of chocolate you save the money to give to a good cause.

If you give up a particular t.v. programme, then don't **just** give up the programme. Use the time to pray, or read the Bible, or visit a neighbour who is lonely.

Whether or not you give anything up for Lent, take something up for Lent. Perhaps have a Lenten resolution to read your Bible or pray more each day. Perhaps, make a resolution to do or say something good each day. If you want help and a challenge you can get daily Christian challenges and reflections every day throughout Lent from [40acts.org.uk/](http://40acts.org.uk/). If you haven't tried 40 Acts before, give it a try.

You can join a Lent Group, we have lots throughout the benefice. Some meet in the evening and some during the day. Sign up, and get involved. Last year many of us tried using the "Mapping Advent" resources produced by our diocese. These were a great success so this Lent our Lent Groups will use the "Mapping Lent" resources. Each pack costs just £2, so don't forget to sign up. Lent Groups will be starting in the week beginning Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Before that you are invited to start your Lent with Holy Communion at Scole or Harleston, each service will include the opportunity to dedicate yourself afresh to serving Christ by receiving the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead. However, you choose to spend Lent, please use it well, please use it to grow in love and in the God who loves you. *Nigel*.

## **LENT 2018**

Thursday 15th February to 24th March.

### **Ash Wednesday**

14th February at 7pm

Ashing services both at St John's, Harleston and St Andrew's, Scole.

### **Lent Groups**

It would be useful to add your name to the sign up sheet for Lent Groups. You will find the sheet at the back of your church. Below are the different venues, days and times.

#### **Brockdish - Group 1**

*Mondays* 2pm. Varies at Roy and Val's or Louis' and led by Revd Tim Rogers. 01379 852166 or [curate@7churches.org.uk](mailto:curate@7churches.org.uk)

#### **Thorpe Abbotts - Group 2**

Led by Lynda Mansfield, call 01379 740401 or [lyndamscole@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lyndamscole@hotmail.co.uk) for day and venue as these might vary.

#### **Harleston - Group 3**

*Tuesdays* 7.30pm. Hosted by Sheila Thurlow, 72 London Road, Harleston or Nigel and Gill Mutimer, 2 Shotford Road, Harleston. Led by Sheila Thurlow 01379 852762, [sheila@londonroad72.plus.com](mailto:sheila@londonroad72.plus.com)

#### **Needham - Group 4**

*Thursdays* 2pm. Hosted by the Red Lion Needham. Contact Nigel Tuffnell, 01379 308905, [rector@7churches.org.uk](mailto:rector@7churches.org.uk)

#### **Scole - Group 5**

*Thursdays* 7.30pm. Hosted and led by Revd Sue Auckland, 8 Karen Close, Scole. 01379 740325, [revsue@7churches.org.uk](mailto:revsue@7churches.org.uk)

#### **Harleston - Group 6**

*Thursdays* 7.30pm. Hosted by Don and Joan Blagg, 24 Church View, Harleston. Led by Don Blagg, 01379 854156, [waveney24@btinternet.com](mailto:waveney24@btinternet.com).

#### **Wortwell - Group 7**

*Thursdays* 2pm. Hosted by The Wortwell Bell. Contact Revd Nigel Tuffnell, 01379 308905, [rector@7churches.org.uk](mailto:rector@7churches.org.uk)

### **Bottle Top Lids for Matthew Project.**

Sadly due to China cancelling imports of plastic from Europe the Matthew Project are no longer able to collect bottle top lids for their charity. Please let everyone know.

## **SCOLE**

**Coffee Mornings** restart on Saturday March 3rd in Scole church.

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

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## **THORPE ABBOTTS**

Compline service for the whole benefice will be on Thursday 15th February at 6.30pm in All Saints Church.

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## **NEEDHAM**

**Talk on Needham's History** (part 2) is on Sunday 4th February, 2pm at St Peter's Church, Needham. Refreshments available. Free of charge.

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### **WHO WAS MARK AND WHY WAS HIS GOSPEL SO IMPORTANT?**

Mark is thought to be much younger than the other writers. His mother was a prominent follower of Jesus Christ. Acts 12:12 tells us that her house in Jerusalem was used as a meeting place for other disciples. From this verse we also learn that her son's full name is John Mark.

Mark was also a follower of Jesus Christ but would likely have been in his teens when the Lord was in Jerusalem. He may have seen and listened to the Savior on occasions. After the Resurrection, as the Savior's message was beginning to be spread, Mark travelled with the Apostle Paul. He then accompanied the Apostle Peter to Rome and stayed by him while he was in prison. Mark is known as Peter's interpreter, both in speech and in writing. As a fisherman from Galilee, Peter may not have spoken Greek fluently, so Mark interpreted for him.

In his book, Mark wrote down the observations and memories of Peter, one of the original Apostles. Mark's book reflects Peter's interest in spreading the gospel among the Gentiles.

**On the Day of Pentecost,  
Peter gave one of the greatest sermons ever given  
and after the sermon, over 3,000 people then  
put their trust in Christ that very day  
(Acts 2:1-41).**

**Celebration of Church Army Centres for Mission.** I have been asked to invite you to a diocesan service which Bishop Graham and other senior staff are planning by way of celebrating the whole initiative of the Church Army Mission Centres in this diocese. The date which has been set for this is **Tuesday 6 February at 5.30pm** (in the context of Choral Evensong in Norwich Cathedral). This invitation is to everyone involved in the churches of this deanery, please pass it on.

You are free to just turn up, but it would help the Cathedral to have a rough idea of numbers, so please let me know. *Revd Nigel Tuffnell.*

## **HARLESTON**

**St John's Coffee Morning and Cake Stall** is on Saturday 3rd February at 9.30am to 11.30am

**St John's Light Lunches** will be on the 3rd Tuesday (**20th February**) served from 12 noon at a cost of £5.00 which includes a pudding

**Cookery Classes** are restarting on Tuesdays in February and March at 2pm. For more information contact Julie from Harleston Information Plus 01379 851917

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

**Informal Singing** is every Tuesday from 11.15am to 12.15pm in St John's. Refreshments available.

**Look out for** St John's Spring Cleaning Day in March. More details next month.



### **Midweek Mingle with Tea, Coffee and Toast**

Every Wednesday from 9.15am to 11.30am in

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.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Jeane Roper, Patrick McEntee, Brenda Shortell, Geoff Bellfield, Jocelyn, Laura and James, John Croxson, Baby 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, Maude Williams, 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:** Maisie Skinner, Brian Barber Rene Gates, Teresa Carstairs, Pamela Sizer and Peter Wisken.

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).

## **THE REGISTERS FROM 13TH DECEMBER - 12TH JANUARY**

### ***Funerals and Interments.***

14th Dec Hilda Paige at Sevenhills Crematorium aged 88 from Harleston.  
28th Dec Barbara Bloss at All Saints, Thorpe Abbots aged 76.  
3rd Jan Eric Gower at Seven Hills Crematorium aged 73 from Harleston  
5th Jan Marjorie Pigney at Waveney Crematorium aged 94 from Wortwell  
11th Jan Ian Banks at St Mary's, Redenhall aged 90 from Needham.

**Christian Meditation** will be on Weds 7th Feb and 7th March at the Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston. Contact Revd Nigel Tuffnell for more details or to be added to his notification list (*details back page*)

## **WEEKDAY SERVICES AND PRAYERS**

**Tuesdays** 9.30am Short Prayer Time - St John's, Harleston.  
Tues 13th Feb 7.30pm Prayers for Harleston - Oasis Prayer Centre, Archbishop Sancroft High School, Harleston.  
**Weds 21st Feb** 10.30am Informal Service - Malthouse Court residents, Harleston.  
**Thursdays** 9.15am Short Worship & Prayer - St Andrew's, Scole.  
10.00am Said Holy Communion - St John's, Harleston.  
**Thurs 15th Feb** 11.15am Holy Communion -Trees Nursing Home residents.  
6.30pm Compline - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots.

## FEBRUARY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 4th Feb</b> 2nd before Lent Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion CW	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>Colossians 1.15-20 / John 1.1-14</i>			
<b>Sunday 11th Feb</b> Next before Lent Green	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	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>2 Corinthians 4.3-6 / Mark 9.2-9</i>			
<b>Sunday 18th Feb</b> Lent 1 Purple	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
	4.00pm	Compline	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>1 Peter 3.18-end / Mark 1.9-15</i>			
<b>Sunday 25th Feb</b> Lent 2 Purple	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>Romans 4.13-end / Mark 8.31-end</i>			

Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other,  
whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave  
or a free person, a man or a woman.

*(Galatians 3: 28)*

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