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Plough Sunday 2024 - Wickhampton Church

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OUTLOOK

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As I work alongside older people as a member of the clergy, I'm conscious that many have the experience of finding that they can no longer do what they used to: ageing bodies are no longer fully functional (sight, mobility, heart, ...); energy levels aren't what they were. I'm also conscious that I'm getting older and wondering when I might have to start living with some of the problems I see in others; already I'm having to wear glasses more often than not – and than I would like to! Some of these things can be overcome by treatment or assistance; and there's nothing wrong with investigating whether a cure is possible; but in many cases they are the sort of thing we have to learn to live with. Of course, chronic health problems can occur at any age; and then there are those other deficiencies in our make-up and personality which may go with us throughout our lives. Yes, a degree of change may be possible; but if we are to be whole people there will be imperfect aspects of ourselves which we somehow have to integrate: to deny them, to pretend that we are other than we are, is a deceptive, energy-sapping and ultimately fruitless endeavour, whether we are fooling ourselves, or trying to fool other people. The commandment "Love your neighbour as yourself" requires us to love ourselves, as we truly are, not as we would like ourselves to be – and that requires a degree of compassion towards ourselves – the same compassion that we would like others to display towards us and that we might hope to exercise towards them.

Integrating our imperfections is not something we can do entirely on our own: we need others to relate to us and accept us as we are, not as we would like them to see us. That's not always easy: partly because our personalities have been shaped by how we want to appear (perhaps strong, positive, capable, successful, popular, good, or distinctive) and partly because we might fear how others might react to our vulnerabilities – will they try to exploit them, or change how they view and treat us? Our culture is not always compassionate in its responses. What's true for individuals is also true for organisations. Yes, organisations need to be accountable; but if the culture is dominated by name and shame, litigation, or punishes anything less than 100%, then we shouldn't be surprised if they become over concerned with reputation, less than transparent, or content to let others take the blame for their shortcomings.

As we enter Lent, the Church walks with one who was content to be known more for his vulnerability than his ability. Jesus' active ministry teaches us a lot; but it is on the cross that he most deeply communicates who he is and how he feels about us. God is no longer characterised by omnipotence, but incorporates (embodies) human frailty. The capacity for divine compassion towards imperfect human being is revealed. Which, given that God knows us as we truly are, rather than as we would like him to see us, is a source of grace and peace.

Parish Registers

Funerals

We commit to God's keeping:-

Norman John Dodman, aged 95, on 18th December at St John the Baptist's, Reedham

Michael Anthony Morris Parry, aged 86, on 10th January at St John the Baptist's, Reedham

Parish Notes

World Day of Prayer this year uses material from the women of Palestine – presumably that was lined up well before the worsening of the long-running conflict. Our two local services (open to men and women) are at the Methodist churches in Acle (2.00pm) and Freethorpe (2.30pm) on Friday 1st March.

Acle Parochial Church Council was initially perplexed by word that we were listed in an article in the EDP: "Norfolk churches received £870k in government funds in 2023". When we located it we realised this referred to the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. Initiated by Gordon Brown in 2001, this welcome Scheme refunds the VAT churches have to pay on repairs and related work: it was threatened with termination not so long ago and we lobbied for its extension. In other words, the Government is just returning to us the money we have paid them – not quite what the headline implies!

We have two offerings for **Lent**: one based in Acle (but open to the whole benefice) and one (led by Sr Heidi Marie) within our normal Lent services and on our website (go to www.abychurches.co.uk and scroll down to find Audio):-

You Can Be Serious! Meeting Jesus Afresh in John's Gospel. This York Course is written by Bishop David Wilbourne (a former chaplain to two Archbishops of York, known for his insight and sense of humour). Acle Churches Together will be following it in 5 sessions on Monday afternoons in Lent, starting on 26th February: 2.30pm at Acle Methodist Church. The course booklet will be available from there, or St. Edmund's (pay £5 to the clergy) or you can order your own from www.eden.co.uk (ISBN: paperback 9781915843012; e-book 9781915843029). Read the chapter concerned before attending the session.

'My God In Whom I Trust' ... - Lent Reflections by Sister Heidi Marie

This year I will be offering Lent reflections during the Sunday Worship. The theme this year will be exploring 'My God In Whom I Trust', which is part of Psalm 91. Using the Sunday readings, we will be looking more specifically at the nature of God in whom we trust. (continued on page 7)



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The reflections will also be voice recorded so that they can be accessed by everyone on the Benefice website. As well as the weekly reflections, there will also be material available for anyone to use during Lent, which will look at praying with Psalm 91. This will also be available on the Benefice website and in the churches. **7.**

Lent Programme of Reflections

14th February - 10am, Holy Communion at St Edmund's, Acle

Ash Wednesday 6.30pm - Evening Prayer at St John the Baptist, Reedham

18th February - 9.30am, Morning Worship at St Botolph's, Limpenhoe

25th February - 9.30am, Matins at Ss Peter & Paul, Halvergate

3rd March - 11am, Morning Worship at St Edmund's, Acle

17th March - 11am, Morning Worship at All Saints', Freethorpe

24th March - 10.30am, Morning Prayer, All Saints',

Palm Sunday Beighton

We look forward to worshipping with you.

Heidi Marie n.SSB

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Commemoration of the Bomber Collision of 21st February 1944.

Friday 2nd February 2024 @ 7.30pm Reedham Village Hall

'A Talk & Presentation by Historian, Author & Aviation Archaeologist Ian McLachlan'

This is also a fundraiser for the event day and service at the war memorial on 21st February. Contributions towards the cost of the Memorial Day would be very welcome and should be made by contacting the Parish Clerk on reedhampc@outlook.com

Reedham Remembers.....On 21st February 1944 two B17 bombers from the 385th Bomb Group Great Ashfield, collided over and crashed in Reedham Marshes; they were returning from a bombing mission over Germany and sadly all 21 crew members lost their lives.

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary, Reedham Parish Council is holding a Service of Remembrance.

The event is on **Wednesday 21st February 2024**, beginning at 11am, conducted by local clergy, with an Honor Guard from the USAF Mildenhall, Royal British Legion standard bearers from local branches, bugle/cornet player & wreath laying.

Reedham War Memorial Riverside, Reedham, Norwich NR13 3TA+

Note that road closures will be in place from 10am until 1pm.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 20th)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Friday 2nd 7.30pm U.S. Bomber Crash Talk – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 4th 2nd before LENT

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion - Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Monday 5th Library Van Day – Reedham, Freethorpe & Halvergate

Tuesday 6th Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 7th 7.00pm Acle & District RBL

– Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre

7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Friday 9th 'The Great Escaper' – Film Night at Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 10th 9am – noon Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 11th NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion – Beighton

7.30pm Nomads' Quiz – The Ship, Reedham

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th

10.00am Holy Communion * – Acle

6.30pm Evening Prayer with Ashing * - Reedham

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Saturday 17th 9am – noon Limpenhoe Breakfast Café

– Limpenhoe Village Hall

SUNDAY 18th 1st of LENT

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

9.30am Morning Worship * – Limpenhoe

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

Monday 19th 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall 9.
 Tuesday 20th 10.30am Service at Swallowtail Place (non-residents welcome)
 Wednesday 21st 11.00am Service of Remembrance –
 Reedham War Memorial
 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall
 Saturday 24th 11am – 1pm Reedham Jumble Sale – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 25th 2nd of LENT

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
 9.30am Matins * – Halvergate
 10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton
 11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe

Monday 26th Library Van Day – Limpenhoe, Cantley & Beighton
 2.30pm Lent Course – Acle Methodist Church

Wednesday 28th 7.30pm Quiz Night – Reedham Village Hall

Looking forward into MARCH:-

Friday 1st 2.30pm World Day of Prayer – Freethorpe Methodist Chapel

SUNDAY 3rd 3rd of LENT

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate
 9.30am Morning Worship - Limpenhoe
 11.00am Morning Worship * - Acle
 11.00am Morning Worship - Freethorpe
 11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

* includes a Lent Reflection from Sister Heidi Marie.

Reedham Jumble Sale

Saturday 24th February 2024 11am to 1pm. After a highly successful bargain run last year, we have decided to run this event again. All villagers will receive a collection bag that they can fill with unwanted items such as clothing, books, bric-a-brac, white elephant goods, small household goods, shoes and bags. The bag will be delivered with the February Outlook, It will be collected from your door/driveway on Thursday 22nd of February between 8am and 2pm. You can bring your donations to the Hall on Saturday 24th between 8am and 10am. Come down and grab a bargain. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall. Surrounding villages can drop donations to 5a Church Rd in Reedham from the beginning of February. Please have a spring clear-out. Many thanks to you all.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm. in Cantley Village Hall. This will be our Annual Meeting. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

Reedham Village Hall

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Film night 9th February. The Great Escaper. Tickets cost £5 which can be booked either online at www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 01493 701107.

Cash Bingo Monday 19th February at 7:30pm. Please check posters for jackpot details.

Quiz Night. 28th February at 7:30pm. £2 entry per person includes foods. Maximum team of 6. Bar and Raffle.

Thank you to everyone who attended RCA Stage School production of the Heist Before Christmas. We received great feedback and we look forward to our summer production in July.

RCA stage school for children 6-16 who enjoy acting, singing or dancing. Wednesdays at Reedham Village Hall 6-9yr olds 6-7:30pm and 10-16yr olds 7:30-9pm. £2 per session. If you have a child interested in joining the stage school then please contact RCAstageschool@yahoo.com for more information.

RCA Theatre Company present the play of Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None on 22nd & 24th March. Tickets cost £6 and can be booked either online at www.Reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 01493 701107.

Jobs in the garden in February

Cut down deciduous ornamental grasses left standing over winter, before fresh shoots appear.

Divide large clumps of Snowdrops and Winter Aconites after flowering (in the green), and replant to start new colonies.

Pot on and pinch out autumn-sown sweet peas to encourage side shoots to form.

Firm back down any plants that have been lifted by frost or loosened by wind-rock.

Spread a layer of well-rotted manure around roses and shrubs. Remove netting from ponds.

Chit first-early potato tubers.

Finish winter pruning fruit trees and soft fruits, including apples, autumn raspberries and blackcurrants.

Reedham Village Autumn Show

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Further details from Judith Beadle email: judithbeadle@outlook.com, tel 01493 701231.

Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers!)

This year's Show is on 7th September in Cantley Village Hall. Soon you can plant your potatoes, but in the meantime handicraft items can be completed. You'll enjoy displaying them in September! Our website is at www.cantley.org/flowershow for a full range of what you can enter. Robert 01493 701231.

A happy and healthy new year to all our members.

The club re-opened on January 9th after our Christmas break, and we welcomed three new members.

We like all our members to have their covid injections up to date; after losing a member through covid the committee implemented this rule.

Our first buffet this month will be for Burns night and we will celebrate any members who have a January birthday at the same time.

Our lottery was won on January 6th by Marie Sills, and what a way to start the new year - Marie won a jackpot of £432.00, and Marie very kindly gave the club a donation for which we are extremely grateful.

We are waiting for the coach company to give us their itinerary and we can then make a decision on a coach trip which will be free to members, non-coach travellers will have a meal at Acle Bridge.

If you would like to join our club just come along any Tuesday to Reedham Village Hall at 1.30pm. Membership is £7.00 per year and weekly subs are £3.00.

Our lottery is open to non-members as well as club members, the more members the bigger the jackpot. Just give me a ring.

Angie Woolsey

Secretary/Treasurer

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WICKHAMPTON NEWS

Plough Sunday: 14 January 2024

The annual blessing of the plough took place at St Andrew's, Wickhampton, on Sunday 14 January. It was a cold morning but, thankfully, dry and bright, and the congregation of almost 30 gathered round the tractor outside the church, where Rev Greenland blessed the plough, the seed and a garden fork! The service then continued inside, with Holy Communion, followed by very welcome teas, coffees, cheese straws and cake! Our thanks go to Alfie, Owen and Roy for bringing the plough, and for their invaluable work – ploughing the fields and scattering the good seed on the land.

Womens' Night Out at Freethorpe Village Hall Wednesday February 7th
7.30pm

All are welcome to join the lady members of WNO on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm in Freethorpe Village Hall when Revd Martin Greenland will give an illustrated talk about "All creatures great and SMALL. "

Thank you to everyone who came to support our production of *The Wind In The Willows*. Louis directed a sterling show and the cast and crew should feel really proud of what we achieved!

We feel fortunate to be working with such a friendly and wonderful bunch of people.

For more details on how to get involved, please contact Kerri-Anne on 07824468242, or via the Nomads Theatre Company Facebook page.

We hold monthly quizzes at The Ship in Reedham and our quiz night on Sunday 14th January raised £100! Thank you to Julia for being quiz master and to the pub for their continued support. Our next quiz will be on Sunday 11th February at The Ship in Reedham at 7:30 pm. Teams of up to 6 and it is £1.50 per person. We'll also run a raffle and the bar will be open.

Outlook Magazine.

As previously reported, there will be some changes to the way Outlook is distributed.

One change which affects all the parishes is that the collected subscriptions will be paid to the relevant parish, which will then pass on the money, less a discount, to Reedham Parish where the printing and editing take place. Could people who deliver the magazine please remember to collect the subscriptions, and pass it on to the relevant parish, otherwise the parishes will lose out!

If there are any who no longer wish to subscribe, the magazine will still be available free on the website, or by contacting reedham.church@gmail.com to go on an electronic mailing list. Please add the following statement – *'I consent to Reedham Church holding my personal details to be used solely for the distribution of the Outlook magazine.'*

Enclosed with this edition will be a separate flyer for Reedham so we can gather the details of those who wish to subscribe, and how to pay; or how to go on the mailing list. We will need all this information before 16th March (April Copy Date), which is when the new system comes into being.

N.B. – COPY DATE IS EARLY THIS MONTH – 14TH FEBRUARY!

Kati Cowen



Acle & District Royal British Legion

Meetings are held in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre usually on the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 7pm.

These are open to everyone. Free entry with light refreshments provided

7 February – An illustrated talk on the history of HMS Victory

6 March – A presentation will be given on Humpty Dumpty Brewery, Reedham by Lesley George

3 April – A presentation on Forensic Collision Investigation

1 May – An illustrated talk on The Air Defence Radar Museum & Air Defence Operations During the Cold War

Further speakers to be confirmed for later in the year

Any queries, please contact Jayne Smith, Acle & District RBL Secretary on 07584 825749 or email jaynesmith15@btinternet.com

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Road Closure at Freethorpe

We have been notified that part of the road at The Green at Freethorpe will be closed from 12th February for 10 days. Diversion signs will be in place.

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Breakfast cafe

Limpenhoe Village Hall

17th February

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A Talk & Presentation by Historian, Author & Aviation Archeologist Ian McLachlan

At Reedham Village Hall on Friday 2nd February 2024 at 19:30pm

On February 21st 1944 two B17G Flying Fortresses #42-37963 & #42-31370 from the 385th Bomb Group Great Ashfield, were part of a 900-plane bombing mission that was returning to base, and was only a few minutes from landing. In tragic circumstances they collided in the cloudy skies over the marshes near Reedham...all 21 crew lost their lives.

Ian McLachlan gives a fascinating account of his research into the tragedy over Reedham when two B-17 Flying Fortress bombers collided exactly 80 years ago. Ian relates how Time Team became involved to support the establishment of a memorial honouring and remembering the young airmen who lost their lives in an incident now woven into the history of the community"

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16th December



Right: Limpenhoe Carol Service, Sunday 17th
December.