

# October 2024



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## Ramblings from The Rectory for October

*“Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do”* (Cf. James 2:14-26 NIV). St James makes it clear that faith, real faith, is expressed by action. So if you believe, what are you doing about it? What difference does your faith make to the way that you live your life? This is an important question because too often faith is regarded as a purely private thing; something hidden away and protected from prying eyes. True, your faith is your business. I have no right to insist that you believe the same as me. But if you are a Christian I do have the right to remind you of scripture – In fact it is my job.

So I hope you agree that faith has to be practical. That said. There are many ways of putting faith into practice. Faith can be expressed through being more caring to family, friends and strangers. You can give regularly to good causes. But sometimes we need to come together as a Church to bring the world’s concerns into our worship and combine our efforts to make things better.

In late September and October we have our Harvest Festivals. These may no longer be the great village or town wide events that they once were but, in this rural area, they are still important. It is only right that we give thanks for the harvest that we see around us, praying for the prosperity and wellbeing of those who produce our food. The food collected also gives us an opportunity to support people in need, usually via Emmaus in Ditchingham or our Waveney Foodbank. Come and join us, if you can.

I will finish with a little more of that challenging passage from the Letter of James:

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’*

*Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.* (Cf. James 2:14-19 NIV)

God bless,  
Nigel.

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

Saturday 5th October

10.00am - 12noon

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

**Scole Harvest Supper and Barn Dance**

Friday, 11th October

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Two course hot meal plus cheese and biscuits

Ceilidh Band. Tickets from Georgie (740127) or Lynda (740401) -  
£14.00

**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

Memorial Service for Miss Anne Bird was held on

Friday, 6th September (it would have been her 96th birthday)

Teacher at Scole School and member of

Scole Church for many years. A wonderful lady, fondly remembered  
by all who knew her.

**St John's, Harleston**

**Coffee and Cake Morning**

Saturday 5th October

9.30am till 12noon

**Who Let the Dads out?**

Saturday 19th October

9.00am to 11.00am

£3.00 per family includes breakfast

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

Thursday 10th October

10.30am - 12.30pm

**Chatty Church**

Saturday 26th October

11.00am - 1.00pm

**Praise**

Saturday 12th October

6pm - 7pm

**Every Tuesday**

Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**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.

**Harvest Festivals**

6th October - St John's, Harleston - 11.00am

6th October - St Andrew's, Scole - 11.00am

20th October - St Peter's, Needham - 9.30am

20th October - All Saints, Thorpe Abbots - 4.00pm

20th October - St Mary's, Redenhall - 6.00pm

Gifts will be given either to the Waveney Foodbank or the Emmaus Community, Ditchingham.

**The Walk of Kindness - Emmaus, Norfolk and Waveney**

From August 26th to October 10th, four of the companions are taking on a massive 450 mile Walk of Kindness from Wales to Norfolk to help end homelessness. See website: [The Walk of Kindness - Norfolk Waveney](#)

Sue & Georgina would like to thank everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Leonard's Church on 14th September. It was good to see the church so full and such a great atmosphere. Thank you to the bakers and raffle seller, the coffee makers and those who washed up.

A big thank you also to those who provided the raffle prizes.

A total of £474.85 was made.

St Leonards PCC thank everyone who came to our Harvest Festival and those who provided harvest gifts for our service on 15th September . Everything has been delivered to Emmaus at Ditchingham. Thanks also to everyone who decorated the church .

# Coffee Morning & Keys Valuation Day

## St John's Church, Harleston October 5th 2024



Drop in for our regular coffee morning and enjoy refreshment and good company at the beginning of October. Meanwhile, if you have a treasured item in your attic or just something intriguing from a charity shop, now is your chance to find out what its value might be and more about its history.

**Keys Auctioneers of Aylsham** will be here to value any items which you may choose to bring along.

If you are interested in this rare addition to our October Coffee Morning, please **bring up to 5 items to be valued for just £3.00 per item.**

It is a great opportunity to consult an expert and support your local community; helping St John's Church raise the final funds for our new heating system.

**Coffees, teas and cakes will be served throughout the day for a small fee.**

**A light lunch will be available between 12pm and 2pm.**

**You are warmly invited to join us**  
**10am – 3pm**

**Free car parking is available at the Harleston Co-op - it's just a short walk to St John's Church**

**If you are disabled there is a small car park by St John's Church - Postcode IP20 9AZ**

**Any questions about the day please ring our Church Warden, Maureen on:**

**01379 853605**

**or email: [charisharbidgceca@gmail.com](mailto:charisharbidgceca@gmail.com)**

We look forward to seeing you for coffee, cake and chat. If you decide to bring in an item for valuation, please bring it with you into St John's Church, where you will be welcomed and guided by our volunteers. If you would like an item to be auctioned by Keys Auctioneers of Aylsham, please talk to a member of their team, when you go up to get your items valued; the Keys team will guide you.

**Please note, visitors are responsible for the safety of their own property. Each item brought by a visitor to the Keys Valuation Day at St John's Church on 5<sup>th</sup> October is the responsibility of the owner and is brought to be valued at their own risk.**

## **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 AUGUST 2024 TO 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

### **Funerals and Interments**

16th September Ivy Mills- St Andrew's, Scole

### **Baptism**

31st August Freddie Hutchinson - All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts

	<b>7 churches Benefice Services</b>	
	<b>Compline</b>	
	Thursday, 24th October 6.30pm All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts	
	<b>Celebration Service</b>	
	Sunday 27th October 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).*

## OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 6th 19th after Trinity (Green)</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	Harvest Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Harvest Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St John's, Harleston
<i>Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12/Mark 10.2-16</i>			
<b>Sunday 13th 20th after Trinity (Green)</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Hebrews 4.12-16/Mark 10.17-31</i>			
<b>Sunday 20th 21st after Trinity (Green)</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Payer	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Harvest Holy Communion	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer & Harvest Festival	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Hebrews 5.1-10/Mark 10.35-45</i>			
<b>Sunday 27th Last after Trinity - Bible Sunday (Green) Clocks go back</b>	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>2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5/John 5.36b-47</i>			

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