

November 2025



Lest We Forget

Benefice Newsletter

SEVEN
CHURCHES

Faith Through the Fire

A month ago, as we all know, St John's, our church in Harleston, was badly damaged by fire. It left us feeling shocked and sad as we mourned the loss of a place that has seen decades of worship, Celebrations, Remembrance Services, laughter and prayer; but, even in the midst of our sadness and regret, we remember one truth that remains unshaken - **our God is faithful.**

We have seen evidence of that in the days since the fire - the church is not built with wood or stone, but with *people*—living testimonies of God's grace. The same Spirit that filled our church still fills our hearts. The same God who met us there still meets us wherever we are.

The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:8–9: *"We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."*

We've seen God's goodness to us in countless ways with neighbours reaching out to us, churches offering help and 'St Thomas More Chapel' allowing us to worship in their building on a Sunday. Volunteers continue to give their time; professionals work and plan for our restored church and prayers rise from every corner. These are the signs of God's hand at work among us.

We may have lost one of our church buildings, temporarily, but we have *not* lost our purpose or 'whom we are'. Our church will continue to be a light in our community and across the Benefice, perhaps, shining even brighter than before. The flames that damaged our building haven't destroyed our passion for worship, love and service, nor our desire to proclaim God's faithfulness and glorify His name. We are Christians together, a family, united, and full of hope—because our foundation is Christ, and He will never fail.

As we look ahead, we hold on to the words of Isaiah 61:3, that God will give us, *"beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."* What was lost does not define us; rather, how we respond—with faith, unity, hope and gratitude—will be our true testimony. So, we move forward together, trusting that God will bring beauty from these ashes, and that the best days of St John's and our Benefice are still to come. **Amen**

God bless you all,
Rev Sue

Harleston
Coffee Morning

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

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

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

Chatty Church

Saturday 29th November
London rd Church
11.00am-1.00pm

St Andrew's - Scole

Winter Warmer Coffee Morning and Raffle

Saturday 1st November
10.00am - 12.30pm

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

In addition to our normal refreshments, there will also be Bacon rolls (£3.50) .We will also have a few stalls selling gifts and second-hand books.

Save the Date! Scole Christmas Quiz and Chips -
13 December .Contact Rev Sue for details and to book.

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 5th July
Quiz, Brockdish Village hall,
7.30pm

Thanks to everyone who supported us and came to see and hear Craig Catchpole at St Leonards on September 30th.

It was a wonderful evening, hearing this talented young man sing and a good amount was raised for the church.

Thank you to all who helped to make the evening a success.

Sue & Georgina

The Annual Quiz

Saturday 22nd

November

Thorpe Abbots

Village Hall

Commencing 7.30pm

Light Supper, Bar, Raffle

£6 per person

(tables up to 6)

In Aid of Church and Fabric Funds

Please book, no tickets available at the door

Contact: Simon Beet 01379 668132

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or any member of the PCC.

Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
St Andrew's Church, Scole, and St Peter's Church Needham
6.30 pm, Monday 3 November.

All are welcome to this service, which is an occasion to remember the loved ones that we have lost and to give thanks for their lives. There is also the opportunity to light a candle in memory of those whom we have lost. If you would like the name of your loved one read out in the service, please sign the list in on of the churches or let Helen (01379 851148) know in advance of the service.



Remembrance Services
Sunday 9th November



9.30am - Remembrance Service - All
Saints Thorpe Abbots

10.45am - at Harleston Memorial

11.00am - Remembrance Service - London Rd Church

10.45am At Scole Memorial

11.00am - Remembrance Service - St Andrew's Scole

3.00pm - Remembrance Service - St Leonard's
Billingford

3.00pm - Remembrance Service - St Peter &
St Paul Brockdish

3.00pm - Remembrance at Wortwell War Memorial

6.00pm - Remembrance Service - St Peter's Needham

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 SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 25TH OCTOBER 2025

Funerals/interments

30th Sept Eileen Lodge - St Peters, Needham
14th Oct Laura Fox - St Andrew's, Scole

Baptism

28th Sept Sophia Neeve- St Mary's, Redenhall

Wedding

18th Oct Daniel Pepperell & Abbie Gell - St Mary's, Redenhall

	7churches Benefice Services Compline Thursday 27th November, 6.30pm All Saints, Thorpe Abbots Celebration Service Sunday 23rd November, 4.30pm St Andrew's, Scole.	
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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).

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 2nd All Saints' Sunday (Gold or White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, 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
	6.00pm	Patronal Evening Prayer	All Saints
<i>Ephesians 1.11-23/Luke 6.20-31</i>			
Sunday 9th Remembra nce Sunday (Red)	9.30am	Remembrance Service	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Harleston war memorial
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Leonard's, Billingford
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	Wortwell War Memorial
	6.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Peter's, Needham
<i>2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17/Luke 20.27-38</i>			
Sunday 16th 2nd before advent (Red)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>2 Thessalonians 3.6-13/Luke 21.5-19</i>			
Sunday 23rd Christ the King (Gold or White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Colossians 1.11-20/Luke 23.33-43</i>			
Sunday 30th Advent Sunday & Patronal (Red)	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 13.11-14/Matthew 24.36-44</i>			

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