

# February 2025

## Presentation



of the Lord Feb 2

## *Benefice*

## *Newsletter*

SEVEN

CHURCHES

## **Ramblings from the Rectory February 2025**

A little over twelve years ago I arrived here to become your new parish priest. I have loved it here but now it is time for me to move on. Very soon I will be moving to Swaffham to be the new parish priest for them and the village of Sporle. My final service here will be at 11am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at St. John's Harleston. My licensing service will then be at St. Peter & St. Paul's Swaffham at 7.30pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. You are very welcome to come along to either or both of those services.

Much may change but one constant will remain, the love of God. Paul in Romans 8 makes it clear that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God. It is clear to me that "all shall be well, all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well" as Julian of Norwich put it all those centuries ago. Both your future and mine are in God's hands.

I can honestly say that it has been a joy to be your parish priest. I have found Redenhall, Harleston, Needham, Brockdish, Thorpe Abbots, Billingford and Scole to be full of wonderful people. I am not moving because there is anything wrong. I am moving because, after over a decade here, I feel called to move on. I feel strongly that God is leading me to Swaffham and I must obey that calling.

I will miss you all, I really will. Swaffham is not that far away and hopefully I will see one or two of you there from time to time.

Thank you all for your fellowship and friendship.

Good bye and God bless,

Nigel.

## **Farewell to Nigel**

In September 2012, we welcomed the Revd. Nigel Tuffnell, and his family to the Redenhall and Scole Benefices. Thanks to his hard work and inspiration, the two Benefices were successfully brought together and the Benefice of Redenhall with Scole was created.

During the last 12 years, Nigel has moved our 7 churches forward and served us with dedication and care. He has positively touched the lives of many people as well as schools and organisations and we are so grateful that he has been with us for as long as he has.

Now he has been called to serve in the Swaffham and Sporle Benefice and although we are sad that we are losing him, he, Viv and Ellie, go with our good wishes for the future.

Thank you, Nigel, for all you have done for our parishes, during your time with us and God bless you and your future ministry.

## **St John's, Harleston**

### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 1st February  
9.30am - 12noon

### **Every Tuesday**

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

### **Praise**

Saturday 8th February  
6pm - 7pm

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

Thursday 13th February  
10.30am - 12.30pm

### **Who Let the Dads Out?**

Saturday 15th February  
9.00am to 11.00am  
£3.00 per family includes  
breakfast

### **Chatty Church**

Saturday 22nd February  
11.00am - 1.00pm

### **Nigel's Farewell service**

Sunday 23rd February  
11.00am

**St Andrew's - Scole - Coffee Morning**

Saturday 1st February

10.00am - 12noon

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

**Quiz with Chips**

**£7**



**Saturday 22 February**

**6.30 for 7pm**

**St Andrew's Church, Scole**

**Contact Sue on 740325 to  
book your place.**

**Bring your own drinks and glasses**

## Billingsford St Leonards

The draw for the codebreaker competition took place after the service on 19th January.

The three lucky winners are  
B Rudd, J Redgrave and H Butcher.

Thank you everyone who supported us by entering, sorry you couldn't all be winners.

Special thanks to the generous person who devised the Codebreaker and donated the prize money and also thank you to the sellers.



IN MEMORY OF

# Victor Virgin

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY  
2-4PM ST JOHN'S CHURCH  
HARLESTON

*Please join us for tea and  
cake to share memories  
of Vic and to celebrate  
his life*

RSVP  
MARINA WEBB 07776 339340  
OR VIA FACEBOOK

## **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



	<b>7churches Benefice Services</b>	
<b>Compline</b>		
Thursday 27th February, 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford		
<b>Celebration Service</b>		
Sunday 23rd February 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole,.		

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, 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).*

## FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) (White orGold)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St John's, Harleston
<i>Hebrews 2.14-18/Luke 2.22-40</i>			
<b>Sunday 9th 4th before Lent (Green)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>1 Corinthians 15.1-11/Luke 5.1-11</i>			
<b>Sunday 16th 3rd Before Lent (Green)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's , Redenhall
<i>1 Corinthians 15.12-20/Luke 6.17-26</i>			
<b>Sunday 23rd 2nd Before Lent (Green)</b>	11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion(NT Farewell Service)	St John's, Harleston
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Revelation 4/Luke 8.22-25</i>			

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