

# June 2026



## *Benefice Newsletter*

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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.

It's June – halfway through 2026! As I write this, Steph and I have been living in Harleston for just over a week and I am contemplating my licensing tomorrow.

At the beginning of 2026 we had little idea that we would be here, that I would leave my job at the diocese, and we would leave our house in Banham. In 2018 when I started my ordination journey, I had a sense that God was calling me to something, but wasn't really sure of what – I just felt God say, 'be ready'.

Now looking back, it reminds me of a verse in Isaiah 30:21: "And whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it'". When we look forward it can be difficult to decide which way to go, or to imagine where we will end up, and can create a level of anxiety of the unknown. Yet when we look back, we can see how God has been at work to bring us to where we are. The more we look back to see how God has been with us through all aspects of our lives, the more we can look forward with hope and confidence. Paul in his letter to the Philippians writes "being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will continue to perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). Paul had many challenges throughout his ministry but was able to have an incredibly strong confidence that God would show up. (you might like to read these other verses as a short bible study: 2 Corinthians 3:4-5, Romans 8:38-39, 2 Timothy 1:12, Ephesians 3:12).

During my training I was struck by a phrase used by Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, when his calling– he said "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful". This is true of all of us as Christians. It enables us to take each small step trusting in God, not getting ahead of ourselves and becoming anxious of the future, but looking forward with confidence and hope.

Lord, help me to put my trust in you. Thank you that you promised to send the Holy Spirit to be a comforter and helper. May I listen to your voice and learn to see your hand moving in my life. Amen

Revd Jonathan

**All Saints Thorpe Abbots**

**Thorpe Abbots Airfield during WW2**

A talk by Ron Batley and Reg Wilson from the Thorpe Abbots 100<sup>th</sup>  
Bomb Group Museum  
(Including some original film footage)

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
at  
Thorpe Abbots Village Hall  
7 for 7.30pm

**St Andrew's - Scole**

**Coffee Morning**

Saturday 6th June  
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.

**Harleston**

**Coffee Morning**

Saturday 6th June  
King Georges Hall  
9.30am - 12noon

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

Thursday 11th June  
London Rd Church  
10.30am - 12.30pm

**Chatty Church**

Saturday 27th June  
King Georges Hall  
11.00am-1.00pm

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**Quiz** with **Chips**

**£7**



**Saturday 27 June**

**6.30 for 7pm**

**St Andrew's Church, Scole**

**Contact Sue on 740325 to book  
as an individual or a team.**

**Bring your own drinks and glasses**

## 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 APRIL 2026 TO 25TH MAY 2026

### Funerals and Interments

5th May Ethal Woodrow - St Andrew's, Scole.  
13th May Frederick David Smith - St Mary's, Redenhall.  
14th May Graham Redelsperger - St Peter's, Needham

### Weddings

9th May Craig Boreham & Samantha Sharman - St Leonard's, Billingford

	<b>7churches Benefice Services</b>	
<b>Compline</b>		
Thursday 25th June, 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford		
<b>Celebration Service</b>		
Sunday 28th June 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.

## JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 7th Trinity 1 (Green)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	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 Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Romans 4.13-end/Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26</i>			
<b>Sunday 14th Trinity 2 (Green)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 5.1-8/Matthew 9.35 - 10.8 [9-23]</i>			
<b>Sunday 21st Trinity 3 (Green)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonards, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Patroani)	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Romans 6.1b-11/Matthew 10.24-39</i>			
<b>Sunday 28th Peter or Peter &amp; Paul (Red)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Patronal)	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Patronal)	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 6.12-end/Matthew 10.40-end</i>			

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Contact details for each parishes safeguarding officer are available from the benefice administrator and are on the benefice website.

### Schools

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