

August 2026



Benefice Newsletter

SEVEN
CHURCHES

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

We try to be a church which welcomes and values everyone so we strive to celebrate and affirm every person and do not discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, age, experience, background or sexuality.

Kingdom People: Living the Life Jesus Calls Us To

Over recent months, our churches have been exploring one of the biggest themes in Matthew's Gospel: **the Kingdom of God**. Through Jesus' parables in Matthew 13, we have asked the question: "*What is the Kingdom like?*" We have discovered that God's Kingdom is like a seed growing quietly, a treasure worth finding, a place where everyone is invited, and a reality that transforms the way we see the world.

But Jesus never intended the Kingdom to be simply something we understand. It is something we live.

As we move into August, our readings begin to ask a new question: **"How do Kingdom people live?"** Jesus calls ordinary people to follow him, to trust him in storms, to welcome those who feel on the outside, and to become a community shaped by love, forgiveness and generosity.

This is a timely question for us as churches across our benefice, particularly as we think about how we are shaped for mission and invitation. Over the past couple of months I have had the privilege of meeting many young people in school - through our growing connections with local schools, we have opportunities to welcome children, young people and families into the life of our church communities. But what does Kingdom welcome really look like? How do we help someone who is new feel that they belong? What does it feel like to walk through the door of one of our services as a visitor or to participate as a child?

Welcome is far more than a friendly hello and a smile – it means reshaping and adapting what we do to make it easy for people to understand what we are doing and to be able to engage with it.

Jesus' Kingdom is marked by welcome, belonging and love — and we are called to reflect that in all we do.

This month, let us pray that God continues to shape us into **Kingdom people** — people who are ready to welcome, serve and invite others to discover the hope we have found in Christ.

Rev'd Jonathan

Harleston

Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st August
King Georges Hall
9.30am - 12noon

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 13th August
London Rd Church
10.30am - 12.30pm

Chatty Church

Will be back 26th September
King Georges Hall
11.00am-1.00pm

St Andrew's - Scole

Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st August
10.00am - 12 noon

Come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, and friendly chat
All welcome.

All Saints Thorpe Abbots

On Saturday 8th August starting at 12 noon, Thorpe Abbots Village is holding a folk day at the Village Hall. We are providing a 'Children's Corner' with games for children under the age of 12. So if you fancy hooking the duck or perhaps crockery smashing please come along. Admission is £5 per person (free admission for children under 16).

Thorpe Abbots PCC.



Come and support Zoe Orford our local excellent drummer at her live performance at

St Leonards Church Billingsford

On 26th August at 7pm

Under 16s free

Others £5

Refreshments & Raffle

Proceeds for the church

Selection Of Oldies, Rock, Pop and Christian Songs

Tickets Available from:

Sue 07917 798056 /01379854129

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Donations to our churches

If you would like to donate to any of the listed churches please use the QR codes below linked to the church you would like to donate to.

St John's, Harleston. St Leonard's, Billingford. All Saints, Thorpe Abbots



THE REGISTERS - 26TH JUNE 2026 TO 25TH JULY 2026

Funerals and Interments

2nd July Frank Lewis - St Mary's, Redenhall.

Baptism

5th July Molly Bierley McDonough - St Andrew's Scole

	7churches Benefice Services Compline Thursday 27th August, 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford Celebration Service Sunday 23rd August 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole.	
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Nick Crane, Fran Pitt-Pladdy, David Barker, Kathy Wood, Pauline Cathles.

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 on the back).

AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 2nd 9th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonards, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Romans 9.1-5/Matthew 14.13-21</i>			
Sunday 9th 10th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 10.5-15/Matthew 14.22-33</i>			
Sunday 16th The Blessed Vorgin Mary (White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonards, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32/Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28</i>			
Sunday 23rd 12th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 12.1-8/Matthew 16.13-20</i>			
Sunday 30th 13th after Trinity (Green)	10.30am	Benefice Service	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Romans 12.9-end/Matthew 16.21-end</i>			

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