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Commemoration Ceremony of the USA Bomber Crash, Reedham, 21st February 1944.

OUTLOOK

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

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From the Rectory

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Apart from the suffering of those directly caught up in it, the conflict between Israel and Palestinians in Gaza is distressing for its polarising effect much further afield. Yes, there have been extremist and prejudiced responses; but more generally there appears to be a premiss that you must be on one side or the other. Each cause, feeling itself to be under attack, has erected tightly-defined defences and is quick to identify those who are 'beyond the pale' (i.e. a fence, as in paling/palisade). It is hard to say anything publicly without laying oneself open to a charge of either antisemitism, or promoting the oppression of Palestinians, depending on the sentiments expressed or the precise words used. I don't want to identify with one group if it implies excluding the other: I want to recognise and respect the needs of all the inhabitants of that divided land.

In a conflict dominated by antagonistic, mostly male pronouncements, it was refreshing, on 1st March, to hear the voices of Palestinian Christian women, through the material prepared for this year's *World Day of Prayer*. Although composed long before the current escalation, the context was still the divided society within which they have lived for the last three quarters of a century. They drew their theme from the letter to the Ephesians: the call to *bear with one another in love*. The phrase itself (*bearing with*) implies the presence of a degree of difference (e.g. of character, or opinion) which might make loving a challenging approach. For these women it is a daily challenge, for difference confronts them every day. Their very identities defy polarisation, for they are Palestinian, but not Muslim; while some are Israeli citizens, but not Jews. They are displaced people, yet continue to live alongside those who have displaced them. How much harder it must be since the violence of the Hamas incursion and the Israeli response! Yet Christ's call to love across boundaries remains, as the Samaritan in Jesus' parable crossed over the road of prejudice and difference to help the man robbers had left for dead.

Jesus wasn't immune to being asked polarising questions: *Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor? Moses commanded such women should be stoned; what say you?* Somehow he found a way not to answer directly, but to turn each question back on his accusers, forcing them to question their own position. *Give to Caesar what is Caesar's; and to God what is God's. Let one who is without sin cast the first stone.* (Jesus even asked a similar question himself, in the expectation it wouldn't be answered: *John's Baptism: was it from heaven or of human origin?*) When Jesus found himself under attack, he refrained from throwing up a palisade, but, in responding peacefully, respectfully, but challengingly, managed to remove the battleground from under his opponents' feet, redrawing the geography and re-framing the question.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Notes

4.

Church **Electoral Rolls** will be revised this month. No action is required if you are already on the Roll. If you would like to join and are eligible (baptized, live in the parish or worship habitually at the church) then submit an application form by the deadline date on the notice displayed at your parish church. The **Joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Sunday 12th May in Reedham Church, following a 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion.

Freethorpe (7th) and Wickhampton (15th) **Meetings of Parishioners for the election of churchwardens** will be held this month. Candidates need to be nominated and seconded on the official form (copies in churches) and declare that they are willing and eligible to stand; the form needs to be in the hands of the Rector before the start of the meeting.

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

This month, Giles Orpen- Smellie, the Norfolk Police Commissioner, spoke to us about the formation and history of the police force and how we have historic consent to be policed independently of the government and by allegiance to the monarch. His powers are wide but holding the Chief Constable to account plus budgetary setting/constraints are overriding factors. He wants Norfolk police to be visible and trusted by us. He discussed the social causes and underlying factors of domestic abuse and gave interesting statistics- in 2023 domestic violence represented 18-21% of all reported crime. In Norfolk we have the Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS) which ensures some continuity for victims. For free confidential advice phone 0300 561 0555 or email referrals@nidasnorfolk.co.uk.

Our April speaker will be Stephen Maunder, an education officer at Norfolk County Council Trading Standards, who will talk to us about scams and how to protect ourselves. April 2nd, 7.30 pm at Reedham village hall. Visitors are welcome. Meanwhile members meet up throughout the month for walks, singing, museum, gallery and garden visits, meals, darts and other activities. If you are interested in joining us, then please get in touch.

Mary Jones

reedhamwi@btinternet.com

Reedham churchyard clear-up

Time to get the trowels and loppers out and meet for our first churchyard clear up of the season.

Wednesday April 10th @ 2pm

It is the school holidays, so bring the kids. They can pick up sticks and pull up weeds. Please bring hand tools if you have some, and, as always, we will postpone if the weather is awful. Tea/coffee and cake will be supplied, so some idea of numbers would be helpful. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a church goer or not. The space is an important wildlife haven and belongs to us all. A tree has come down on the bottom boundary so if anyone has a chainsaw and would like to volunteer to cut it up, that would be great.

Mary

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Consultation re Proposal for Reedham Primary and Nursery School 7. to join Consortium Academy Trust (Company number: 10255142)

Reedham Primary and Nursery School is a very small school (current roll 71 children aged 4-11) and an important part of the local community. The governors have a responsibility to secure its ongoing viability and, to this end, we have been exploring options for collaborating or partnering with other schools or finding a suitable multi-academy trust to join. Governors now feel they have found a suitable match and are proposing that the school joins Consortium Trust (Company Number: 10255142 – not to be confused with other academy trusts with the same name) as full members, having been associate members since September 2023. As we believe you may have an interest in the school, we are keen to hear your views about this proposal. A paper outlining the background to the proposal and the pros and cons of joining a Trust, along with some FAQs, is available on the school website (Reedham Consultation Documents). If you wish to take part in the consultation or have further questions, please complete the consultation form also found on the website (Feedback Form) or available in hard copy from the school office on request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs De Jarvis Chair of Governors for Reedham Primary and Nursery School.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday the 17th of April at 7.30pm in Cantley Village hall. Representatives from a sanctuary for Birds of Prey, based in North Norfolk, will be coming to our meeting to talk about their work and moreover they will actually be bringing a selection of Birds of Prey to meet us. It all sounds very exciting! For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

Ladies Christian Link

We are starting our summer season of meetings on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm, 10 Old Chapel Road Freethorpe NR13 3LU. The speakers for our first meeting are Billy and Jean George talking about their fundraising for various charities and may bring some objects of interest for us to identify. All ladies are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Lynda Boyle

WICKHAMPTON NEWS

Friday 26 April 2024, 7pm at St Andrew's, Wickhampton: RSPB Talk

We will be welcoming Tim Strudwick, Senior Sites Manager of the RSPB reserves at Mid-Yare, Sutton Fenn, Berney Marshes & Breydon Water, who will talk about the wildlife of Halvergate Marshes – past, present and future.

Tickets: £5 each (cash/card). The church café will be open for light refreshments.

Remember, the early bird catches the worm – so hop to it, and grab yourself a perch!

Phone: 07894 993920 or email: wickhampton@gmail.com

APRIL CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: The Fishermen's Mission

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 23rd)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Tuesday 2nd 7.30pm Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 3rd 7.00pm RBL, Acle - Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre

7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

SUNDAY 7th 2nd OF EASTER

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

9.30am Morning Worship – Limpenhoe

9.30am Holy Communion & Easter Celebration of Flowers -
Wickhampton

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion - Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

12 noon Meeting of Parishioners* - Freethorpe

2.30pm 'Seasiders' Ukelele Band Concert – Acle

Monday 8th 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 10th 2.00pm Reedham Churchyard Day

7.30pm Quiz Night – Reedham Village Hall

Friday 12th 7.30pm Film Night – 'One Life' – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 13th 9am – Noon Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 14th 3rd OF EASTER

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion - Beighton

Monday 15th 3.00pm Meeting of Parishioners* - Wickhampton

7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Wednesday 17th 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

7.30pm Ladies' Christian Link – 10, Old Chapel Road,
Freethorpe

Friday 19th 7.30pm Nomads AGM – Glover Lounge, Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 20th 9.00am – Noon Limpenhoe Breakfast Café – Village Hall **9.**
3.30pm Evensong with Benefice Choir – Bury St Edmund's
Cathedral
7.30pm Ceilidh – Beighton Village Hall

SUNDAY 21st 4th OF EASTER

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

7.30pm Nomads' Quiz – The Ship, Reedham

Monday 22nd Library Van Day for Beighton, Limpenhoe & Cantley

Tuesday 23rd 10.30am Monthly Service – Swallowtail Place, Acle
(Visitors welcome.)

Friday 26th 7.00pm RSPB Talk – Wickhampton Church

Saturday 27th 10.30am – 12.30pm 'Drop-In' Café – Beighton Church

SUNDAY 28th 5th OF EASTER

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Matins – Halvergate
10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton
11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe
2.30pm Holy Baptism - Acle

Monday 29th Library Van Day for Halvergate, Reedham & Freethorpe

Looking forward into **MAY**:-

SUNDAY 5th 6th OF EASTER

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

* meeting for election of Church Wardens

Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Bomber Crash 10.

See cover for pictures of the event.

On Wednesday 21st February 2024 the villagers of Reedham were joined by the USAF Honor Guard, representatives from USAF Mildenhall, the President of the 385th Bomb Group Association (USA), the Royal British Legion and veterans, for an act of Remembrance, conducted by The Reverend Martin Greenland, commemorating the 21 USAAF airmen who tragically lost their lives over Reedham Marshes 80 years to the day.

A poignant moment in the service was the laying of a basket containing 21 Snow Drops, by children from Reedham Primary School. When they had laid the basket, all three stepped back and bowed their heads in respect; the full significance of their beautiful gesture may not fully register with the innocence of a child, but it did amongst everyone who had gathered at the memorial as the Heavens cried upon us.

The memorial is forever a fitting tribute to our 21 airmen, all of whom had their calling over 80 years ago, coming together from all walks of life and places across the US, as thousands of others did. You can only imagine the heartbreak their families endured, knowing they would never see their faces or get to hug and kiss their loved ones again. A small event was held afterwards at the village hall, where refreshment, entertainment, and superb WW2 displays was provided.

The Event Team wish to extend their thanks and gratitude to everyone who has been involved in the making of a memorable day.

Decoy Carr & Mills Dyke can be a cold, wet & lonely looking place, so when the sun shines over that tiny part of the village, please cast a glance in that direction and remember.

Mark Smith

Reedham Village Hall

See back cover for picture of the RCA Theatre Company's production of 'And then there were none'

Easter Egg Hunt 31st March 1:30pm - 3:30pm Hunt for 5 under and over 6's.
£3 per child (entry includes arts and crafts and Easter egg hunt.) Tombola, games, crafts, refreshments and more! Fun for the whole family.

Quiz night 10th April 7:30pm. Entry costs £2 per person maximum team of six. Call 01493 701107 to book a table.

Film night 'One Life' 12th April at 7:30pm starring Anthony Hopkins
London broker Nicholas "Nicky" Winton helps rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia in a race against time before the Nazi occupation closes the borders. Fifty years later, he's still haunted by the fate of those he wasn't able to bring to safety.

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Monday 15th April cash bingo at 7:30pm. Please check posters for jackpot details

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Robert.

Sisters of Bethany

We would like to say how much we have enjoyed worshipping with you all throughout Lent and thank everyone for their support in offering the reflections in the churches. It has symbolised a unity within the Benefice and has been a privilege to see God's work in that.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Easter.

Sr Elizabeth Pio, Sr Rita-Elizabeth and Sr Heidi Marie

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Reedham Church Building

The church is now open again to visitors following the work on the roof. We hope that it is now water tight and that the tiles will stay on in high winds! An area is still roped off inside as repairs to the ceiling have yet to be carried out. This may have to wait until we can afford it, depending on how much needs to be done.

OVER FIFTIES

13.

Another good month for our club, we gained 3 new members.

Our March birthdays will be celebrated on March 26th along with St.Patricks Day and our Easter chocolate raffle. So members get out your Easter bonnets or St Patricks day Green hats or jumpers for that meeting. Our Easter raffle will be all chocolate eggs and anything chocolate. We are at capacity membership wise so if you would like to join us put your name down and I will let you know as soon as we have a vacancy.

LOTTERY NEWS

Our lottery was won on February 24th and was won by Bob Pochin. The jackpot was £302.40. Bob very kindly gave our club a donation for which we are very grateful. Our lottery is open to non-members too; it is £1.00 per week. Just give me a call.

We are doing a Trip to the Thursford show December 16th if anyone is interested please contact me the cost for coach and show ticket is £62.00.

We are also doing a coach trip to the Cromer Pier show Wednesday August 7th £38.00 and Spalding Flower Parade on Saturday May 11th the cost is £20.00.

Spring is just around the corner so we can hopefully all look forward to the sunshine. Look after yourselves.

Angie Woolsey Secretary/Treasurer

Reedham Primary and Nursery School

Reedham Primary and Nursery School are fortunate enough to have a very active team of parent volunteers organising fundraising events for the school and its pupils. All money raised at these events goes to the Parents and Friends of Reedham School charity (reg no I085490), which helps to fund equipment, school trips and transport for the children. Here are details of upcoming events which the local community can get involved with:

- **Easter Egg Hunt!** During the Easter holidays from 28th March to 12th April, posters of colourful eggs will be located throughout Reedham, each containing a letter. Activity sheets will be available from Reedham Post Office for £1 each and the task is to follow the route and decipher the secret message. Once complete, take your completed activity sheet back to the Post Office to claim a prize. Remember to put your name on your sheet before you return it because a few lucky participants will be placed in a draw for a bigger prize!
- **Thank you** to all parents and local residents for their kind donations of books and clothes. We received so many donations and we are very grateful. Thank you.
- **Easy fundraising** - Reedham Primary & Nursery School PFA have joined easy fundraising! This is a way you can raise money for us without it costing you anything! All you need to do is visit easyfundraising.org.uk and set up an account. Search for Reedham Primary & Nursery School PFA and join us. Then whenever you shop online, if you do this through the easyfundraising page or App, they will donate to the Reedham School PFA!

We continue to hold monthly quizzes at The Ship in Reedham. Our next quiz will be on Sunday 21st April 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. The following quiz will take place on Sunday 12th May. Our quiz night on Sunday 17th March was great fun! Thank you to Kerri-Anne for being quiz master, Julia for organising the raffle and to The Ship for their continued support.

NOTICE OF AGM Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 19th April at 7:30pm at Reedham Village Hall, in the Glover Lounge. We intend to keep the annual subscriptions the same (£15 adults and £10 children/students and concessions). Anyone is welcome, all members and non-members.

For more details on how to get involved, please contact Kerri-Anne on 07824468242, or via the Nomads Theatre Company Facebook page. We are a very small, friendly and inclusive group and we welcome new members with open arms. We begin rehearsals for our next pantomime in September, ready for the performances on a weekend towards the end of January 2025. We usually meet up on Friday evenings between 7:30pm-9pm to rehearse in either Cantley or Reedham Village Hall.

Pathfinder Puzzle

Begin at the 5th letter across on the 5th row down, move up, down or sideways (but NOT diagonally) to find the path through a quotation from Hebrews.

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Lyndsay Fisher

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18th May

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Royal British Legion, Acle & District Branch

(See picture on the back cover)

Thank you to Lesley George of Humpty Dumpty Brewery for a very interesting and entertaining presentation to the Acle & District RBL"

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3 April at 7pm in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre, with a presentation on " Forensic Collision Investigation ". Free entry. Light refreshments available. Please note you DO NOT need to be a member to attend. All Welcome. Any queries. Please contact Jayne Smith 07584 825749

OUTLOOK – into a new era

We do hope that everyone who has subscribed to a paper copy has received one, and anyone who has asked to be e-mailed a copy has also found it (check your spam!)

If you hear of anyone who was expecting a copy who is missing one, please ask them to get in touch.

We are rather sad at having to end the free distribution to Reedham but, quite apart from the cost, it was a tremendous commitment of time each month – many thanks to Sara Stephenson who has helped for the past few months, and of course, Wendy Gitsham, her team of folders and the band of deliverers – and the teams from the other parishes, too.



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Below: Lesley George's talk to the RBL, Acle.



Above: School Children presenting 21 Snowdrops in memory of the USA aircrew.

Left: Before & after pictures of the Reedham Church Roof.

Below: 'And then there were none' - RCA production.



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