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On my daily exercise - Bearded Reedlings, Reedham riverbank K.C.

OUTLOOK

ACLE & BURE TO YARE BENEFICE: WHO'S WHO

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Not least among the tribulations of this last year have been all the rules that have beset us, rules that affect what we think of as entirely personal – meeting people, talking to people, having people in our homes. And how often the rules change! - someone reckoned 64 times since last March. No wonder some are exasperated and rebellious. We don't feel in control of our own lives. We may expect that in illness or old age; but now it has come to us all. It's hard to bear.

But there can be a positive side to giving up control; standing back and giving space for others to act. Parents, for example, know that as their children grow they need to be given permission to make decisions and see the consequences, to be responsible for their own actions. Parents who won't do this are not helping their children grow into responsible adulthood. There is of course a need for control; there is also a need to withdraw from it.

I was recently struck by some words from the Covenant service of the Methodist church:

"I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed by you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing ..."

It's a prayer of total self-dedication, a profound act of commitment. We renounce the right to run our lives in the pursuit of our own advantage. We pray to accept from God's hands whatever role in life he gives us, whatever task he allocates to us, whatever inconvenience or hardship that may bring us.

The words 'put me to suffering' are not a prayer for God to inflict pain on us. The word 'suffering' bears the sense we see in the saying of Jesus, 'Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me ...' 'Suffer them' clearly doesn't mean cause them pain; it means allow them, permit them, don't get in their way.

'Doing' people are obviously needed in any church, in any job, in any society: active people, people who look for what needs doing and put their hands to it, not leaving it to others. Without people like that what society would function?

But 'suffering' people are needed too, people who can give up control, not because they are compelled by government regulation, but freely and willingly to allow others the space to develop and use their talents. They too are playing their part in a rounded and balanced community. 'Suffering' may be constructive; it may indeed be blessed.

Nicholas Cowen, Reader

(And no mention of C......... The Editor wouldn't suffer it!)

Funerals

We commend to God:-

Dorothy Grint, aged 87, on 17th December at All Saints', Freethorpe.

Muriel Frances Holmes, aged 98, on 17th December at St Faith Crematorium.

Amanda Clare Bishop, aged 64, on 12th January at St Edmund's, Acle.

James (Jimmy) Berry-Lawrence, aged 57, on 14th January at St Edmund's, Acle.

Benjamin (Ben) Ernest Horsley on 14th January at All Saints', Freethorpe.

Monica Eunice Shiel, aged 95, on 21st January at St Faith Crematorium.

Please remember the family and friends of the following, whose funerals are to happen shortly:-

Jennifer Mary Knights at Gorleston Crematorium on 4th February.

Helen Mary Gallaway at Blofield on 4th February.

Gordon William Steer at St Faith Crematorium on 8th February.

Betty Daisy Hubbard at Acle on 10th February.

Anthony Hartley at Acle on 16th February.

Owen Ernest Woodgate at Wickhampton on 19th February.

Sheila Margaret Guymer at Acle on 23rd February.

(Covid restrictions will of course apply on the number who can attend these funerals, so please respect that,)

Correction - Catherine Ashley Miller

Apologies. In the report of Catherine's death, I described Catherine as Mark's younger sister. I misread the Tribute he included as being given by him, rather than Bridget, who was Catherine's elder sister, Mark being younger than Catherine, as she very much liked to remind him.

K.C.

COVID VACCINATIONS

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Lent Appeal 2021: Together in Unity

Bishop Graham writes:

"I have been so inspired by the response of churches and individuals in our diocese during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your part in that.

"Now I'm asking us all to turn our thoughts to our sisters and brothers in some of the poorest communities around the world by supporting this year's Lent Appeal. The pandemic has put a great strain on those who are already vulnerable, and as usual, it is they who suffer most.

"I invite you to be Jesus' hands and feet in offering assistance through the Archbishop's Together in Unity Appeal. Thank you."

The initiative will work to provide income support, facilities for basic hygiene, equipment to slow the spread of the virus and food security.

Speaking of the pandemic, Archbishop Justin said:

"The pandemic has hurt families, communities and nations across the world in so many ways. In our Communion, there is not one province, diocese or parish that is untouched by the pandemic. The body of Christ is hurting. We know that some parts of the body are more hurt than others. And they need our help."

The fund has already allocated over £180,000 to support churches in areas of need across the Communion as part of a special COVID-specific grant cycle.

- In Maridi, South Sudan, over two hundred pastors and lay readers were
 provided food relief, church leaders were trained in virus prevention,
 and bicycles and hand microphones were provided for five pastors to
 carry virus prevention messages into remote areas.
- In Bangladesh, in the midst of job losses and economic pressures from lockdown, hundreds of vulnerable families, from both church and wider communities, have received support to enable them to buy food and daily necessities.

To support the appeal visit www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/lent-appeal/

Lent 2021 8.

Lent begins on 17th February: in place of our normal course or events please consider signing up for the following daily communication from Susanna Gunner:-

40 words for 40 days https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/resource/40-words-for-40-days/

You are warmly invited to subscribe to a new project for Lent 2021. Every day from Ash Wednesday (17 February) until Holy Saturday (3 April) a single word will come under the spotlight. Helped by a wide range of images, Susanna Gunner (Diocesan Adviser for Spirituality and Discipleship) will very briefly explore each word, offering one or two ideas for us to mull over each day. A strong seam of hope will weave its way throughout the whole.

<u>Sign up here</u> to have each day's word sent automatically to your email inbox. You'll also be able to access them via all the diocesan social media channels; on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>. We hope this will have wide appeal so please do spread the word to your community and beyond.

Each week (from Thursday 25th February) Acle Churches Together invites you to join on Zoom at 4pm for a simple act of worship and to reflect further on the most recent words. The link will be sent to the Sunday Zoom list and is available on request.

Martin Greenland

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

SUNDAY 7th 2nd before Lent

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

Saturday 13th NO FARMERS' MARKET - COVID RESTRICTIONS

SUNDAY 14th Next before Lent

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

Monday 15th Acle P.C.C (by Zoom)

Wednesday 17th ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT BEGINS

SUNDAY 21st 1st of LENT

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

Monday 22nd OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Thursday 25th 4pm Acle Churches Together Lent worship on Zoom

SUNDAY 28th 2nd of LENT

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

Outlook, Copy Date, March's edition and Church Service 9. Calendar

We are sorry we have not been able to print Outlook this month. We do not intend to print March's edition either. With the increase in the rates of infection in the area and the more infectious strain spreading, we could not ask our deliverers to go out, risking themselves and others.

22nd February will be the next copy date; we hope by then we may be able to advertise Services and other events happening in March. It seems unlikely that any physical Church Services will be held in February, but check with abychurches.co.uk if restrictions start easing. I can recommend our 9.30am Zoom services on Sundays, and you can telephone in even if you haven't got the internet – please ask Martin for the number and code. Please check with the website which churches are open for private prayer as some are closed for the Winter. There is no Farmers' Market this month in the Church Hall, but we hope to resume once lockdown ends.

If you want to know when the new edition of the magazine is available each month, send me your email address and I will add it to a mailing list. I will use the 'Blind Copy' method so no-one else will be able to see your address; and, of course, follow Data Protection protocol by using the list only for this purpose and delete it when no longer needed or you unsubscribe. I am sorry, but I cannot this time provide paper copies as I did for a few people last time.

'On my Daily Exercise' – photographs invited for the March Magazine on this theme again. Come on, cheer ourselves up!

Kati Cowen kncowen@tiscali.co.uk

Cantley & District W.I.

During January the news on the covid front has been dire but the saving light has been the vaccine as it is rolled out across the country. Meanwhile we are trying to keep in touch with each other through phone calls etc.

With the help of the vaccine let's hope we can all get back to some sort of normal life when we can meet and enjoy each other's company once again.

Jane Crossley

Carol Singing in Reedham

Saturday 19th December was very cold but so much warmth was generated by the Limpenhoe & Reedham choir singers, it hardly seemed to matter. As they walked around Reedham early evening, singing some of the best loved Christmas carols, a really lovely festive, almost-normal atmosphere was generated. People came and stood outside and without exception they all said how much better it made them feel. Everyone was generous and we were able to send a cheque for £203 to the Acle Foodbank and bring a little bit of cheer to people less well off than ourselves.



Elisabeth is offering her new **Book**"What a beautiful world in spite of it All!" as a way of trying to raise some money for the church.

Price £10.00 price including postage, of which £ 5.00 will be given to church Funds.

These poems are optimistic, I am told, and not complicated; 72 pages of Impressions from Norfolk. New Zealand, and about people; with some Drawings, size A4.

BUTTERFLIES' DELIGHT

We now have our own Buddleia Bush

P. rescued from a building site so they came for the sweet juices-

Three orange tortoiseshells

Two orange and white and black admirals

Two dancing spotted wood ones, and a comma,

we can watch them, take photographs and paint pictures, great.

Later- I am picking blackberries- by that old road standing there peacefully — Suddenly — what a surprise:
I can see- so very close to my hands
A butterfly - her long trumpet drinking so slowly- In delight delicate feet and whiskers — so close
She cannot see me at all ...

Then an elderly village couple comes by and she says:

- "Picked masses last year, son loves crumble"
- "And we do " I reply;

They do not see that butterfly!""



Should you be interested to help please contact ekozmian@gmail.com or telephone 01493 700008 (messages possible)

Reedham Gardening Club



Peter Horsley grew his first ever Prize Pumpkin last year with the hope of entering the Village Show. His pottering in the garden for exercise has kept him active throughout CoVid 19. The pumpkin weighed in at four and a half stone.

February always feels like a turning point in the garden. It's still cold outside but there are signs of springs arrival everywhere you look with the bulb's poking their heads up through the ground.

Cut down deciduous ornamental grasses left standing over winter, before fresh shoots appear. Divide large clumps of snowdrops and winter aconites after flowering (in the green) and replant to start new colonies.

Pot on and pinch out autumn-sown sweet peas to encourage side shoots to form. Firm back down any plants that have been lifted by frost or loosened by wind-rock. Spread a layer of well-rotted manure around roses and shrubs. Remove netting from ponds.

Chit first-early potato tubers, by standing them in trays in a light, frost-free place Finish winter-pruning fruit trees and soft fruits, including apples, autumn raspberries and blackcurrants.

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Peter's Leaving Present.



Maureen and Peter Kingsley were presented with an original Rodney Edrich painting as they retired from many years cleaning St. Edmund's Church, Acle. Maureen was a member of the former team, with Peter joining in support when that reduced: for some time there were just the two of them - so we are particularly grateful.

Martin Greenland

On Sunday 20th December a Carol Service was held at St. Botolph's in Limpenhoe. Socially distanced it may have been but everyone enjoyed a wonderful outdoors service. The weather was kind to us and the mulled wine, mince pies and Limpenhoe's famous sausage rolls went down a treat. Broadland Band played a wide selection of carols and were on fine form. A generous collection enabled us to send a further £100 to the Great Yarmouth Food Bank. The photo is of Pat Bennett delivering the outdoor floral decorations she had made to brighten up the churchyard. God bless all church flower arrangers but especially ours!

Chris Fisk



REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2021 online via Zoom

There were 10 Councillors present, the Clerk, County Councillor Brian Iles, and District Councillor Grant Nurden. 7 members of the public were in attendance. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

County Councillor Brian Iles will speak to Norfolk County Council Highways regarding the cleaning out of the grips at the side of the road to alleviate some of the local flooding issues.

District Councillor Grant Nurden reported that Broadland District Council have support for Broadland businesses negatively affected by the latest Covid-19 restrictions. Please see the Business Support Grants section of the Broadland website. The Greater Norwich Local Plan will start its next consultation, on the plan itself, on the 1st February, through to the 15th March.

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report: **15.** There were no issues with the play equipment safety inspection for January. Playgrounds remaining closed will be kept under review due to the changing regulations from the Government. The welding on the Zip Line box section has been completed.

The government guideline restrictions in December meant the village hall once again had to shut its doors to all hall hire users, including fitness classes. Once again, the village hall entrance gate will be kept closed, as soon as the government regulations relaxes, the gate will be reopened.

I planning application was considered: a proposed single storey rear extension at 15 Chapel Field, NR13 3TP. The Council had no objections.

The Council was notified that The Pink House, 36 Riverside, NR13 3TF will now be known as Spindrift.

The Tree Warden has been the recipient of a disease resistant elm for her work with the Tree Council. This will be planted at the Playing Field when Covid restrictions allow.

There was no update on the speed sensor statistics as it had not been moved for January yet.

There are currently no plots available at the allotments but if you would like to go on the waiting list please contact the Clerk or any member of the Allotment Association. Details are on the website or allotment noticeboard.

The Permissive Path is still open but users are requested to be careful due to the slippery conditions, particularly along the river bank.

The meeting dates for 2021 were agreed and can be found on the website and noticeboard.

The Council is considering compiling a list of local businesses and the goods and services they offer, to include on the website, and would be interested in hearing from businesses that would like to be included.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.30pm. Details of whether the meeting will be online via Zoom or in the Village Hall 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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Please visit Reedham's website for news and local events: www.reedhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk





Some engergetic exercise on the Yare at Reedham. (K.C.)

On my daily exercise - Ice Bubbles, Wickhampton Marshes (Sara Stephenson)

> Limpenhoe Church and Churchyard disappointed to learn Simon Ash has not taken up unpowered flight as his daily exercise - this was taken by Drone

