



The Benefice of Acle and Bure to Yare

Acle : Beighton with Moulton : Freethorpe : Halvergate with
Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley : Reedham :
Wickhampton

OCTOBER 2023 25P



Above: Refreshments following Acle Church's Songs of Praise Service.

Below: Sister Elizabeth Pio (left) upon receiving her Authorization as Lay Worker from the Bishop of Norwich, with Sister Heidi Marie (right).



OUTLOOK

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What makes a village a village, rather than a collection of dwellings? So many former village facilities are now just that: the Old School; the Old Post Office; the Old Chapel; perhaps the old police house, or pub. In many cases the services they used to provide have retreated from the village scene, so that they have to be accessed elsewhere, or on-line (and, for most of you, I admit that includes the village priest!). So what is left? In some cases, just the village hall and the village church.

A recent report on the church buildings of the Diocese of Norwich has told us what we already know: that the long term future of many of our village churches is far from secure. With smaller, increasingly older congregations charged with their care; shrinking resources for their maintenance; and less accessible funding for their repair, local churches are under threat. How would you feel if your village church was turned into a private dwelling (unlikely); or (more likely) gradually fell into disrepair? For most it's no good looking for support from the state: like so many other rural facilities, the key is going to be support and use by local residents – for a wider variety of purposes than is generally currently the case. Our active “Friends” groups at Wickhampton and Limpenhoe are a great source of hope: enabling those who may not wish to worship nevertheless to keep their village church alive.

Over the last 150 years or so, many of the former functions of a parish church (local administration, education, welfare and charitable activities) have been taken over by secular authorities, who certainly do a more professional job; but not always as locally. Looking forward, as I write, to the Janet Church Memorial Event at Freethorpe Village Hall, I was musing that it might be a sort of secular parallel to her funeral; and the village hall the secular equivalent of the village church. Now our village halls are extremely valuable; and the volunteers who run them deserve a medal; but they are, on the whole, functional buildings. Like the other consumer products of our age, when they wear out, you try to get a new one (as Cantley is currently doing). Limpenhoe Village Hall used to be the village school; but most of its equivalents don't speak of any history or continuity much beyond the present generation. You wouldn't visit an empty village hall on holiday; or if you needed some space to reflect; or if you'd suffered some tragedy; or to remember past generations. They don't have the acoustic or architectural qualities of a church as a venue for music or the other arts – or a wedding. And, in contrast to Limpenhoe's Champing™, I doubt there would be many people booking if they were opened up for overnight stays!

Yes, our village churches are designed primarily as places of worship and buildings which speak of Christian faith: naturally, I'd want them to continue as such. But they are also repositories of a community's memories and history. The village church is almost always the oldest building in the settlement, having stood for, say, 900 years; its site is likely to be even more ancient. It belongs, in an important sense, to every resident of the parish – of any faith or none. Much of what it has to offer is intangible and hard to quantify: I would say it represents the soul of the place. It's one of the few remaining assets which still makes a village a village, rather than a collection of dwellings.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Registers

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Wedding

Ursula Amy Long and Martin Luke Patrick Griffin on 24th August at St Peter and St Paul's, Halvergate

Funeral

We commend to God's keeping:-

James Leonard Tovell, aged 91, on 30th August at St Edmund's, Acle.

Parish Notes

From the start of this term, our primary school in Acle has become *Acle St. Edmund Church of England Primary Academy* and a member of *St. Benet's Multi Academy Trust*, a trust established by the Diocese of Norwich to hold a family of (mostly church) schools which have become academies. Although currently their schools are mainly in the south of the county, there is space for further schools in this area to join alongside Acle and Little Plumstead. St. Benet's is not heavily prescriptive where things are going well, so, apart from the rebranding, the character of the school is unlikely to change radically in the short term; but we can hope for interesting new partnerships and sources of support. Unfortunately, the new academic year is beginning without the support of a Christian youth worker, as Zosia Knight has moved on to another job. We thank her for the work she did with the children on her Monday afternoons in school and hope that Norwich-based employer ENYP can replace her soon.

It was tragic to lose Tess (Teresa) Trueman on 31st August from complications following a car accident. A core member of the congregation at Beighton Church, she was known much more widely in the churches and villages from her involvement in organisations like the Mothers' Union, Christian Link and meals on wheels; and her support of her late husband and Reader, Peter. Her funeral will be at Beighton Church on Friday 6th October, 12 noon at Beighton Church (following a crematorium committal). True to her character, Tess requested mourners to wear colourful clothes and remain after the service for refreshments in the church! Our prayers are with her extensive family.

Our Benefice Choir will again have the privilege and joy of singing Evensong in Norwich Cathedral on Sunday 8th October (3.30pm): worshippers from the benefice will be most welcome. We expect the Benefice Choir Carol Service to be on Thursday 21st December.

The monthly service at Swallowtail Place, Acle will be at 10.30am on Tue 17th Oct (in the Games Room) – visitors are welcome; post-service coffee is available from *Sista Barista!*

Farmer's Market – Reedham Fund Raising Stall

We are hoping to have a small stall at the Farmers' Market on either 11th November or 9th December to raise a bit of money for church repairs (the roof is in desperate need of attention!) If you have anything we could sell, we would be most pleased to hear from you (not jumble as we wouldn't have room or electrical goods). Please contact me, Kati Cowen, 01493 700915 or kncowen@tiscali.co.uk

Women's Night Out on Wednesday October 4th at 7.30pm in Freethorpe Village Hall will feature a talk about 'Norfolk's Indian Princess'.

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DO SOMETHING SPECIAL?

Acle church sits at the heart of the village and it's a special building with its round/octagonal tower. Acle Parochial Church Council (Acle PCC) is the body that runs it and preserves it, and the church and community life that goes on within it.

Acle PCC needs a Treasurer. It's a voluntary post and would suit somebody who wants to stop their thumbs twiddling after retirement, or just anyone who wants to keep the church going. You don't have to be a member of the church (the retiring Treasurer isn't) – a desire to contribute is all that's needed.

To find out more contact

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Rumble at the Jumble

Thanks to everyone that contributed to the Jumble Sale in August. We had so many fabulous items.

Thanks to the helpers on the day. Your time was invaluable.

Thanks to all of you that came down to the Village Hall and got yourself a bargain.

We raised a super amount for the Hall.

Next date: February half term 2024. So keep us in mind and we will give you a collection date soon.

Many thanks.

The Jumblers.

The Village Show

Wow! What a Bobby Dazzler. The best show in many years. We had 233 entries and a huge turnout came to view in the afternoon. So many people commented on how pleased that these shows still take place. Please consider entering next year or just pop down for an hour to see what is on display.

Thanks to Cantley Sugar Factory, The Hippodrome, Pleasure Beach, East of England Coop, Thrigby Hall Wildlife Garden and all who donated prizes for the raffle.

See you all next year.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday October 18th at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Stephanie Israel and Magnus - Healing dogs. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

SUNDAY 1st 17th after Trinity

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

9.30am Harvest Holy Communion – Wickhampton

10.30am Harvest - Limpenhoe

11.00am Harvest - Acle

11.00am Harvest & Baptism - Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm Reedham W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 4th 7.00pm RBL Annual Meeting – Bure Rooms, Acle

7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Friday 6th 7.00pm Defibrillator Training – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 7th 10.00am – 12.30pm Save the Children Xmas Card Sale
– Weavers' Barn

SUNDAY 8th 18th after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Harvest Holy Communion – Beighton

3.30pm Evensong with ABY Choir – Norwich Cathedral

7.30pm Nomads Quiz – Reedham Village Hall

Monday 9th MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

Friday 13th 7.30pm Film Night – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 15th 19th after Trinity

9.30am Harvest Holy Communion – Halvergate

9.30am Morning Worship – Limpenhoe

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Harvest – Reedham

11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

4.00pm Harvest Supper – Freethorpe Village Hall

Monday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 17th 10.30am Service – Swallowtail Place Acle, Games Room.
 Wednesday 18th 7.30pm Cantley W.I. – Cantley Village Hall
 6.30pm Poppy Appeal Bingo – Acle Recreation Centre
 Saturday 21st 9.00am – Noon Breakfast Café – Limpenhoe Village Hall

SUNDAY 22nd 20th after Trinity

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

Wednesday 25th 7.30pm Halloween Quiz Night – Reedham Village Hall
 Saturday 28th 2.00pm – 4.00pm Drop-In Café – Beighton Church

SUNDAY 29th Last after Trinity

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion – Acle

Looking forward into NOVEMBER:-

SUNDAY 5th All Saints' Sunday

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

October in the Garden

Sow sweet peas and place them in a cold frame over winter for planting out in the spring.

Plant daffodil, tulip and allium bulbs in borders or naturalised in grass.

Sow broad beans and onion sets and garlic for an early crop next year.

Harvest pumpkins

By the end of October the garden is looking messy.

Autumn is a time to clear up the garden and decide which plants need cutting right back or need taking out.

Protect tender and potted plants from frost.

Harvest Supper

The Benefice **Harvest Supper** will be on Sunday 15th October from 4pm to 6pm - so do bring the family too. It will be a Bring and Share meal and will be at Freethorpe Village Hall. Please bring your own knife, fork, spoon and plate. The bar at the Hall is expected to be open for drinks and tea & coffee will be available. For further details, offers of help etc please contact either your parish representative – Sarah Mules for Limpenhoe, Sara Stevenson (07894 993920) for Wickhampton, Lynda Boyle for Freethorpe, Kate Ashcroft (01493 751637) for Beighton, Pam Butcher (01493 701122) for Halvergate, or Kati Cowen (01493 700915) – anywhere. It would be really helpful, though not essential, if you could let your representative know that you intend to come.

Reedham Village Hall

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Cash Bingo Monday 16th October at 7:30pm
Please check posters for jackpot details.

Free Defib training. Come along on 6th October at 7pm and join us in learning how to use a Defibrillator, this training is free, and open to everyone and any age. Courtesy of Freethorpe Community First Responder Group.

Film Night; The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry - 13th October at 7:30pm A seemingly unremarkable man in his sixties named Harold one day learns that his old friend Queenie is dying. He embarks on a walk, only to keep going for 724kms until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen.

Book tickets either online at www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 01493 701107.
Tickets cost £5.

Halloween Quiz Night 25th October at 7:30pm. £2 per person. Maximum team of 6.
Prize for the team with the best Halloween fancy dress.

Does your child enjoy singing, dancing and acting then join RCA Stage school on Wednesday evenings at Reedham Village Hall. 6-9 yr olds 6-7:30pm. 10-16 yr olds 7:30pm-9pm. Email RCAstageschool@yahoo.com for more details.

Reedham Music Group at Reedham Village Hall is for children from birth until they reach school age. The sessions take place every Tuesday morning during term 9:30 until 11:30. We have toys and apparatus and include a session singing songs and nursery rhymes. The cost is £3.00 for the first child and 50P for other children from the same family/childminder. Babies under 6 months are free if accompanied by an older child. No need to book, all welcome.

WICKHAMPTON NEWS

Repairs and renovations at St Andrew's church

At long last, much-needed repairs and renovations have been carried out at Wickhampton church. The most pressing of these was the repair and/or replacement of the aged guttering and downpipes, as water ingress has been a major threat to the fabric of the church and, of course, to the irreplaceable medieval wall paintings.

Grants were obtained from The Benefact Trust, The Garfield Weston Foundation, The Geoffrey Watling Trust and The Norfolk Churches Trust, and donations made by The Friends of Wickhampton Church and by Wickhampton residents. Wickhampton PCC are most grateful to them all, as these funds have allowed the work to be undertaken. The majority of the guttering and downpipes were repaired and repainted, and now look good as new. Numerous roof tiles were replaced and some repointing of the flint walls was carried out. Inside the church, several areas of crumbling plasterwork were raked out, re-plastered with lime plaster and redecorated, quite transforming the look and feel of this special church.

Unfortunately, these works have thrown up the need for even more urgent works to stop the Chancel wall and buttresses parting company, so the fundraising continues!

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7.30pm. We have some wonderful
prizes kindly donated waiting to be
won.

For more information please
contact Jayne Smith 07584 825749

Royal British Legion

The AGM of Acle and District
Royal British Legion will take place
on Wednesday 4 October. We are
a small friendly group and we are
very keen to hear from any ex-
service men and women. This
branch urgently needs new
members if it is to continue in the
future.

Ladies Christian Link

After our September meeting we
will be taking a break for the winter months. We are hoping to meet in the New Year to
plan our meetings for April to September 2024. Our speakers usually have a tentative
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Looking forward to hearing from you

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OVER FIFTIES CLUB AND LOTTERY NEWS

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The club has had yet another busy month, August birthdays were celebrated with a buffet, thanks to all who contributed.

The club members who were registered with Acle Surgery had their covid and flu injections at the club. Thank you to the nurses and Acle surgery for this service, very much appreciated. Thanks to Karl for doing a quiz while this was happening.

We have 3 new members from Acle and another new member from Reedham.

The club has a coach trip coming up next month and those not going will be able to enjoy a lunch at Acle Bridge.

Peggy Clutten scooped the jackpot on the lottery £231.00 and very kindly donated £20

To the club, these donations are so appreciated and help towards our club expenses.

This month Pam will be bringing her jewellery to sell. Carol is taking orders for any special Christmas cards you may want, and of course her birthday cards and other various cards are on sale every week.

If you would like to join, just come to Reedham Village Hall on any Tuesday at 1.30pm.

Yearly membership is £7.00 and £3.00 per week. This will include bingo with prizes, a raffle and a flyer bingo for cash. A Xmas party at the hall, a club calendar and a Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge. Throughout the year we have various buffets for birthdays, valentines and other events. Don't sit at home alone - come for an afternoon each week and make new friends.

Angie Woolsey Secretary/Treasurer

Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers)

Thank you for supporting our Flower Show on Sat 9th Sept. We had a good afternoon in the sweltering heat. The Henry Preston Cup for Best Exhibit in Show was awarded to Cheryl Nicholls for an item of embroidery. The Trophies were presented by Lucy Daisley-Cramp (Head of Cantley School) assisted by Robert Beadle (Chair of Cantley Flower Show Committee).

Our Show next year will be on 7th September 2024 and the photography subjects will be Red in the Landscape, Food, Water, Sporting Action, In the Garden and Animals. Children 0-6 Creepy Crawlies, 7-10 Boats and 11-18 Special Selfie. Flower arranging - Film title.

Further information on our website at www.cantley.org/flowershow. See you next year.

Robert.

Diabetes Support Group

I am starting a new Diabetes Support Group in Acle, to meet a need for people with Diabetes to talk to others with the same condition – and to support each other in Living Well with Diabetes.

The first two meetings will be on November 15th and December 13th, both at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The Support Group will of course be entirely not-for-profit – and eventually it will be a charity or part of a larger diabetes charity.

I want people to come along and share their own experiences of Living Well with Diabetes. I know that such a group would have assisted me personally, at the beginning of my own diabetes experience.

Nicholas Hancox 07867 525843

Reedham Ringers

14.

Summer traditionally sees a flush of weddings and this year has been no exception with the chance for the ringers to ring at Acle, Reedham and Halvergate churches. Wedding ringing is a task that we all enjoy because the addition of church bells on such a special day always enhances the celebration. Do not forget that we are willing to ring for other celebrations - be it a significant birthday, anniversary, to celebrate the birth of a child or whatever. If you would like us to ring for **you**, then we ask for a contribution to the bell fund and we can arrange a suitable date when you can come and listen or we will record our ringing for you to enjoy.

Six ringers attended the Reedham church picnic in early September and offered other picnickers the chance to chime the bells. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, so if bell ringing is something that attracts you, do get in touch. There is a Norfolk Junior Ringers group that meets after school at St Peter Mancroft church in Norwich every Wednesday and it is great activity for children and young people who enjoy teamwork, but perhaps are not particularly sporty.

Mary Jones mpcjones@hotmail.co.uk

Nomads Theatre Company

We began our read throughs and initial rehearsals in September for our next production of *Wind in the Willows*. We'll be meeting up to rehearse every Friday night in Cantley or Reedham Village Hall, with our performances scheduled for Friday 26th and Saturday 27th January 2024.

If you'd like to be involved with helping behind the scenes or on the stage, please contact us via Facebook or contact our chairperson Kerri-Anne on 07824468242.

We have also enjoyed extra quiz nights over the summer and our last event on 10th September raised £87.15. Thank you to The Ship for hosting us again and to Julia for being our quizmaster.

Our next quiz is on Sunday 8th October at The Ship in Reedham. It starts at 7:30pm and is £1.50 per person with teams of up to 6 people.

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

Our birthday party on 5th September was a great success with members and guests entertained by Joan Hocking, a classically trained *mezzo soprano*. She even had us joining in and our rendition of the WI anthem, *Jerusalem*, has never sounded like it did that night. It will probably never sound that good again!

Our group has a number of activities planned for the next month – a lunch at Clippesby, a visit to The Bridewell Museum in Norwich, an evening of dog racing at Great Yarmouth and no doubt a local walk or two if the weather continues to be suitable. The October meeting will be held at Reedham Village Hall on 3rd October and is a talk by Angela Bishop - The 1970's travelling museum. New members are always welcome.

Mary Jones

reedhamwi@btinternet.com



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Above and Left - Wickhampton
Repairs, before & after.



Right and Below: Cantley Flower Show - presentation of the Henry Preston Cup & the Best Exhibit.



Left & above:



Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride at Limpenhoe