

July 2026



Benefice Newsletter



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.

For me there are several events around the end of June and early July that remind me of the change of season and what I feel is the beginning of summer. They include watching Wimbledon with strawberries and cream, the Royal Norfolk Show, or hearing young people revelling in the end of the exam season and the beginning of a long summer holiday.

In the church year we also mark the seasons with the festivals of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. From Pentecost in June right through to the beginning of Advent, the 40 days leading up to Christmas. In our churches you might notice that various bits of fabric on the lectern, pulpit or alter are green as a reminder that we are in what is called 'ordinary time'.

Over the past month we have been looking at various passages in Matthew, where Jesus is preparing the disciples for what is to come after his death and resurrection – finishing with the great commission 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising and teaching them in the name of the father, son and holy spirit'. That statement marked a very significant seasonal shift in their lives. It marked the beginning of the early church spreading across the world – there was nothing ordinary about that time!

Throughout July we will be continuing to look at Jesus teaching as recorded by Matthew, alongside Paul's letter to the Romans. The main focus will be the challenge we all face as Christians, living in a world where we are called to be different, a world where there is war, injustice and evil, a world that does not feel 'ordinary' at present. It will raise many questions about how or why God allows evil to exist, and how it will ultimately be resolved.

As churches and a diocese we are stepping into a new season. Our diocesan strategy calls for us to share our stories of God's faithfulness in both the challenging but also ordinary times of life. Take a look at the stories on the diocesan website (<https://exploringstreams.org/stories>), and consider how you could share your story with others – because none of our stories are ordinary.

Revd Jonathan

Harleston

Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th July
King Georges Hall
9.30am - 12noon

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 9th July
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 4th July
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.

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 11th July
Quiz, Brockdish Village hall,
7.30pm



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

St Leonards Church Billingford

On 26th August at 7pm

Under 16s free

Others £5

Refreshments & Raffle

Proceeds for the church

Selection Of Oldies, Rock, Pop and Christian Songs

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.

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 MAY 2026 TO 25TH JUNE 2026

Funerals and Interments

1st June David McDowel - St Andrew's, Scole.

	7churches Benefice Services	
Compline		
Thursday 23rd July, 6.30pm All Saints, Thorpe Abbots		
Celebration Service		
Sunday 26th July 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole.		

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).*

JULY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 5th 5th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonards, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Holy communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Romans 7.15-25a/Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end</i>			
Sunday 12th 6th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 8.1-11/Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23</i>			
Sunday 19th 7th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonards, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Romans 8.12-25/Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43</i>			
Sunday 26th 8th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	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 8.26-end/Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52</i>			

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