

July 2024



Benefice Newsletter

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Ramblings from the Rectory

As I write this it is raining, the sun isn't shining, but it will be bright tomorrow. As I think of July, I picture long hot days with the hope of a little rain to stop a drought. There was a little sun earlier today and I was able to sit and listen by to my bees buzzing. There is the scent of summer in the air, even in the wet. I am hoping for lots of dry weather and the wide open road, just me and my motorbike.

As I look around everything is blooming. In my garden, in the hedge row and along the verges. This is true of the churches here too. Faith has come back into fashion. I am finding more and more people, particularly younger people, being drawn to the Christian way of life. Many people are returning to church, and new people are joining them. It is great to see.

I am not sure whether or not this will mean that our churches will be full once again. That would be nice but it is not what is most important to me. I am delighted that people are exploring the faith, for their sake. This Christian life is one that I have found amazing and fulfilling. To know that others are discovering some of the wonder that delights me, is enough. They may stay, they may move on to another church. That is not my concern. That is between them and God.

I am just delighted to see people exploring the natural, spiritual, creative side of themselves and becoming more fully human as they do. I hope and pray that more and more people will explore a way of life that can, if we let it, lead us to the fruits of the Spirit, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5.22-23)

Hope indeed!

God bless,

Nigel.

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

Saturday 6th July
9.30am till 12noon

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 11th July
10.30am - 12.30pm

Praise

Saturday 13th July- 6pm - 7pm

Who Let the Dads out?

Saturday 20th July
9.00am to 11.00am
£3.00 per family includes breakfast

Every Tuesday

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish

Saturday 6th July

Quiz Night

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Table up to 6 people £5 per person, to include light supper.

Tel: Jan 01379 668630 for bookings and further information.

St Andrew's - Scole

Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th July
10.00am - 12noon

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

St. Mary's Church , Redenhall.

The Annual General Meeting of St. Mary's Restoration Trust will take place at 7pm on Wednesday July 10th 2024 at Wortwell Core. We invite anyone with an interest in St. Mary's to attend; items for the agenda should be sent to Brenda Le Grys on 01379 852572 or brendalegrys@gmail.com by July 1st 2024.

St Leonard's, Billingford

Thank you to everyone across the Benefice who supported our competition, which raised £385 for St Leonard's.

The lucky winner of the £200 was Jean Burrows of Harleston.

Thank you also to those that sold the entries and the very generous person who donated the prize money.

Sue Redgrave

'Pilgrims' Walk', led by James Shelton (curate)

Saturday 27th July, 9.45am - 3.00pm, Redenhall Church, (IP20 9QS)

We'll be gathering at Redenhall Church for a 7-mile summer walk, which will see us straying over the border into Suffolk to also take in the churches of Mendham and Homersfield. Redenhall, famous for its connections to the Mayflower, has an impressive scaled-replica of the ship on display in the church itself. For this reason, we'll walk with the 'Pilgrim Fathers' in mind, as we consider the Mayflower's recent 400th anniversary and its often challenging legacy. On-street parking available as you approach the church. Please bring a packed lunch and dress for the anticipated weather. If you're planning on coming, please let James know by emailing revdshelton@outlook.com or by signing up via the link available at earshambenefice.org.uk/pilgrims.



**DADS
GRANDADS
MALE CARERS
AND
THEIR KIDS!**



**WHO LET THE
DADS OUT?**

**BREAKFAST
CRAFT
GAMES
FREE PLAY**

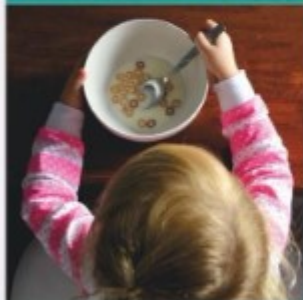


St John's Church
Broad St,
Harleston,
IP20 9AZ



**THE
3RD SAT**

**EACH MONTH
9-11AM**



**£3
PER FAMILY
INCLUDING
BREAKFAST!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

SEARCH 'WHO LET THE DADS OUT' HARLESTON' ON 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 Abbotts



THE REGISTERS - 24TH MAY 2024 TO 25TH JUNE 2024

Funerals and Interments

14th June Peter Edwards- St Andrew's, Scole

18th June Evelyn Wilby - St Leonard's, Billingford

Weddings

8th June Allan Bullen & Pauline Shadbolt - St John's, Harleston

Baptism

23rd June Abigail Kemp - St Mary's, Redenhall

	7churches Benefice Services Compline Thursday, 25th July 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford Celebration Service Sunday 28th July 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole	
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood, Sharon Perkins .

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.
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JULY SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday 7th 6th after Trinity (Green)	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>2 Corinthians 12.2-10/Mark 6.1-13</i>			
Sunday 14th 7th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 1.3-14/Mark 6.14-29</i>			
Sunday 21st Mary Magdalene (White)	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 Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer CW	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>2 Corinthians 5.14-17/John 20.1-2, 11-18</i>			
Sunday 28th 9th after Trinity (Green)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Ephesians 3.14-21/John 6.1-21</i>			

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