# October 2025

# *Benefice Newsletter*

SEVEN
CHURCHES

## Ramblings

Dear Friends

**"God loves a cheerful giver"(2 Corinthians 9:7)**

It is the time of year when we have our Harvest Thanksgiving Services. After last year's really poor harvest, this year has been good and we have much to be thankful for.

During these special services we also offer up our gifts of food as a way of saying thank you, and these offerings will be shared with those in need. Some of our churches are donating the produce to the local Food Banks or the Emmaus Homelessness charity and it will be very much appreciated by them.

You will see that I have headed this letter with a lovely verse: 'God loves a cheerful giver'

I was telling Canon Lyndy Domoney that I would be quoting this text. She recounted the time when she was in South Africa and she was speaking at a Mothers' Union Conference; at the end of the Conference the collection plate –a big bowl actually as Lyndy recalled –was placed on the altar and the women, went up to place their offerings, but they didn't just walk sedately up – they danced and sang to the music which was playing. Lyndy said she had never seen so many cheerful givers and I thought that was a wonderful picture.

I don't think we will be doing that, but I'm sure we will all be very happy as we take up our offering of food, knowing that it will be shared with those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you for all that you do give –be it food or financial donations – during the year or at the Harvest Services. And when you take up your gifts, remember the South African ladies –that will be sure to bring a smile to your faces!

May God bless you in all that you do.

Lynda M

## St John's, Harleston

**Coffee Morning**
Saturday 4th October
9.30am - 12noon

**Every Tuesday**
Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

**Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church**
Thursday 9th October
10.30am - 12.30pm

**Praise and Worship**
Saturday 11th October
St John's , Harleston 6.00pm

**Who Let the Dads Out?**
Saturday 18th October
9.00am to 11.00am
£3.00 per family includes breakfast

**Chatty Church**
Saturday 25th October
11.00am-1.00pm

## St Andrew's - Scole - Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th October
10.00am - 12noon
Come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, and friendly chat.

**Brockdish Village Hall**

Friday 3rd October

10.00am-11.30am

Come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Together we can make a difference!

**Scole Harvest Supper - all are welcome.**

**Friday 17 October**

**6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start.**

For a price of £12 a hot two course meal is followed by a barn dance with music, provided by Snapdragon.

For food, choose from cottage pie, chicken casserole or vegetarian sausage. Accompanying them are new potatoes, bread and mixed vegetables.
The second course is a choice of homemade apple pie, lemon meringue pie, or fresh fruit salad served with custard or cream.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Book and choose your meal and get your ticket from Kay (741054) or Lynda (740401) or sign the list in church as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Payment is appreciated at the time of booking. There will also be a raffle on the evening.

## Harvest Festival Services

**5th October - St Andrew's, Scole 11.00am**

**5th October - St John's, Harleston 11.00am**

## 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 Abbotts

### The Registers - 26th August 2025 to 25th September 2025

**Funerals**

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| 2nd Oct | Paul Adrian Coleman - St Andrew's, Scole |
| 3rd Oct | Joyce Banks - St Mary's, Redenhall |

**Baptism**

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| 31st August | Annabelle Ramsey - St John's, Harleston |

**7churches Benefice Services**

**Compline**
Thursday 23rd October, 6.30pm
St Leonard's, Billingford

**Celebration Service**
Sunday 26th October, 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).*

# October Sunday Services and Readings

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| **Sunday 5th 16th after Trinity (Green)** | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am<br>4.00pm | Holy Communion<br>Morning Prayer<br>Morning Prayer<br>Harvest Informal Worship<br>Harvest Informal Worship<br>Evening Prayer | St Leonard's, Billingford<br>St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish<br>St Mary's, Redenhall<br>St John's, Harleston<br>St Andrew's, Scole<br>St John's, Harleston |
| *2 Timothy 1.1-14/Luke 17.5-10* | | | |
| **Sunday 12th 17th after Trinity (Green)** | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am | Morning Prayer<br>Holy Communion<br>Morning Prayer<br>Holy Communion | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish<br>All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts<br>St John's, Harleston<br>St Andrew's, Scole |
| *2 Timothy 2.8-15/Luke 17.11-19* | | | |
| **Sunday 19th 18th after Trinity (Green)** | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am | Morning Prayer<br>Morning Prayer<br>Holy Communion<br>Morning Prayer<br>Holy Communion<br>Morning Prayer | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish<br>St Leonard's, Billingford<br>St Mary's , Redenhall<br>St Peter's, Needham<br>St John's, Harleston<br>St Andrew's, Scole |
| *2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5/Luke 18.1-8* | | | |
| **Sunday 26th Last after Trinity - Bible Sunday (Green)** | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am<br>4.30pm | Morning Prayer<br>Morning Prayer<br>Morning Worship<br>Morning Prayer<br>Celebration Service | St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish<br>St Mary's, Redenhall<br>St John's, Harleston<br>St Andrew's, Scole<br>St Andrew's, Scole |
| *2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18/Luke 18.9-14* | | | |

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