

November 2024



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Ramblings from The Rectory for November

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
(John 1.5)

That comes from a famous passage in the bible normally read late at night for the first Communion for Christmas. I have not gone mad and rushed towards Christmas before Advent has even started. Unlike so many of the shops, I won't be putting out Christmas decorations for some time yet. That said, I still think light overcoming darkness is appropriate for November.

Light overcoming darkness fits for the beginning of the month. All Saints (1st November) and All Souls (2nd November) are very different feasts but at both we celebrate the overcoming of the darkness that so easily infects this world and our lives. Not only do we look to overcome that darkness, we look for encouragement to be lights ourselves, shining brightly for all around us.

At All Souls we bring to mind all those who were close to us who have now died. We do so, not to wallow in the darkness but to receive light from God so that we can remember the hope that we have that death is no longer the end. Indeed, that death is no longer to be feared because it has been overcome by Jesus. At All Saints we remember those great examples of faith so that we can be encouraged by their example and shine more brightly ourselves as a result.

All Souls and All Saints remind us of the hope that we so desperately need less than two weeks later, at Remembrance time. I for one need to be reminded that death is not just a senseless end before listening to all of those names being read out. All of those sons of this place that were killed in two world wars. Remembering too all those who have died or suffered through war since. As we stand firm and proclaim, “We will remember them,” I hear also those words of hope, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Even the darkness of war.

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
(John 1.5) May the light of Christ shine brightly in and through each of you, in your good times and in your darkness.

God bless,
Nigel.

Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
St John's Church Harleston and St Andrew's Church Scole
6.30 pm, Saturday 2 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 on a list that will be in all our churches or let Helen know on 01379 851148, in advance of the service.

St Peter & St Paul Brockdish
Saturday 9th November
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 Winter Warmer, Coffee Morning and Raffle

Saturday, 2nd November

Coffee or tea with savouries or cakes

Bacon rolls/cheese toasties

Served from 10.00 am

St John's, Harleston

Coffee and Cake Morning

Saturday 2nd November

9.30am till 12noon

Who Let the Dads out?

Saturday 16th November

9.00am to 11.00am

£3.00 per family includes breakfast

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Thursday 14th November

10.30am - 12.30pm

Chatty Church

Saturday 23rd November

11.00am - 1.00pm

Praise

Saturday 9th November

6pm - 7pm

Every Tuesday

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.30pm



Remembrance Services



Sunday 10th November

9.30am - Remembrance Service - All Saints
Thorpe Abbots

10.45am - at Harleston Memorial

11.00am - Remembrance Service - St John's
Harleston

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





**Christmas
Coffee Morning
Brockdish
Village Hall
23rd November
10.00am - 12noon**

**Raffle, Books, Jams,
Cakes, Coffee and Chat**

Proceeds to Brockdish Church

***The All Saints
Annual Quiz***

Saturday 23rd 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

*This is a popular event and space is limited so please book, no tickets will
be available at the door*

Contact: Simon Beet, 01379 668132 or email allsaintsta1@btinternet.com



**St John's
Christmas
Fayre**

30th November

9.30am to 4pm

Refreshments served all day

Light Lunch served

12noon to 2pm

Raffle, Cake Stall,

Craft Stalls



**Christmas Day
Lunch**

**St John's Church
12.30pm**

**For anyone who wants to
be with others on
Christmas Day.**

Booking Essential

Please phone 01379 851148
or email admin@7churches.org.uk
to book by 13th December.

Donations wanted

Please can anyone make donations of raffle prizes and items for the hamper i.e tin salmon, fruit, packets of Christmas biscuits etc for the Christmas Fayre at St John's Church on 30th November. The items will be much appreciated.

Thorpe Abbots Remembrance Day Poppy

All Saints Thorpe Abbots will continue its tradition of projecting a Poppy onto the Church Tower for the week leading up to Remembrance Day on 11th November. Pause as you pass All Saints to remember those who have given their lives in defence of this country.



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 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 25TH OCTOBER 2024

Funerals and Interments

27th September Philip Chilvers- St Mary's, Redenhall
15th October Brian Smith - St John's, Harleston
24th October Joyce Boggis - St Mary's, Redenhall

	7churches Benefice Services	
	Compline	
	Thursday, 28th November 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford	
	Celebration Service	
	Sunday 24th November 4.30pm St Andrew's, Scole	

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.
(details on the back).

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Saturday 2nd All Souls (Purple)	6.30pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	St John's, Harleston
	6.30pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	St Andrew's, Scole
Sunday 3rd All Saint's Sunday (Gold or White)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion(Patronal)	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
	6.30pm	Compline for All Saints	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
<i>Revelation 21.1-6/John 11.32-44</i>			
Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday (Red)	9.30am	Remembrance Service	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	10.45am	The Memorial	Harleston
	11.00am	Remembrance Service	St John's, Harleston
	10.45am	The Memorial	Scole
	11.00am	Remembrance Service	St Andrew's, Scole
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Mary's , Redenhall
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Leonard's, Billingford
	6.00pm	Remembrance Service	St Peter's, Needham
<i>Micah 4.1-4 & 6.8</i>			
Sunday 17th 2nd Before Advent (Red)	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	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>Hebrews 10.11-25/Mark 13.1-8</i>			
Sunday 24th Christ the King (Gold or White)	9.30am	Holy Communion	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>Revelation 1.4b-8/John 18.33-37</i>			

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