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Reedham Churchyard - Snowdrops in February and the Leathes family headstones.

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OUTLOOK

ACLE & BURE TO YARE BENEFICE: WHO'S WHO 2.

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From the Rectory

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As I write, Chancellor Rachel Reeves has been criticised by the BBC for making rather too much of her 5½ years with the Bank of England – according to one speech, ‘the best part of a decade.’

If we’ve ever been coached in the art of writing a CV, we were probably told to make the most of the experience we’ve amassed and what we have to offer. The beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday: this year, 5th March) seems to ask for the reverse assessment of our condition and potential: ‘Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.’ But then we aren’t coming to God seeking a position, but to foster a relationship. When St. Paul, speaking ironically to the Philippians, presents his credentials according to the worldly standards of his religion (his Jewish birthright, circumcision, zeal for the law) he quickly says he now counts them all as rubbish, compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. [3.8] When he does something similar to counter his opponents in Corinth [2Cor 11] he swiftly shifts to boasting about the sufferings he has endured in his mission as an apostle. We might exaggerate to cover up our perceived vulnerabilities: Paul chooses to parade them. But, as he wrote in his first letter to them [1Cor 1.26ff] God has a track record of choosing what the world judges as foolish, weak, lowly or despised, in order to undermine worldly status – that no-one may boast before him. In her Magnificat, Mary celebrated both God’s putting down of the mighty and his exalting of the humble: just as God seeks to dissuade us from thinking or making more of ourselves than we should, he also acts to prevent us, or anybody else, making less of us than we might.

The truth is, of course, that God knows us as we truly are. There’s no pulling the wool over his eyes, as we might seek to do with others, or, for that matter, ourselves. He can spot false humility as easily as overblown pride. Keeping up those pretences, maintaining those masks can take a lot of energy: there is something liberating about discovering that we are loved – just that, loved. Not for who we are; maybe despite who we are. Ask the woman who anointed Jesus’ feet, or Zacchaeus, the tax-collector.

Maybe God sees in us his own likeness [Genesis 1.26]; or the likeness of his Son. Paul taught the Corinthians that the face of Jesus Christ displays the glory of God [2Cor 4.6]; and that we too, as we are changed into his likeness, reflect that same glory [3.18]. Dust we are; but, in the light of God, we can be glorious dust – like particles in the air revealing a shaft of sunlight. When James and John came to Jesus seeking a position (to the immediate right and left of Jesus in his kingdom) Jesus referred them to the way of the cross (Can you drink the cup that I drink?) The hymn in Philippians 2 affirms that, for Jesus, this was the route to exaltation by way of humility and humiliation. We seek to walk with him, that it may be for us our curriculum (course) vitae (of life).

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Funerals

We commend to God's keeping:-

Toni Marion Tubby, aged 89, on 3rd February at St Edmund's, Acle

John Laight, aged 80, on 10th February at Gorleston Crematorium.

Church Notes

New Church Electoral Rolls are being prepared this year. All those who wish to be on the roll (the official membership list for a parish church) need to submit a completed "Form 1" :-

[https://parishresources.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/Form_1_Application_for_enrolment_church_electoral_roll.pdf]

to their parish Electoral Roll Officer* by Sun 13th April – see the notice posted near the church door. To be eligible you need to be baptized and either resident in the parish or a habitual worshipper at the church concerned. You need to be on a roll to participate in the joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Reedham on Sun 11th May.

* Acle: Rodney Edrich; Beighton with Moulton: Rosemary Whyborn; Freethorpe: Lynda Boyle; Halvergate with Tunstall: Sue Blake; Limpenhoe, Southwood & Cantley: Sarah Mules; Reedham: Rachel Holt; Wickhampton: Brenda Pawsey.

The Meeting of Parishioners for the election of churchwardens for Reedham will be on Sun 2nd March and for Acle on Sun 16th March – both at 12 noon, after the morning service. Nomination forms are available and need to be with the Rector before the start of the meeting.

The feast of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Tuesday 25th March) this year brings a whiff of Christmas to the middle of Lent: there will be Holy Communion at Cantley Church at 10.00am. That will be followed (10.50am) by the Meeting of Parishioners for the election of churchwardens for the parish of Limpenhoe, Southwood & Cantley (arrangements as above).

Acle Churches Together will be meeting in Lent on Mondays 10th March to 7th April, 2.30pm at Acle Methodist Church. We were hoping to use a York Course on Caring for Creation, but it may prove not to be available from the publisher.

Martin will be giving a talk at Upton & District Gardening Club, Upton Village Hall, on Tue 4th March, 7.30pm, entitled 'What's that insect doing in the garden?' Open to non-members.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Sue Sursham and the subject of her talk will be The Silk Road. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050.



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Reedham Village Hall

Cash Bingo 17th March. Please check posters or social media for Jackpot details.

Film Night: Conclave starring Ralph Fiennes and Stanley Tucci. 14th March at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £5.50 which can be booked online at www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or by calling 01493 701107.

Easter Egg Hunt on the 13th April 2-4pm. Hunt for 5 under and over 6's. Cost £3 per child (entry includes arts and crafts and Easter egg hunt.) Come along anytime. Tombola, games, crafts, refreshments and more! Fun for the whole family.

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day RCA Theatre company & Stage School and Reedham WI Choir present Hope and Glory a production about evacuees during WW2 at 7:30pm on the 9th and 10th of May. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3.50 for kids. Refreshments and raffle.

OVER FIFTIES CLUB AND LOTTERY NEWS

This month is whizzing by and before we know it, we will be looking forward to spring. On February 11th we celebrated with members who had a birthday in February and also Valentines Day. The club thanks Wendy Gitsham for her lovely valentine muffins and home-made mousses; we are most grateful for all the effort you put in to help in our kitchen, and this month we had an apprentice her husband Evan. Thank you, Evan, for your efforts it was most appreciated. We also thank the committee and members who contributed to the buffet. Next month we have a St Patricks Day and birthday buffet. We have two membership vacancies so if you are thinking of joining us now is the time before they get taken. We meet every Tuesday at Reedham Village Hall. If you cannot get to the hall please just give me a ring and we will try to get someone to pick you up. The yearly subscription is £7 and weekly sub is £3.00 which covers refreshments, a free raffle, and a bingo flyer game with a cash prize. If you want an afternoon out come and join us, make new friends.

At the time of going to press our lottery has still not been won. Our lottery is open to non-members as well, so if you would like to join please give me a ring.

Until next month keep warm!!!!

Angie Woolsey
Secretary/Treasurer
Mob: 07585504199

Women's Night Out

On Wednesday 5th March our meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall will be a talk 'Our Last Bus Journey' with Gareth Phillips.

MARCH CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

Weekly

Mondays from 10th March to 7th April 2.30pm Acle Churches Together Lent Course at Acle Methodist Church.

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 18th)
1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Saturday 1st 5.00pm Pancake Party – Reedham Church

SUNDAY 2nd Next before Lent

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

9.30am Holy Communion - Limpenhoe

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Morning Worship - Freethorpe

11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham followed by Parish Meeting*

Monday 3rd Mobile Library Day – Halvergate, Reedham and Freethorpe
7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 4th 7.30pm Reedham Belles – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 5th ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing – Acle

6.30pm Evening Prayer with Ashing – Reedham

7.15pm 'A Life without Limbits' – RBL at Acle Bure Rooms.

7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Friday 7th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2.00pm World Day of Prayer Service – Acle Methodist Church

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Saturday 8th 9am – Noon Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 9th 1st of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion with Bishop of Thetford –
Beighton

7.30pm Nomads Quiz – The Ship, Reedham

Thursday 13th 7.30pm Acle W.I. – Acle Parish Hall

Friday 14th 7.30pm Film Night – 'Conclave' – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 15th 9am – noon Breakfast Café – Limpenhoe Village Hall

SUNDAY 16th 2nd of Lent**9.**

- 9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate
11.00am Holy Communion – Acle followed by Parish Meeting*
11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham
11.00am Morning Worship - Freethorpe

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- Monday 17th 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall
Tuesday 18th 10.30am Ecumenical Service – Games Room, Swallowtail Place, Acle
Wednesday 19th 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall
Saturday 22nd 10.30 am – 12.30pm Drop-In Café – Beighton Church

SUNDAY 23rd 3rd of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Matins – Halvergate
10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton
11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham
2.30pm Grand Quiz and Tea – Acle Parish Hall

- Monday 24th Mobile Library Day – Beighton, Cantley & Limpenhoe

Tuesday 25th THE ANNUNCIATION

- 10.00am Holy Communion – Cantley followed by Parish Meeting
for Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley*

- Wednesday 26th 8.00pm Compline by Zoom

SUNDAY 30th 4th of Lent/Mothering Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
10.30am Mothering Sunday Benefice Family Service – Limpenhoe

- Monday 31st Mobile Library Day – Halvergate, Reedham and Freethorpe

Looking forward into April:-

SUNDAY 6th 5th of Lent

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

*Parish Meetings are to elect Churchwardens.

We were delighted that 60 people attended our February meeting to hear Andy Cowan give an extremely entertaining talk on "The History of British Sugar, Cantley". (See back page photo.)

At our next meeting on Wednesday 5 March we have a presentation by Rich Potter entitled "A Life Without Limbits". Rich is an ex-serviceman, amputee, Invictus Games Medal Winner and Intrepid Explorer, This will take place in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre starting at 7.15pm. Free entry. Teas & Coffees provided, with Social Club bar open for other refreshments if preferred. Open to everyone, you do not need to be an RBL member or ex services to attend. If anyone would like further information, please contact Jayne Smith 07584 825749.

On a more sombre note, the branch was deeply saddened by the loss of one of their long-standing members, former Branch Secretary John Bleaden, who died on 3 January. The funeral was held on 6 February with the Branch members providing a guard of honour and the standard, proudly presented by our Standard Bearer, Gary Howes leading the procession. RIP John

Reedham Ringers

We have been a bit quiet at Reedham tower this last month. It is not that we have not been practising, but we have held a few Monday practices elsewhere due to the cold. The combination of cold and damp makes the ropes stiff and harder to handle so we have enjoyed a visit to St Peter Mancroft, Norwich and to Acle church where the environment is more winter friendly. If anyone is interested in bellringing, please drop into Reedham church on a Monday afternoon at 4pm. We are always happy to share what we do. New ringers are needed and if you have rung a bit in the past (even the very distant past) then you would be particularly welcome. Training can be arranged with a local accredited teacher for complete novices. Perhaps it will be **you** looking for somewhere cosy to ring next winter?

Mary Jones

OPEN THE BOOK

The Open the Book programme (OtB) began in 1999 in Bedfordshire, when a group of Christians began regular visits to their local primary school, using a Bob Hartman story book which he had written for his children and grandchildren. It is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the OtB programme to prepare and present a 10–15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, for those of all faiths and none, and to tell Bible stories in ways that enable children to engage imaginatively with the text. The programme has since grown to include hundreds of schools and thousands of volunteers. A local group regularly visits Freethorpe and Reedham Primary Schools (see team photo!), and we're always on the look out for more team members.

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Dates for your (Reedham) Diary

As well as our Pancake Party on Saturday 1st March (have you ordered your tickets yet? Pay on the door, but please bring cash as we don't have a card machine) we are planning a Ceilidh for 21st June, so those who enjoy the Beighton dance in April will have a second chance to exercise their skills.

The Reedham Ringers are also planning to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the casting of Reedham bells on Sunday 18th May with a special Service to bless the bells and an open Tower etc.

We are also looking forward to an ABY Choir led service on Good Friday.

Kati Cowen

Our first meeting of the year was a most enjoyable evening when we gathered on a very cold and frosty night, but that was soon forgotten as we welcomed back our guest speaker Maria Pennington. Maria returned to share her expert knowledge and passion for all things Fabergé. A most inspiring and interesting talk on the history of these unique and bespoke items.

In February we welcomed Emma Veneir, the community fundraiser for Priscilla Bacon Lodge. Emma came to share the aims of the charity and how they make a real difference to enhance the palliative care of their patients and their loved ones here in Norfolk. We also heard how the charity raises the much-needed funds required in order to offer this invaluable service, to reach even more people.

In March we will welcome Pete Goodrum; his talk, The History of Saturday Night Television, will certainly take us all on a trip down memory lane.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in The Church Rooms, Acle. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Please call Frances Mobbs, President, on 01603 270416 for more information.

Reedham Church Building – News!

All Reedham School Children have been told about the Roman Pharos, or Lighthouse, at Reedham Church. Archaeological investigations by a crack team from Reading University, headed by Prof. Mike Fulford CBE, took place between 2013 to 2018, with a lot of post-excavation research taking place since. The results have now been published and can be read on-line -

<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/doSearch?AllField=Reedham+Roman+fortlet>



This concludes that Reedham was indeed the site of a Roman defended Watchtower or Fortlet, the materials being used over the following centuries in the construction and expansion of the church building. What to me is equally exciting is that a mortar floor and the remains of a rectangular structure was discovered just to the north of the 'herringbone wall' which has been dated to mid-seventh to mid-eighth century. It seems to be part of the original church founded by St Felix, who was the first Bishop of East Anglia from c.630 – 648.

The March edition of 'Current Archaeology' has an article about the dig and Reedham Church features on the front cover. I'll leave a copy in Reedham church – but please don't take it away.

Kati Cowen

St Felix (image at Norwich Cathedral)

We have finished our performances of our annual pantomime this year. We performed The Sleeping Beauty at Reedham Village Hall on 31st January and 1st February. We took almost £1,000 over our three performances and it was a huge success! Everyone who came to see the pantomime had a great time and everyone who was involved in the production had a great time too. It really is an honour to be a part of something that brings joy to so many people.

The next plan is to perform the same pantomime again (albeit a slightly shortened version) in Acle and possibly another village later this year for a couple of one-off performances.

In the meantime, we are continuing to hold our monthly quizzes at The Ship in Reedham, with the next quiz taking place on Sunday 9th March at 7:30pm. We have teams of up to 6 people, £1.50 per person and we also have a raffle and a lucky squares board. Drinks and refreshments are also available from the bar as usual. There is no need to book a place.

If you have any queries about the Nomads Theatre Company or would be interested in joining our amateur drama group or helping in the next production, please call Kerri-Anne on 07824468242.

Our committee are currently read scripts for the next pantomime, where rehearsals will begin in September and the three performances will be towards the end of January 2026.

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

In February we enjoyed a bracing walk around Burgh Castle followed by welcome refreshments at Binkys café in Belton, and at the time of writing, members are looking forward to a trip to Norwich Castle to see the Turner Exhibition. We enjoyed a talk by First Refugee/English at our meeting and welcomed two prospective new members. A seed box is being made to mark Norfolk Day and is being put into the church porch for people to swap or donate unwanted seeds for others to use. We have now finished our Coronation Garden at the school too. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th March at 7.30 in Reedham Village Hall, where will be visited by "Hodmedods" to tell us about their work supporting Hedgehogs. Do join us!

Marion Small reedhamwi@outlook.com

ABY CHOIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The ABY Choir gave its first performance on Good Friday 2015, though it had not at that time adopted its present name. This year, it marks the tenth anniversary of that occasion at 7 pm on Friday 18 April with a similar programme of music and readings suitable for the day. The programme will include much of the second part of Handel's 'Messiah' and anthems by other composers. Please make a note of this event.

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*15th March
19th April*

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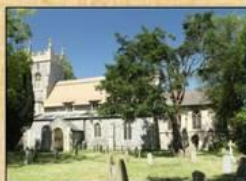
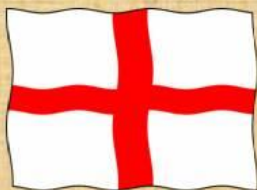
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Above: Andy Cowan with RBL Branch Chairman, Steve McKay, at Andy's talk on 'The History of British Sugar, Cantley.'

Right: 'The Motley Crew' - the Open the Book team at Freethorpe School.

