

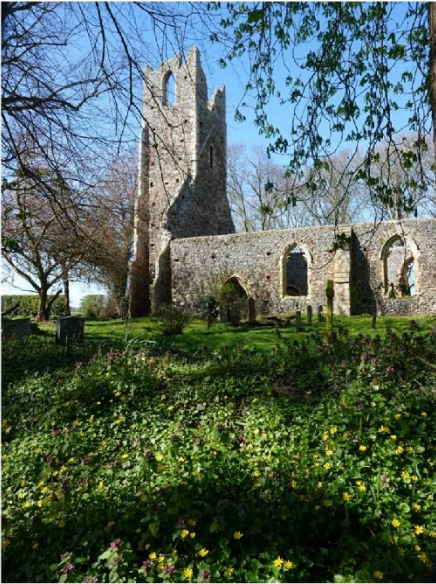


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Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley : Reedham
Wickhampton

MAY 2026

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Above: Tunstall Church in April.

Below: Easter Flowers at St Andrew's, Wickhampton



OUTLOOK

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From the Rectory

3.

I must say I feel ambivalent about the Artemis mission. It's an amazing technological achievement and I'm sure I've missed some awe-inspiring images, but part of me wonders if we really shouldn't be paying more attention to learning how to live well on the earth before we start looking to other heavenly bodies. Is this the new colonialism: are we looking to invade and exploit? Are we going so that humankind has another planet to go to when we've finished trashing this one? And yet there may be benefits to be gained for life here – just as my smartphone utilises minerals mined from the earth.

Ever since Eve stretched out her hand to pluck the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, humankind has been inclined to push at or exceed the boundaries – for good and ill. Splitting the atom; abortion; genetic manipulation; possibly AI. The initial Christian response, conservative as ever, has often been negative: are we trespassing into God's domain? But given time, our faith often learns to live with, or even assimilate, these 'advances' in the human world – while acknowledging that we desperately need to seek God's moral guidance in handling our latest, quasi-godly powers. For, although we may have become like gods (to quote the serpent in Genesis) we are not God – and we need to be conscious of that.

Rather than instinctively classifying humankind's latest reaching out as forbidden fruit, I'd like to look for signs of an appropriate humility in the face of what we now have access to, what we now have the power to do, where we can now go. Contrast that with a colonial exercise of power with little respect for what it encounters and few moral limits on what it's prepared to do. Paradoxically, I suspect that many of the scientists who push at the boundaries do so with a sense of respect and awe – such as the astronauts granted a view of earth from their capsule. But that may not be true of those who fund or follow them.

Images of earth hanging in space has induced reflection on our place in the universe and how privileged we are to live on our blue-green home. I'd like to see that humility extend to how we view ourselves as a species – not least in Christian thinking. I feel uncomfortable every time I say a sentence in one of our lesser-used Eucharistic prayers: that we are the crown of all creation. Science tells us that human beings have only been around for a fraction of the life of the universe. God is not just our creator; the dinosaurs, our humanoid ancestors, our fellow-mammals, insects, protozoa, plants all exist, or existed, because of him. And that's only on a single planet in the vastness of the universe. Is there any sense in which we are to think of ourselves as the crown (ruler? pinnacle?) of it all? Or is there some truth in Sydney Carter's probably heretical musings, 'Who can tell what other cradle High above the Milky Way Still may rock the king of heaven On another Christmas Day?'

I'm privileged to have been granted some time to contemplate some of our fellow creatures over the next three months: I hope I have the humility to learn what they have to teach me, not least about the creator of us both.

Until August, and in the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Registers

4.

Funerals

We commit to God's keeping:-

Valerie Critolph, aged 83, on 19th March at St Edmund's, Acle

Rose Elizabeth Yaxley, aged 88, on 23rd March at All Saints', Freethorpe

Parish Notes

The Rector will be absent from the benefice and deanery on sabbatical from Monday 4th May to Sunday 2nd August. During this time any enquiries need to be directed to the parish contacts (mostly churchwardens) on page 2. Funerals will be arranged by Lay Minister Nicholas Cowen. Thank you to various visiting clergy and Lay Ministers who will be conducting Sunday services during this period. There will be some slight variations (e.g. fewer 8am services) so do check this magazine or www.abychurches.co.uk/calendar On Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May, Deanery Holy Communion (with our Benefice Choir) will be at St. Helen, Ranworth at 7.00pm.

Tenebrae Service at Reedham and Ascension Day at Ranworth

Good Friday was marked at Reedham by a Service of Dark and Shadows – the Acle and Bure to Yare Choir sang appropriate Motets and the Palestrina/Victoria 'Reproaches' in a very moving service, and the story of the Crucifixion was read, during which candles were extinguished and the final one hidden in an 'Easter Sepulchre'.

You can hear the ABY Choir again on Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May, when we will be singing at Ranworth Church at the Deanery Service there. We will be repeating the Mozart 'Missa Brevis' which we sang at the Cathedral Ascension Day Service last year, with motets by William Byrd and Peter Philips.

Kati Cowen

Reedham Churchyard Clear-up – see photo on back cover.

On 1st April we held our first clear up session of 2026. Thank you to those who came along to help with weeding, pruning and general tidying up. The weather was kind and we enjoyed a pleasant morning and a friendly chat over cake and coffee.

Our next session will be on Tuesday May 12th at 10am. Please come and join us if you can spare an hour or 2 of time to help keep this valuable space looking beautiful.

If you are looking for a quiet place to visit locally or somewhere to take the kids on a bug hunt, the bluebells are just emerging and the bees are buzzing. Why not wander up to the churchyard and see for yourself? Everyone is welcome!

Mary Jones

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OVER FIFTIES

6.

Well, we have had another successful month; we have gained six new members. Welcome to five from St Josephs House and Ruth who has just moved into the village. At the start of April we had our Easter egg raffle and every member present on that day ended up with an Easter Egg and the club gave every member present a chocolate bunny. We also celebrated the birthdays of the members with an April birthday with our usual buffet. Thanks to Wendy and Sally in the kitchen for their contribution and also to members who donated to our food kitty; we are most grateful. Dave had a special birthday - he was 70 and had one of our special cards made just for him. The weather has been better which makes us all feel better too. So, until next month, take care of yourselves.

LOTTERY NEWS

The lottery was won very quickly this time by Penny McQuillan the jackpot was £184.80. Penny very kindly gave the club a donation.

We are now five weeks into this game but no winner yet. There are a few waiting for one number so this could be the week for a winner.

Angie Woolsey
Sec/Treasurer

Acle & District Royal British Legion

We will not be having a meeting this month, instead we are organising **"Wally's Quiz"** to raise much needed branch funds.

This will be held in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre on Wednesday 6 May and is open to everyone. The entry fee is £2 per person with teams of up to six people. Join us from 7pm for 7.30pm start. Teas and coffees will be available and the Social Club Bar will be open for other refreshments. Feel free to bring your own snacks along to enjoy during the evening. Please come along and support our fund raising - you will be made most welcome. Unfortunately, we cannot offer huge prizes, but an evening of laughs with bars of chocolate and bragging rights for the winners until the next quiz is held. If you would like to book a table for the quiz, please contact Jayne on 07584 825749.

Our next branch meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 June when Kath Hutton, the Armed Forces Support Officer based at the James Paget Hospital will be joining us. If anyone would like information about joining the Royal British Legion please contact Jayne Smith on 07584 825749 or jaynesmith15@btinternet.com

Ladies Christian Link

Our first meeting of the year was enjoyable and interesting. Helen, Broderers' Guild Workshop Supervisor at Norwich Cathedral was our speaker. There is no formal meeting in May as members of the group are going on an afternoon tour of the workshop. Our next meeting at my house will be Wednesday 17th June when Kate Ashcroft will be our speaker.

All Ladies are welcome to join us.

Lynda Boyle

Acle Evening W.I.

7.

We were delighted to welcome Angela Bishop back to Acle Evening WI at our April meeting. Angela took us on a journey back to the 1940's Home Front. Many of our members also shared their own experiences and stories, when they spoke about the challenges they faced growing up during those war years. It was a very insightful, reflective, and thought-provoking talk.

On Thursday 7th May, we are hosting a Spring lunch when members, friends, and the local community come together to enjoy a delicious meal.

Our speaker on Thursday 14th May will be talking about the work of the Fritton Owl Sanctuary, when we will hear more about the rescued, captive-bred owls and injured native owls that are rehabilitated for release back into the wild.

Acle Evening WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 for 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Norwich Road, Acle.

New members are always welcome, please contact Frances Mobbs, President on 07780681865

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

In April our "Twinkletoes" walking group went to see the bluebells at Buckenham Woods, walking this month to raise funds for our club charity for this year, Roxley Hall Dementia Support Group. Some of us joined the leisurely stroll by the "Amblers" at Salhouse Broad, whilst others lunched at Acle Bridge or went to see "Wuthering Heights" in Norwich. We had a very worthwhile demonstration from the Brundall First Responders, and Kati won our "First Aid Remedy" competition with a jug of water! May sees us heading to Oulton Broad for a tour of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club and searching for clues in Norwich on our treasure hunt. We also hope to visit the Bungay Garden Fair, whilst continuing with our choir, film, book and walking groups. Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 5th May at Reedham Village Hall, where Cheryl Cade's talk is entitled "Cheesy Chat". Visitors are always welcome and can attend their first three events free of charge. We are a friendly, supportive group of ladies; do come and meet us!

Marion Small reedhamwi@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Out

All are welcome to join the members of WNO on Wednesday May 6th at 7 30pm in Freethorpe Village Hall when David Clayton will be telling us about his career with Radio Norfolk entitled " My Journey through Radio "

Members £2 Guests £3 including refreshments

Easter Fire Service at Tunstall – see photo on back cover

Easter Eve fire service was enjoyable and well attended. Despite the gusty weather, it was a dry evening.

The trustees would like to thank everyone for their generous support, £267:15 was donated towards funds needed for annual insurance costs. (approximately £600:00).

Sally More

MAY CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: Fishermen's Mission

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 19th May)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Saturday 2nd 9 to Noon The Village Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 3rd 5th of Easter

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

9.30am Morning Prayer - Wickhampton

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

Monday 4th *The Rector's period of Sabbatical begins.*

Tuesday 5th 7.30pm Reedham Belles (W.I.) – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 6th 7.30pm 'Wally's Quiz' for RBL at the Bure Rooms, Acle Rec.

7.30pm Wednesday Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

SUNDAY 10th 6th of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton

Monday 11th 7.30pm Reedham Annual Parish Council Meeting –
Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 12th 10.00am Reedham Churchyard morning

Thursday 14th ASCENSION DAY

7.00pm Deanery Holy Communion at St Helen's, Ranworth

7.30pm Acle Evening W.I. – Acle Parish Hall

Saturday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

9am to Noon Limpenhoe Breakfast Club

7.30pm Beighton Ceilidh – **Cantley** Village Hall

SUNDAY 17th 7th of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Monday 18th Mobile Library Day for Beighton, Limpenhoe and Cantley*

Tuesday 19th 10.30am Monthly Service Swallowtail Place.

SUNDAY 24th PENTECOST

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

9.30am Matins – Halvergate

10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton

11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe

2.30pm Gorleston Community Choir – Acle Church

Saturday 30th 10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-in Café
– Beighton Church

SUNDAY 31st TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion - Reedham

Looking forward into JUNE:-

SUNDAY 7th 1st after Trinity

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

* No Mobile Library visit for Reedham etc in May

Reedham Primary and Nursery School

This summer term at Reedham School welcomed a new Head Teacher, Mrs Ali Hambley. She joined the school on Monday 13th April. The teachers and parents of the school welcome her with open arms and we are excited to have her at Reedham School.

We of course pass our thanks to her predecessor Beth Spaul for all her hard work and dedication to Team Reedham during her 10 years at the school.

Also, thank you to the local children who took part in our PFA Easter Trail around Reedham during the Easter Holidays. We hope you all had a hopping good time taking part.

We are hosting a family quiz night May 1st at Reedham Village Hall, see posters around the village for more details.

Parents and Friends of Reedham School

Reedham Art Exhibition

I would like to thank everyone who made the Reedham Art Exhibition a great success – Ken and Amanda, Elaine, Graham. There were 18 exhibitors and roughly 76 people came to view. Several works of art were sold. Thank you also to the Over 50s Club for allowing me to hold two Raffles to raise funds for the venture. We look forward to another Exhibition next year.

Chris (Wally) Woollands

Cantley Flower Show (Not just Flowers)

10.

Are you thinking of entering this year? We would be pleased to see you. Our Show is on Sat 5th Sept at 2.00pm.

Full details of how to enter and what to enter can be found at cantley.org/flowershow. If in doubt call Robert on 07930 951505.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday May 20th at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. We welcome as our speaker Ian Sadler who unfortunately had to cancel his talk last year. Ian is a Podiatrist and Gait Specialist so his talk will be very informative. New members always very welcome.

WICKHAMPTON NEWS

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY – See front cover

Although it's over a week since St Andrew's was filled with floral tributes for Easter Sunday, as I opened the church this morning the scent of the glorious lilies was still strong. Thank you to everyone for making such beautiful displays in memory of loved ones.

Sara Stephenson

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026, 7.30pm AT WICKHAMPTON CHURCH "IN THE HEART OF BROADLAND" – A talk by Michael Pollitt

With the benefit of 30 years' experience as Agricultural Editor of *The Eastern Daily Press*, Michael will reflect on the remarkable legacy of Norfolk-born global environmentalist ANDREW LEES, for both farming and wildlife in Andrew's home county, and further afield.

Just outside the wall of Wickhampton church is a simple, square stone set into the ground, commemorating the life of Andrew Lees - saviour of the wetlands of Halvergate Marshes.

TICKETS: £7.50 (cash on the door please) to include light refreshments.

For more information: wickhampton@gmail.com

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Reedham Ringers – see photo on back cover

12.

The ringers continue to practice every Monday and to ring for communion and benefice services when we are able to. We have recently undertaken some work on the bell fittings to help lengthen their useful life. The old Victorian rope guides that enable us to ring safely from a position a long way below the actual bells, had collapsed and it has cost nearly £2000 to have them replaced - money raised mainly by the ringers.

If you would like us to ring for a special event that does not involve a church service - perhaps an anniversary, to welcome a child, a significant birthday or in memory of a loved one, then we are happy to offer a sponsored ring. For a modest donation, we will ring for something that is important to you and your family. Our bell fund is in dire need of a top up.

If anyone is interested in learning to ring or has rung in the past (even the very distant past) and is thinking of returning to ringing, please get in touch.

Mary Jones 01493 701388



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Children's area with books, toys, crafts

Nature Notes from 'Caring for God's Acre' – Brimstone, the original Butter Fly

May is a lovely month to look for butterflies, several of our native species are on the wing at this time of year including the striking yellow Brimstone. It is thought that the name butterfly comes from this large, yellow beauty, literally Butter Fly! When you see one flying it is highly visible but actually it can be well camouflaged too; have a look at the shape of the brimstone's wing and you will see that it closely resembles a leaf. When at rest they can disappear amongst foliage.



Brimstones can be seen early in the year as they overwinter as adults, emerging from hibernation to lay eggs in April or May, ready to hatch as green caterpillars in July. Following pupation in August, adults are back in early autumn, feeding and finding sites to overwinter. The other spring butterflies that you see will have either overwintered as adults, such as the red admiral or small tortoiseshells, or as a chrysalis or pupa – orange tips do this as do holly blues. Some butterflies overwinter as caterpillars, the meadow brown for example.

Brimstone caterpillars feed on buckthorn and alder buckthorn so if you are planting a hedge try and include these, buckthorn favours calcareous soil and alder buckthorn more acidic conditions.

Churchyards are great for butterflies as they contain such a rich array of plants. If you have an area which is managed as a meadow you may have many species of caterpillar chomping away at the plants within it. Look out for orange tips laying eggs on cuckoo flower, garlic and hedge mustard, or the Speckled Wood, also flying in May, which lays eggs on native grasses such as Yorkshire fog and couch grass. This butterfly prefers long grass so may use a tussocky area at the back of your churchyard, perhaps near to shade trees.

Breakfast cafe

*Limpenhoe Village
Hall*

16th May

20th June

18th July

Time: 9 to 12

Bookings:

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Bookings will be confirmed



*Community Cafe in
support of the Village
Hall and Church*

Answer to Last Month's Pathfinder Puzzle

14.

O generous love! That he who smote
In man for man the foe,
The double agony in man
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depths be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his
ways.

*BBC Songs of Praise 90,
verses 5,6, and 7*

Lyndsay Fisher

Reedham Parish Council.

The report of the P.C.
held on 13th April will
be published in the
June edition of
Outlook.

However, it is worth
noting that the
application for a grant
to help cover the costs
of mowing the
churchyard was voted
against for the time
being. This is to be
discussed again at the
next meeting. The
Annual Parish Council
Meeting is on Monday
11th May.

Note: Change of Venue for
the Beighton Ceilidh. Now at
Cantley Village because of
concerns about the safety of
the floor at Beighton Village
Hall.



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Above: Lighting the Paschal Candle at the Easter Fire Service, Tunstall.



Above Left: The new rope guides in the Silence Chamber, Reedham Tower.

Right: A special visitor to Acle Service, Easter Day.

Left: CPR training at Reedham W.I.



Below: Reedham Churchyard Morning, 1st April.



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