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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.

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



What is God calling us to?

Over the last few weeks, we have been thinking together about what it means to be **Kingdom People**. We have been asking a simple but challenging question: *if Jesus really is King, what difference does that make to the way we live?*

For me, one of the exciting things about being part of this benefice is beginning to discover what that question might mean for us in practice.

We are not simply called to gather together on a Sunday. We are called to **live out our faith wherever God has placed us** – in our homes, our workplaces, our villages and, importantly, in our schools.

I am particularly excited about some of the opportunities that are opening up for us with young people.

At **Harleston Sancroft Academy**, we have been given the opportunity to facilitate a lunchtime drop-in in the school library on Thursdays and Fridays. It is a wonderfully simple opportunity: to be there, to meet young people, to listen to them, to chat, to laugh, and to offer a welcoming and safe presence.

We don't yet know exactly what those conversations will lead to – and perhaps that is part of the excitement. Christian ministry often begins simply by **showing up and being present**. We have an opportunity to build relationships and, over time, to help young people discover that the church is somewhere they belong.

We are also exploring new opportunities for **worship in our schools**, creating spaces where children and young people can encounter Jesus, explore faith and discover what it means to follow him.

Perhaps you have experience of working with young people. Perhaps you are a good listener. Perhaps you could help once a month, or occasionally when you are available. Perhaps you aren't sure what you could offer at all, but would simply like to find out more. And perhaps your most important contribution at this stage is to pray.

There is room for all of these things.

I have been reminded again that our calling is not necessarily to do something spectacular. Sometimes it is simply to say yes, just as Peter did when he stepped out of the boat.

So, as we begin this new school year, I wonder what God might be calling you to do?

It might be something in church. It might be something in your town or village. It might be something with children and young people. Or it might simply be a call to pray, listen or encourage someone else.

Whatever it is, I hope that together we can become increasingly confident in saying:

“Here I am, Lord. What would you have me do?”

There is a lot to be hopeful about. And I am looking forward to discovering, together, what God might do among us as we seek to live as **Kingdom People, living for the King.**

Revd Jonathan

St Andrew's - Scole

Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd October

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.

Scole Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

Friday 16 October - 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

For the price of £12, enjoy a hot two course meal, followed by a barn dance with music, provided by Snapdragon. For food, choose from cottage pie (meat or vegan), , chicken casserole or vegsausage (meat or vegan). Sides are new potatoes, bread and mixed vegetables. The second course is a choice of homemade apple pie, lemon meringue pie, sticky toffee pudding or fresh fruit salad served with custard or cream.

Cheese and biscuits are also available. 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.

Jenny and Family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, lovely cards and flowers. They are very grateful.

Harleston

Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd October
King Georges Hall
9.30am - 12noon

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 8th October
London Rd Church
10.30am - 12.30pm

Chatty Church

Saturday 24th October
King Georges Hall
11.00am-1.00pm

Dates for Diary

Megan and Craig Catchpole Present a
Christmas concert on Sunday 29th November at 2pm
at St Leonard's Church Billingford.
Tickets £10 includes refreshments.
Sue 07917 798056 /01379854129
Georgina 07498 343803
Brian 07783 003830

Scole Quiz with Chips - Saturday 14 November - 6.30 for 7pm
Enjoy a 'fun quiz' with a chip supper and something sweet. Come as individuals or tables up to 6 people and don't forget to bring your own drinks glasses and any extra nibbles you would like. Ring Rev Sue (740325 /07825838403) to Book your place or sign the list in the church in October. Preferred final date for booking is Sunday 8 November. WE look forward to seeing you there.

St John's Church, Harleston Bible course

We're running the bible course. Alternate Tuesday evenings 7:30pm at The Rectory, 5 Needham Road, Harleston. Starts 28th July, but you can join us on any week.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore.../the-bible-course>

Scole Bible study

Led by Revd. Sue Auckland and meets the second Wednesday of the month at Scole Church at 2 pm

THE REGISTERS - 26TH AUGUST 2026 TO 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Funerals and Interments

16th September Gerald Boughen - St Mary's, Redenhall.

18th September Alan Davey- St Mary's, Redenhall

	7churches Benefice Services Compline Thursday 22nd October, 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford Celebration Service Sunday 25th October 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole.	
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Nick Crane, 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).

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 4th Trinity 18 Creation Season (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonards, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Morning Worship/Harvest	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Worship/Havest	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Reflective Worship	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Philippians 3.4b-14/Matthew 21.33-46</i>			
Sunday 11th Trinity 19 Creation Season (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Redenhall
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Philippians 4.1-9/Matthew 22.1-14</i>			
Sunday 18th Trinity 20 Creation Season (Green)	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	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>1 Thessalonians 1.1-10/Matthew 22.15-22</i>			
Sunday 25th Last after Trinity Creation Season (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas More, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>1 Thessalonians 2.1-8/Matthew 22.34-46</i>			

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

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