

# February 2026



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## Ramblings

Dear Friends

**'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'**  
**(2 Corinthians 9:7)**

February is the month when we celebrate St Valentine. St Valentine was a third century martyr who was executed because he was a Christian. His love for Jesus underpinned his faith and the way he lived his life. He also knew that Jesus loved him. Love underpins our faith too and part of that love is giving and serving others.

Two friends and I have just counted all the donations received in the Children's Society boxes which many of you have. So many of the boxes were laden with £1 and £2 coins – everyone has been so generous this year and I am bowled over by the amounts given. But each and every box which you put your 'loose' change in counts a lot – from £5.00 to £150 – every penny helps towards the work of the Children's Society. So a big thank you to all of you who take the boxes each year, and bring them back again around Christmas-time.

The Children's Society also produce card 'candles' which take small coins and I give them out at the Christingle Services we have – at Thorpe Abbots and Scole. These are often returned the following year - full – and once again there have been record amounts. Together with donations from the boxes and the services, we have made well over £600.

The Society is an amazing organisation helping children who are lost, abused, hungry or neglected; also those who are carers for a single parent and those who feel total rejection. By your donations you have helped the organisation build a world where no child has to face life alone ... your hearts have been generous and I thank you.

So, remember the power of love can change the world and and change the people in it to make it better. We know that "nothing can separate us from God's love: 'neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below –there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.'" (Romans 8.38–39).

With love and blessings to you all

Lynda M

### **Harleston**

#### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 7th February

King Georges Hall

9.30am - 12noon

### **Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church**

Thursday 12th February

London Rd Church

10.30am - 12.30pm

### **Chatty Church**

Saturday 28th February

King Georges Hall

11.00am-1.00pm

## **Ash Wednesday Service**

Wednesday 18th February

6.30pm - St Andrew's, Scole - Holy  
Communion with Ashing

## **Forget-Me-Not Café & Church**

A café & support group  
for those with Dementia and their carers

**12th February**

**10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Thursday, London Rd Church,**

As well as the café there will be stimulating activities,  
refreshments and cakes; fully supported by our  
volunteers.

Plus an optional short, simple church service.  
Please be assured of a very warm, friendly wel-  
come for everyone.

**Just turn up or to find out more contact:  
Maureen Youngman (01379 853605)**

## St John's update

There are temporary covers on the roof. The slates of the nave and north aisle are damaged and will have to be mostly replaced.

There is a birdcage scaffold inside, to enable inspections and cleaning of the high levels. There will be an external scaffold and temporary roof put up once the rest of the work starts.

The structure (timber rafters, trusses) appears sound - I am waiting for the engineer's report. Some elements will have to be replaced, as they are deeply charred and will lose part of their section and some decorative mouldings (and will not match the others).

The interior is covered in soot and tar, and will be cleaned and redecorated.

The font and pulpit have already been cleaned to prevent the staining becoming ingrained and difficult to remove. The cleaning of the rest of the stone and the glass of the south aisle will take place as soon as possible - I am waiting for quotes for conservation cleaning.

The west window has been removed and is in Devlin Plummer's workshop.

The organ will be removed and stored before the main work starts, then reinstated near the end of the project.

The kitchen fittings, heat emitters, lighting and electrical installation will all be replaced.

Loose items do not form part of the church listing (such as the chairs, sound system) will be replaced.

The insurers fund like for like (or modern equivalent) replacement.

## 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 DECEMBER 2025 TO 25TH JANUARY 2026

### Funerals and Interments

7th Jan Winifread Young- St Mary's, Redenhall.

7th Jan John Seaman - St Peter's, Needham

	<b>7churches Benefice Services</b>	
<b>Compline</b>		
Thursday 26th February, 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford		
<b>Celebration Service</b>		
Sunday 22nd February 4.30pm St Andrew's, Scole.		

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, David Barker, Kathy Wood.

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).*

## FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 1st Presentat ion of Christ in the temple (White or Gold)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, 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>Hebrews 2.14–end/Luke 2.22–40</i>			
<b>Sunday 8th 2nd before Lent (Green)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 8.18-25/Matthew 6.25-34</i>			
<b>Sunday 15th Sunday before Lent (Green)</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
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>2 Peter 1.16-end/Matthew 17.1-9</i>			
<b>Sunday 22nd Lent 1 (Green)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 5.12-19/Matthew 4.1-11</i>			

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