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From the Rectory

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Jesus enigmatically offered his generation “the sign of Jonah” [Matt 12.39; Lk 11.29]. The best known part of the story of the prophet Jonah is that he was swallowed by “a great fish”. During the time of his confinement, Jonah prayed to the Lord: his prayer was heard and the fish spewed him out onto dry land. Jonah ended up in the fish because he was trying to run away from God, who’d told him to go and denounce the people of Nineveh for their wickedness. After the fish ordeal, Jonah relented and went and proclaimed doom on the city of Nineveh. Remarkably, the people heeded his warning: they repented and disaster was averted. This is what Jonah had feared all along; he knew God is gracious and compassionate: he didn’t want these heathen Assyrians to get off the hook: he’d rather have seen them annihilated!

The book of Jonah doesn’t sit easily amongst the other minor prophets: it reads more like a fable and is best understood as a satire on prejudice and limiting the scope of God’s concern for all human beings (and, apparently, according to the final verse of the book, cattle!) The mass repentance of the people of Nineveh is rather against the grain of the rest of scripture. Usually, the prophets proclaim God’s coming judgement, but their warnings are not heeded and the crisis they foresee is not averted. As a result of Pharaoh’s stubbornness, Egypt is plagued. Joel’s locusts devour and Amos’ earthquake strikes. First Israel, then Judah, fall to invading armies. The failure of human beings to listen to God’s word is emphasised time and time again. Yet God, gracious and compassionate, keeps trying: his will, as Jonah could see, is not for destruction, but life. When God speaks his ultimate Word in Jesus, as we will soon recall, his Advent presents people with a crisis: a moment for a change of heart and direction: how are they (we) to respond?

The greatest crisis facing human beings today is that of climate change. It represents judgement in that it has been fuelled substantially by the development of western economies and our continuing all-consuming lifestyles. The prophets (scientists, rather than religious figures) have been foretelling it for years: widely ignored or derided, as we start to see the evidence for ourselves, they are now being treated with more respect. The question, as ever, is will we respond?

The variation in countries’ responses to Coronavirus has recently been highlighted: some acted quickly and got off lightly. Our Government has been criticised for making wrong calls and delaying too long. Climate, however, is global, not local, in its effect: we need all nations to act decisively in response to COP 26. And we all need to act as well. There’s plenty of information out there (including in this magazine!) about what we can do: in the choices we make; how much we waste; the size of our personal carbon footprint; where our pensions are invested; what we choose to make a fuss about.

God's will in all this, as ever, is that we should heed the warnings, overcome **4.** our inertia and change our ways. His will is not for annihilation, but for life: after all, he has created it.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Registers

Funerals

We commend to God's keeping:-

Julie Mary Mallett, aged 72, on 29th September at St Botolph's, Limpenhoe

Alfred Sparkes, aged 81, on 1st October at St John the Baptist's, Reedham.

Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

A note on Covid precautions: Where ceremonies are held outside there is usually adequate space and the risks are considered to be minimal. Inside, these can be very well-attended services: please make best use of the space available; **the wearing of face-coverings is recommended where seating is densely occupied** (and is not discouraged elsewhere).

Acle: to reduce the Coronavirus risk and if the weather allows, we will begin with the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at 3.00pm. **Please stand in the churchyard**, to avoid blocking the pavements and the risk from passing traffic. Members of the public wishing to continue with the service in church are then asked to enter by the south porch, where the offering for the Poppy Appeal will be collected.

Limpenhoe: 10.45am at the church.

Halvergate: a service in church follows the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at 10.50am.

Reedham: 10.55am at the war memorial.

Moulton St. Mary: 12.30pm in the churchyard.

At **Freethorpe** the war memorial is at the Methodist Church, with a service there at 10.50am.

There are likely to be those who decide not to attend a Remembrance service this year: the video "Lest we Forget" which we filmed locally last year is still available on-line for those who would like to remember at home: www.youtube.com/watch?v=X--E_YOUsmA

St Edmund's Gift Day

Acle St. Edmund's annual **Gift Day** will be held on Sat 13th November: the Rector will be receiving donations at the Farmers' Market in the Church Hall from 9.00am until 12 noon. Our income this year and last year from collections at church services and visitors has been much reduced by Coronavirus, so this is an important fundraiser for the parish. Or give on-line at www.peoplesfundraising.com/wall/st-edmunds-church-acle

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Cantley & District W.I.

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Our next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday November 17th in Cantley Village Hall. This will be our A.G.M. and Our Advisor will be attending, so there will be no speaker as such. For more information please contact Barbara on 07789845050.

Goal Posts on Reedham Village Hall Playing Field

It is with much sadness that the three football goal posts at Reedham Village Hall have unfortunately been condemned due to safety concerns. The committee for Reedham Community Association carried out their usual inspection of the playing field, play equipment and goal posts and found that the goal posts are no longer safe to use. They are wobbling and rust is corroding the frame. This means they are unstable and could cause someone significant harm.

The current goal posts have been in place for over 25 years and unfortunately the time has come to have them replaced. We know many adults and children in the village enjoy using the field and their goal posts and the Reedham Community Association are looking into getting the goal posts replaced as a matter of urgency.

Until then, however, we would be most grateful if everyone could adhere to our request and keep their distance from the goal posts.

Reedham Community Association

Nomads Theatre Company – Dick Whittington Pantomime

Rehearsals are well under way for the next pantomime by Nomads Theatre Company. We will be performing Dick Whittington at Reedham Village Hall on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th February 2022. The shows will begin at 7:30 pm on both nights, as well as a 2:30pm matinee on Saturday 12th.

We have just enough cast members to enable us to put together this hilarious production. Please note, however, we are always open to new members. There are loads of ways to get involved without getting up on the stage itself. We are always happy to accept extra help with things such as costumes, set painting, lighting, live music, and prompt.

More information can be found on our Facebook Page and you can contact us via Facebook, or call Kerri-Anne (chairperson) on 07824468242

Events coming up at Reedham Village Hall

Film Night: The Father starring Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Coleman on the 12th November at 7:30pm. Either book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/reedham-community-association or call 01493 701107.

Join us for a Halloween Quiz Night at 7:00pm for 7:30pm start approx. £2 a person. Maximum team of 6.

Prize for the best fancy dressed team.

To book call 01493 701107.

Cash or card payments will be accepted for entrance fee on the night.

Bonfire Night on Saturday 6th November

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Bonfire to be lit at 6:20pm and Fireworks display at 7pm. BBQ with Vegetarian/vegan/Gluten Free options. Refreshments and Glow sticks. Card payments accepted

Items for the bonfire to be placed on the 5th November.

Free entry, donations for the fireworks welcome.

We shall be having the bonfire on the playing field and in order to have control on the size and what goes onto the bonfire it will be stringently supervised. Burnable materials will be accepted on the 5th of November after this, we will not allow anything else to be placed on the bonfire and it will then be barricaded off. This is necessary for preparations for the evening event. The bonfire and firework display could be cancelled on the night, if there are strong winds or adverse weather condition; you will be advised of another date in the Mercury, Facebook, on notices boards and on our WEB site

www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk

The village hall will NOT allow any unsafe combustible items, i.e. mattresses, sofas, foam cushions, glass with or without frames, tyres, and plaster board or any material that will give off harmful smoke into the atmosphere. You will also be limited on the size of tree branches or posts etc to 4" in diameter. We hope that you will understand that for Health and Safety and Environmental reasons why these measures have to be in place. Bonfire could be cancelled and given another date!

Christmas Fayre on Sunday 21st of November 1pm-3:30pm with craft and gift stalls, why not start your Christmas shopping nice and early. Cards, gifts, games, crafts, decorations, festive bakes, confectionery, performance from RCA stage school and Santa's grotto. Refreshments available.

If you would like a stall please contact through either our website or our email. £10 for a stall.

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RCA Stage School presents A Christmas Carol on Friday 17th Saturday 18th December at 7:30pm and Sunday 19th December at 2:30pm. Tickets cost £2.50 for under 16 and £5 for 16 and over. Either book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/reedham-community-association or call 01493 701107.

Like to either Sing, Act or Dance then come along and join RCA Theatre company on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. £5 a month. Contact RCAstageschool@yahoo.com for more details.

Freethorpe Church

Coffee and chat in the Church Friday 29th October 10.30 to 12noon - we will be so pleased to see you.

Advanced notice of our December coffee morning to be held in Tony's kitchen at Church Farm house (next to the Church) Friday 10th December 10.30 to 12 noon. cake stall, books, raffle and little treasures will be on sale. A warm welcome to all.

The village hall in Reedham is run by the Reedham Community Association, which is formed of a small group of committee members from Reedham. The hall is a registered charity and the events that take place at the hall help raise funds in order to help maintain the hall. The events, such as bingo nights, film nights, The Stage School performances, Christmas fair and Fete are all vital for the continuation of the hall and for the community as a whole. Many members of the village attend our events in order to socialise and we also have regular hall hirers who run their own groups for the local community as well. A few of these third-party groups include the over 50's Club, Music Group and Nomads Theatre Company.

Recently, however, the number of volunteers we have available to keep these events running successfully has decreased. This publication is a plea to all of the people in Reedham, asking you to consider spending some of your time helping to support Reedham Village Hall. The current committee consists of 6 volunteers and we are fortunate enough to have the support of our family members and a few friends to assist with the fund raising for the hall. Most of us work full time or part time as well as being on the Reedham Community Association committee and we would welcome any further assistance from the local community. We want new volunteers to feel welcome. If you would like to consider either joining the committee to provide new ideas or to be on our list of potential volunteers for our fundraising events, then we would absolutely love to hear from you.

To get in touch, please either call Chris on 01493 701107 or email on reedhamvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

Reedham Rectory

Norwich Diocese Parsonage Board have confirmed that Reedham Rectory can be sold. We are often asked when Reedham is to get 'a new Parson'; this means that all chance of a 'House for Duty' priest to assist Martin is effectively ended. I am sure you will all appreciate the burden this places on Martin as Rector of a group of 7 parishes with 8 places of worship (plus Moulton and Tunstall also in occasional use). In addition, he is also Rural Dean for the Blofield Deanery.

The main reason we cannot have a new priest is the drop in income of the Diocese and the Benefice, made worse by the Covid outbreak. The Government does NOT fund the Church of England, only making occasional minor grants towards the maintenance of its many medieval buildings. This leaves small congregations to fund both maintenance and the costs of the Ministry – including Council Tax on clergy housing, National Insurance contributions and clergy pensions.

Therefore, please be considerate with demands made on Martin's time, and consider contributing, if not to the costs of ministry, at least to the costs of maintaining our wonderful and much-loved parish churches.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: The Fishermen's Mission

Monday 1st 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall
Tuesday 2nd 7.30pm Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall
Wednesday 3rd 7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall
Saturday 6th 6.20pm Bonfire Night – Reedham Village Hall Field

SUNDAY 7th 3rd before Advent

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

Friday 12th 7.30pm Film Night – 'The Father' – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 13th 9am – 12 noon Acle Farmers' Market – Church Hall
St Edmund's Gift Day

SUNDAY 14th 2nd before Advent/Remembrance

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
10.45am Remembrance Service - Limpenhoe
10.50am Remembrance Service – Halvergate Memorial
10.50am Remembrance Service – Freethorpe Methodist Chapel
10.55am Remembrance Service – Reedham Memorial
12.30pm Remembrance Service – Moulton St Mary
3.00pm ACT Remembrance Service – Acle Memorial

Monday 15th MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

Tuesday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

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

SUNDAY 21st Christ the King

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

1pm – 3.30pm Christmas Fayre – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 27th 10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-in, Beighton Church

SUNDAY 28th 1st of Advent

11.

8.00am	Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am	Matins – Halvergate
11.00am	Holy Communion - Reedham

Looking forward into December:-

SUNDAY 5th 2nd of Advent

9.30am	Morning Prayer – Halvergate
9.30am	Holy Communion – Limpenhoe
10.30am	Carols – Freethorpe Village Hall
11.00am	Holy Communion – Beighton
11.00am	Morning Worship – Acle
4.00pm	Christingle – Reedham

Whist Drives at Reedham Village Hall

Please note that because of a drop in numbers attending, these have now ceased. However, if you would be interested in playing, please contact Diane Rushbrook (01493 700341)

Over Fifties Club

Well yet another month as passed us by and our club has gained another new member. Our club is open to all villages not just Reedham; if you are thinking of joining our ever-growing family come to Reedham village hall on a Tuesday at 1.30pm.

We play cards, bingo for prizes and then we have a cuppa, refreshments and a chat with other members. Our afternoons are filled with laughter so if you are living alone come and join us for a couple of hours; you will be made very welcome.

This month we had a lovely afternoon with birthday cake and food when two of our members had birthdays. We now have our Halloween afternoon with food to look forward to, and also some members are off to Thursford.

We have just had a club holiday to the Isle of Wight and the members that went had a lovely time and lovely weather. Wendy and Violet were photographed paddling in the sea, and then one of the seagulls decided to make a deposit on Wendy's head !!!

I am now in the process of sorting the club calendars which are given free to the members. For those members that don't have smart phones our calendar is invaluable for keeping a note of appointments. Some members will have their photos on the calendar but obviously I only have a limited amount of space; but I do my best to ensure all members have their photos in our club album which I will be compiling during our Christmas break.

Our lottery was won this month on September 18th by Margaret Kenny. The jackpot was £327.60 and as you can imagine Margaret was very pleased with her windfall. We have now started another game and this will be the 4th week so the jackpot is growing. Our lottery is open to non-members as well; if you would like to join it is £1 per week, just call me on 07585504199. This lottery supports our club and other charities.

Foodbanks: the name has changed, but the purpose is the same.

The individual churches which make up Great Yarmouth Foodbank (The Salvation Army, Great Yarmouth; Gorleston Baptist Church and St. Mary Magdalene, Gorleston) have decided to continue to co-operate, but in a less formal way in future: the umbrella organisation, “Great Yarmouth Foodbank” is being dissolved. Locally we will continue to collect food for distribution by Gorleston Baptist Church (known as “The Well”) – the hub we have always supported. The smaller number of people in need in our own area will still be referred to the Acle Foodbank (operated by Acle Parish Council). I hope to be able to provide details of how to donate cash to the individual foodbanks above.

An update: We are still supporting 8 families in and around Acle, so still keep the foodbank in your prayers. **However we expect more families may join us with changing and challenging circumstances this autumn.**

The Thursday morning drop off of donations has ceased, but the Foodbank is continuing and if you need advice or help please ring our NEW DEDICATED HELP-LINE number **0800 774 7286**

The facebook site is currently not working but hopes to be reconnected soon
Currently resources available still stand at nearly at £3000 so there is currently no requirement for the weekly collections. **However special events like Harvest festivals etc are most welcomed to provide goods to support the foodbank.**

After a break last year due to the pandemic, we are again holding the ever-popular Christingle Service.
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REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6th September 2021 online via Zoom

There were 7 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Grant Nurden, County Councillor Lana Hemsall and 5 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Councillor Richard Jenkins has resigned from the Council due to increased work commitments. There will be a vacancy advertised in due course.

Both District Councillor Grant Nurden and County Councillor Lana Hemsall have money left in their Ward grants to be spent on activities in their parishes. District Cllr Nurden's can be spent on the purchase of items for local groups so please contact him, or the Parish Clerk, for further information.

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report: **15.**

There were 2 issues with the play equipment safety inspections since the last meeting. On the exercise rower a threaded bolt failed and a footrest nearly came off, and on the multiplay climbing frame an upright pole had to be removed as it was difficult to repair. There were no issues for September.

The cash bingo jackpot was won in August, the lucky winner receiving £310. The jackpot for September is £200 in 45 numbers or less.

The Reedham Stage School performances of Aladdin were well attended and the children really enjoyed it. Radio Norfolk's Treasure Quest final clue was hidden on the stage behind the Egyptian sarcophagus before the final show. A £500 profit was made.

The first quiz night after lockdown was well attended.

The Council adopted a Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure and a Bullying and Harassment Policy.

2 planning applications were considered:

- 20211415 – proposed change from white render and exposed brick to grey cladding and white render at Brabant, 24 Station Road, NR13 3TA. The Council had no objections.
- 20211542 – double garage to front of the property for use to store cars at 2A Witton Green, NR13 3HH. The Council had no objections.

6 planning applications were considered at an extra Parish Council meeting in August:

- BA/2021/0235/FUL - installation of ground source collector and 90 solar panels at land adjacent to Reedham Old Hall, 2 Church Road. The Council unanimously ratified the submission of 'no objection' comment.
- BA/2021/0254/COND - variation of Condition 4 of BA/2007/0283/CU to allow opening hours 08:00hrs to 22:00hrs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Crouchens Stores, 48 Riverside. The Council unanimously ratified the submission of 'no objection' comment.
- BA/2021/0248/FUL - redevelopment to provide 3 new residential dwellings, ancillary car parking and landscaping at Hall's Yard, Riverside. The Council unanimously voted to **object** to the planning application: it is outside the development boundary and therefore contrary to the Broads Authority policy DM35; its location makes it susceptible to both pluvial and fluvial flooding; now that the development of the site is no longer linked to the redevelopment of the adjacent Sanderson Marine site it does not fit the BA spatial strategy SPI5; the emerging local plan, GNLP, has identified and met the housing need for Reedham and therefore these dwellings are not required to fulfil Reedham's housing allocation. The Council unanimously resolved to ask Cllr Nurden to request the application be considered by the Broads Authority Planning Committee.
- BA/2021/0262/HOUSEH - proposed balcony to primary south elevation with proposed access via replacing the existing bay window. Proposed rear extension in line with neighbouring property at 4 Quay Terrace, NR13 3TG. The Council unanimously voted no objections.
- 20211233 - Single storey side and rear extensions at Avocet, 2 The Hills, NR13 3TN. The Council had no objections.
- 20211314 - first floor side extension at 33 Station Road, NR13 3TB. The Council had no objections.

The speed sensor was located on New Road in July measuring vehicles driving away from The Hills. The 85% centile was 18.5mph in the 30mph limit, with a maximum speed recorded of 35mph. In August it was located on Riverside where the average speed was 19mph and a maximum of 40mphs.

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation received 72 responses. The steering group is now processing the information and will be compiling further information about the village. All residents are welcome to participate in helping to construct the Neighbourhood Plan. Further details can be obtained from the Clerk. **16.**

The Council requests that any hedges overhanging the roads be trimmed back. Overhanging branches are a safety hazard and may be reported to Norfolk County Council Highways for further action.

Meeting held on Monday 4th October 2021 online via Zoom

There were 6 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Grant Nurden, and 5 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested or would like further information please contact the Clerk. Applications will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 1st November.

Broadland have awarded the waste collection contract to Veolia starting in April 2022. They will also be rolling out a food collection service to the whole District from October 2022.

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report:

There were no issues found for the October safety inspection.

We are pleased to confirm that all the new cameras, and upgrade of the intruder alarm, work has now been completed, and has made our premises more protected.

The Craft Fayre and Car Boot held on the 19th September was well supported and raised much needed funds for the village hall.

The September Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won, the jackpot for October stands at £210 in 46 numbers or less. This month's Cash Bingo is on the 18th October at 7.30pm.

We have a Halloween Quiz Night planned at 7.30pm with fancy dress.

We can confirm that our long-established Bonfire Night will go ahead this year. It will be on the 6th November, starting at 6pm with fireworks around 7pm.

Our Christmas Fayre will also go ahead on the 21st November between 1 and 3.30pm.

1 planning application was considered:

- BA/2021/0374/FUL – replacement of Timber window frames to PVC double glazing. Colour of frames will remain the same (white) at Ferry Inn, Ferry Road. The Council supported the application.

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation had some good responses and action points raised. The steering group will now be concentrating on identifying and assessing important views and green spaces in the village, and heritage assets. Their next meeting will be at the end of November.

The War Memorial will be cleaned in time for the Remembrance Day service, and the fence along The Hills is to be repaired.

The Council have commissioned 2 new Village Signs. Locations are yet to be confirmed but suggestions would be welcome.

Reedham Surgery do not yet have a date for re-opening; however the partners are discussing it as they would like the service at Reedham to resume. They will let the Council know once any decisions have been made.

Very sadly the Council were informed of the passing of a previous Clerk, Stephen Williamson. **17.** A memorial service will be held. Please contact the Clerk or Chairman if you would like details.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and noticeboard by the Doctor nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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This continues to be a problem round the village and the Parish Council is considering what further action may be able to be taken.

Please visit Reedham's website for news and local events:

www.reedhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

The Clerk's contact details are: reedhampc@outlook.com, 01493 750254 or 07769 972902



REEDHAM ECO CHURCH



Reedham has signed up to be an Eco Church. This means that as a church, we are making a long term commitment to reduce our carbon footprint and to live more sustainably. We have completed an online survey on five key areas of church life: worship and teaching; management of church buildings; management of church land; community and global engagement; lifestyle. The more the church does, the more points we get and we are working our way towards the bronze award.

This is what we've done so far:

July - we held a Climate Sunday service.

August - we hosted COP26 pilgrims on their way from Great Yarmouth to King's Lynn.

September – we started recycling schemes in our church (more information on this below).

October – we joined with church bells across the country for the 30 minutes "Ring Out For Climate!" on the eve of COP 26.

Here are some things for all of us to do in the rest of 2021!

START RECYCLING MORE

See our useful information sheet on local recycling.

Use the bins for medicine blister packs in Reedham, Halvergate and Acle Churches, used inkjet printer cartridges in Reedham Church.



CLIMATE BOARD IN REEDHAM CHURCH

Add our thoughts, fears, hopes and prayers about the climate situation to our display board.

WRITE A LETTER

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We could choose the Prime Minister or Alok Sharma MP (President of COP 26)
at:- House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

GAIN A BLUE PETER GREEN BADGE

More information at www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge

HELP CREATE THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Individuals, groups, schools, villages are invited to apply now to “Plant a tree for the jubilee” an initiative created to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

More information at www.queensgreencanopy.org

The Woodland Trust have 3 million saplings to give away. They are currently taking applications for March delivery. Details of how to apply and a list of 31 native trees can be found at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/qgc

THINK ABOUT WHAT WE BUY

For example, environmentally friendly products are available at, for instance Cannell's by the River, All Planet Kind at Moulton Garden Centre, and Acle Co-op that we know of in the Benefice; plus refills for household products and dried food are offered slightly further afield.

PRAY!

We could use the prayer for the climate:-

A short chat with God about climate change.

Heavenly Father, we're anxious about Climate Breakdown.
It's already causing wildfires, crop failures, killer heatwaves and floods.

We're angry: it's so unfair, hitting the poorest hardest,
Adding to human conflict and compounding nature's struggles.

From youngsters to grandparents, we need some hope:
To see governments stopping the bad stuff and driving the good,
A fair transition to a low carbon economy, a nature-friendly way,
Acting boldly on the science; no more denial or delay!

And this year, Heavenly Father, the climate summit will be in the UK too
It's exciting and daunting: what should *your* people do?

We will praise you for your creation; commit our churches to act;
Work together across neighbourhoods and nations;
And call all leaders to be bold, just, honest with the facts;
So, help us, Heavenly Father, to worship, act and speak up.

Yes, we will worship, act and speak up.

(A Rocha UK)

Women's Night Out – Climate Change Open Meeting

19.



All are invited to an open meeting and WNO evening on

Wednesday November 3rd at Freethorpe Village Hall at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Chris Page - the Anglia ITV weather forecaster and presenter His subject will be Weather and Climate Change-a vary topical issue at the moment We have all been shocked by the floods all over the world in recent months and the huge fires and extreme heat in North America, Australia and Sardinia .The Siberial Polar icecaps and glaciers are melting with potentially devastating consequences. We can't change everything but we can all do something to help!! So come along -all welcome Men and Women!!



Wickhampton Church

Earlier this year the Friends of Wickhampton Church created and seeded a conservation area within the churchyard at St Andrew's, and we're all looking forward to seeing the wildflowers coming through next summer.

The Friends' next project is to create a border along the front of the church wall, and fill it with plants to attract and feed bees and butterflies, and we are also planning to reclaim and protect part of the old village green in front of the church wall, which has been eroded over time.

The composting toilet at the church is proving useful for visitors to the church.



Ring out for climate change

Historically, bells have served a number of purposes and one of these is to warn the community of danger or disaster.

There has been a request from the Church of England that their bells be rung at 6pm on 30th October 2021 to mark the start of the Cop26 climate change conference in Glasgow. It is intended as a message to world leaders to remember that there is only one world and, in order to preserve it, we need to take strong action. It is also a message to all those who hear to take individual action in their own lives.

Please listen out for the Reedham band who intend to join in. If there are any lapsed ringers reading this who would also like to join in, please get in touch. There will be local towers short of a ringer or two and your help would be welcome. If you have not rung for some years (or even decades) and you feel the need of a private practice first, then that can be arranged.

Mary Jones (mary.jones@bellringing.org)



And a Recycled Church Organ!

All Saints Beighton are excited to announce the arrival of a fully restored Gray & Davison small pipe organ to replace the tired and worn out Casson Positive. After many years of patching up the Casson Positive it was recognised that the Organ Fund would be better spent on replacing the instrument altogether. Thanks to a conversation Michael Nicholas had with Richard Bower, organ builder, when East Harling Methodist Church offered Richard their Gray & Davison he immediately thought of All Saints Beighton. Bower & Company overhauled the organ, repalleted the soundboard and releathered the bellows giving us a better sounding instrument and one much more enjoyable to play, just ask Ann Adey and Michael! We look forward to hosting concerts and recitals in the future now that the church organ is able to provide the quality of music these events warrant.

Kate Ashcroft

At Reedham Primary & Nursery School we learn together to appreciate our environment - our family, our school, our community and our planet. We work together to understand how we can make a difference by making small efforts to lessen our footprint on the Earth. We learn through science, PSHE, geography and history – we even write poems about it in English! This is such an important lesson - one we hope we can teach you too!

We recently visited the Gaia exhibit, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. This showcases the touring artwork created by Luke Jerram, depicting our planet using NASA imagery.



Suspended 3 metres above the choir stalls, this unique artwork gave us the opportunity to experience the fragility of our planet in a new light. The children were awed by this sight! We also visited Dippy the dinosaur at Norwich Cathedral – bringing home the fragility of our survival on this planet. If these mighty beasts can become extinct, so can we!



Our local church, St John the Baptist, Reedham, has become an Eco-Church and are trying to encourage all groups in our village to be more aware of the disaster that is climate change. We have shared a photo story with them. Please, come and see our display of the journey we have taken with our teachers to learn about caring for our environment. We are showcasing how we can all make a difference.

Our wild garden is a place where we can learn in our amazing and the unique habitat, that is the Norfolk Broads. We started off with a space that was overgrown and unused and changed it to a place we can share and learn in. We hope that we can share it with you too!



Acle Army Cadets

The highlight of the October 6th meeting of Acle Army Cadet Force was the presentation of the 'Cadet of the Year' trophy to 17 year old Harvey Hicks, who plans to become a paramedic when he leaves school next year. He also then plans to become a member of Acle Branch of the British Legion when he will be able to use his talents as the branch standard bearer.

The presentation was made by branch president Peter Kingsley