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The welcome repainting of the interior of Acle, St. Edmund Church (thank you, Rodney Edrich) involved the removal of many items from around the walls, accumulated over the last hundred years: from the photographs of the fallen of the First World War, to the embroidered *Acle Churches Together* banner, the twin of which hangs in the Methodist Church lounge. The result, as already experienced at Halvergate and Beighton churches, is a much cleaner, brighter, uncluttered space. There may now be an interesting debate about how much of what was removed makes it back onto the walls (before you write in, let me promise that each of the aforementioned items will)!

There was an Anglo-Catholic fashion during the 18th and early 19th centuries to recover a medieval layout by enclosing altars on three side with curtains ("riddels") – the supporting "riddel posts" remain in place in All Saints, Beighton. These posts were often topped with angels, as are two at Acle; the other pair (which I think were donated by the School in 1922) carry saints Edmund and George. I don't recall ever seeing a photograph of Acle's altar enclosed; if it was, the curtains were subsequently moved to span the entire east wall. Ornamentation is intended to enhance; but it can also distract. With the curtains removed, the altar can, as it were, breathe more freely; and the east window is once again fully visible.

Decluttering is something most of face at some point, whether it's by choice, or forced on us by downsizing. It can be a painful process. Some of these things once had meaning for us — maybe they still do. Mindful of the possibility of developing dementia, some promote the keeping of a memory box: a collection of meaningful items which have the power to trigger memory, symbolising the storehouse of a lifetime's experience. But a memory box is only a representative collection. The accumulation of "stuff" is a feature of Western consumer society — one that our planet can ill afford. And it's not necessarily good for us: it is possible to accumulate so much that what is at the centre, what is most important, is no longer clearly visible.

As an itinerant proclaimer of the kingdom of God, Jesus didn't have any time for clutter. When he told the rich young man to Go, sell you possessions and give to the poor; then come, follow me, that was serious downsizing! More than the man could bear. Yet Jesus was pointing him, at his request, in the direction of inheriting eternal life: finding that which is most essential. Maybe we need to take a lead from those of our fellow creatures which shed their skins or cast their shells in order to grow and move on to the next phase of their existence: get rid of the clutter, physical and spiritual, so that what is essential is more clearly visible; and we can breathe more freely.

Martin Greenland

Parish Registers Funerals

We commend to God's keeping:Margaret Rowsell, aged 84, on 19th December at St Edmund', Acle
Joseph Robert Kilner, aged 82, on 22nd December at St John the Baptist's,
Reedham

Parish Notes

Lent begins on Wed 22nd Feb: services at Acle (10am) and Reedham (7.30pm). See also 'Encounters with Jesus'.

Regrettably, there won't be a 40 days series from the diocese this year, so Acle Churches Together is having to revise its plans: keep an eye on the weekly notice sheet for details.

World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's WDP) is on Fri 3rd March, using worship material from Taiwan. Services 2.00pm Acle Methodist Church; 2.30pm All Saints, Freethorpe.

St. Edmund's Church, Acle has resumed its collection of empty **tablet blister packs** for recycling (as long as large quantities are not dropped off in one go.): there is a box in the porch. Well Pharmacies haven't replied to a request to consider a similar scheme.

'Encounters with Jesus'

The Sisters of Bethany will be offering a weekly time of prayer, reflection and hymns during Lent.

As we journey to Jerusalem in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, we will explore some of the encounters that people had with Jesus throughout his ministry.

You are welcome to join us each Thursday, I Iam - I2pm, from 2nd March to 30th March 2023.

Venue – St Peter & St Paul Church, Tunstall NR I3 3PU

The reflections will be made available online by video for anyone who is not able to attend in person.

We look forward to praying together with you. Sister Elizabeth Pio SSB and Heidi p.SSB

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WICKHAMPTON: READINGS & CAROLS - Sunday | | December 2022, 4pm.

Ding dong merrily on high, in Wickhampton bells were ringing! The theme of our carol service was the many functions of bells: alarming, resonating, announcing, exulting and summoning, and a terrific congregation of over 50 adults and children sang their hearts out, accompanied by the organ and the handbell ringers. Festive fayre and hot punch (very welcome!) were shared after the service.

It was wonderful to see so many folks in the church, and a huge thank you to everyone who attended from near and far, and for your support and kind generosity. Thanks also to the handbell ringers, and to everyone who helped decorate the church and provide refreshments.

The Friends of Wickhampton Church.

Wickhampton: Plough Sunday Service - 15 January 2023

The Blessing the Plough Service was held at St Andrew's Church, Wickhampton, on Sunday 15 January 2023 with a congregation of 30, comprising members of the Acle and Bure to Yare Benefice, friends of the church, and visitors from as far afield as Ipswich, for united worship.

This age-old tradition of blessing the plough was reintroduced into the farming community in 2008, and has been held annually on the edge of the Broadland Marshes. The observance of Plough Sunday, on the first Sunday of Epiphany, goes back many ages before Victorian times, and was associated with the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas.

During the singing of "We Plough the Fields and Scatter", the congregation was led out onto the church green by Edward Gilder, who carried the processional cross. Everyone gathered around the 8.5 tonne John Deere tractor with its 5-furrow reversible plough, driven by Alfie Dunthorne from Limpenhoe Hill Farm. After the Blessing ceremony conducted by Reverend Martin Greenland, young Carl Dunthorne brought forward a bag of corn seed for blessing, and prayers were said for farmers, farm workers and farms. The plough then returned to the fields for work, and was sent on its way by Eric and his melodeon, with a rendition of "God speed the plough!". All returned to the church for Holy Communion, followed by very welcome hot drinks!

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church

1.30pm Reedham Over 50s Club

 $We dnesdays \ \ 2.30 pm \ \ Pop \ In - Freethorpe \ Method ist \ School \ Room$

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Wednesday Ist 7.00pm Acle Branch RBL – Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre

7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

SUNDAY 5th 3rd before Lent

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate
9.30am Morning Worship - Limpenhoe
11.00am Morning Prayer - Beighton
11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

II.00am Morning Worship - FreethorpeII.00am Holy Communion - Reedham

Tuesday 7th LIBRARY VAN DAY

7.30pm Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Friday 10th 7.30pm 'The Lost King' – Film Night at Reedham Village Hall

Saturday I Ith 9.00am to Noon Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 12th 2nd before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe

Tuesday 14th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Wednesday 15th. 7.30pm Cantley W.I. in Cantley Village Hall

7.30pm Christian Link - 36, The Green, Freethorpe

7.30pm Quiz Night – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 19th Next before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate
 9.30am Morning Worship – Limpenhoe
 II.00am Holy Communion – Acle

II.00am Morning Prayer – ReedhamII.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

Monday 20th 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

10.00am Holy Communion with Ashing – Acle7.30pm Evening Prayer with Ashing - Reedham

SUNDAY 26th 1st of LENT

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Morning Prayer – Halvergate
11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

Looking forward into MARCH:-

Thursday 2nd I I am – noon Encounters with Jesus – Tunstall

Friday 3rd 2.00pm World Day of Prayer - Acle Methodist Church

2.30pm World Day of Prayer – All Saints', Freethorpe

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9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate
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II.00am Holy Communion - Freethorpe
II.00am Morning Prayer - Reedham

Monday 6th 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Reedham and District WI

Our regular monthly evening talks resume on 7th February with a social view of policing from the Krays to The Crown, <u>The policeman's lot</u>, delivered by Peter Lawrence.

The March meeting is <u>Sustainability</u> (Hayley Pinto) and in April we plan a Humpty Dumpty tasting led by Leslie George (details to be confirmed).

Meetings start at 7.30pm on the Ist Tuesday of the month. Between first Tuesdays we meet up regularly for walks, theatre and museum visits, craft activities and other social get-togethers.

If you are looking to make new friends in the local area, why not come along to Reedham village hall and meet us? The first 3 meetings are free, so that you can see what we have to offer without any financial commitment.

Mary Jones (reedhamwi@btinternet.com)

REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 in the Village Hall.

There were 8 Councillors present, the Clerk, County Councillor Lana Hempsall, District Councillor Grant Nurden, and 2 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Works to the trees on the Woodland Walk (the footpath between Holly Farm Road and Low Common) will take place in February. Please note the walk will be closed for the duration of the works for safety reasons.

There will be a 0% increase in Broadland District Council's portion of the Council Tax.

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report: There were no issues with the play equipment safety inspection for January.

Fenland Leisure were due to be commencing work on the swings in the fenced play area, and the other small items on the play equipment, on the 18th December but due to bad weather is has been rescheduled to tomorrow.

Fundraising: The December Cash Bingo jackpot was won and the lucky winner took home £350. The jackpot for January stands at £150 in 49 numbers or less.

The RCA Stage School performed their Christmas production of "Search for the Christmas Star" in December. The children did really well. It was well attended and there was some good feedback. We are looking forward to both the Theatre group and children's productions for 2023.

We have the return of the Road Race on Sunday 22nd January. There should be about 600 runners taking part.

There were no planning applications for consideration.

There will be a statutory Regulation 14 Consultation on Reedham's Neighbourhood Plan from the end of February to just after Easter. Several open events will be held for residents to view the draft plan and comment on its contents. Further details will be published nearer the time. Please see the website for up to date information.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the Acle and District area raised an amazing £9.550.57.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 6th March 2023 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.

13th March 2023 (Annual Parish Meeting)

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OVER FIFTIES & LOTTERY NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!!

In December members enjoyed a delicious Xmas lunch at Acle Bridge, then we closed for our Christmas break.

So here we are just having re-opened on January 10th and gained another new member. It was excellent seeing members at our first meeting of the year, Tuesday seems to be empty when the club has its Christmas break. We get used to spending Tuesday afternoons with our friends.

Our next buffet will be for Burns night and for members who have a birthday in January. If you would like to join us come along to Reedham Village Hall on a Tuesday at 1.30pm Membership is £7.00 per year and weekly subs £3.00. At our meetings we have prize bingo, a Flyer for cash, free raffle and refreshments. You will be made most welcome. This year from our lottery we gave donations to Prostate Cancer & Reedham Village Hall. Our lottery was won on Christmas Eve by Jill Trayler; the jackpot was £348.60 and Jill very kindly donated the £48.60 to the club for which we are very grateful. If you would like to join our lottery just give me a ring, it is £1.00 per week. Our lottery is open to non-members too.

Keep warm and try to avoid the infamous flu that seems to have hit a lot of our members over Christmas.

Angie Woolsey Secretary/Treasurer Mobile: 07585504199 Film Night 10th February at 7:30pm. The Lost King. Guided by instinct and spectral visions, an ambitious writer and amateur historian defies the academic establishment to unearth Richard III's long-missing remains in a Leicester car park. Tickets cost £5 which can be booked online from www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 01493 701107.

Cash Bingo 20th February at 7:30pm. Please check posters for Jackpot details.

Quiz Night 15th February at 7:30pm. £2 entry each includes food. Maximum team of 6. Please call 01493 701107 or email reedhamvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk to book a table.

RCA Theatre Company present a comedy drama Fitch and Pie on the 24th and 25th March at 7:30pm. It's the annual gin cake festival in the village of Wyreedham but the villagers are too busy planning the local wine shop owners Delly and Marmaduke's wedding. Problems arise when Marmaduke's estranged ex-wife turns up and everyone thinks the Vicar's trying to kill them. Can they managed to convince the BBC to feature them on its new hit programme?

Tickets cost £6 which can be booked online from www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 01493 701107.

Zumba classes at Reedham Village hall on Mondays 9.30am to 10.15am and Gentle Yoga classes 10.20am to 11.05am If you wish to find out more, please email dancingdimensionsuk@gmail.com or visit www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk

Reedham Music Group is a play group for children from birth to 5 years held in the village hall on Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am The session includes free playtime with ride on toys and table activities and includes a singing session of Nursery Rhymes. If you wish to find out more information, please contact Sue on 01493 701107 or email reedhamvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

Acle Royal British Legion

On Friday 16th December at 2pm in the Bure Room, Acle Social Club, the Acle Branch of the Royal British Legion held a very successful 'Singalong'. The main attraction was Legion member Graham Shepherd* who cleverly compered the event and sang a number of popular songs interspersed with many witticisms and welcomed audience participation. It concluded with resounding applause from the audience.

John Kenny

Photo on back cover taken by Stephen McKAY

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Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. We will be having a talk and a film by East Coast Truckers. The competition will be A Toy Truck. For further information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

Limpenhoe Carol Service & Nativity - see picture back page.

Thank you to all who attended and made this event so enjoyable; we have not had so many children for a long time. Spice was delighted to have so many fans! Everyone enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine afterwards in the warmth of the Village Hall.

Pat Bennett

Christian Link

Christian Link will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. In February this will be 15th. The speaker is to be confirmed.

Women's Night Out Meeting

This will be on February 1st at 7 30pm and the talk will be 'Frills Spills &Pageantry of The Household Cavalry' with Michael Church.

FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS - Reedham Collection

(See photo on back cover)

A huge thank you to all the Reedham establishments which had collection boxes or promoted the scheme. An even bigger thank you to all the lovely people who generously donated items. I was able to take an absolute car load to Acle Foodbank, for distribution to needy people in time for Christmas.

Diana Gilder

Hats and Hot Drinks

I. Knitted Hats are wanted (no bobble!) for patients on life support machines in the Intensive Care Unit.

Please pass on to Linda Turner at 134 The Common Freethorpe Tel 700656 whose sister works in the hospital unit.

 POP IN - All are welcome to join a group who meet at Freethorpe Methodist Chapel Schoolroom at 2.30pm – 4pm every Wednesday for Company, Chat, Tea, Coffee and Biscuits and HEAT!! A warm welcome awaits.

Ruth Bacon Tel 700171

"Your Light Has Come"

After five weeks of intense rehearsals when the weather threw just about everything at us (fog, heavy rain, snow and ice, waterlogged parking), All Saints Church Beighton welcomed the benefice choir on Thursday 22 December together with a packed congregation of almost one hundred people for a service of readings and carols. The Rector drew up the list of readings based on the prophetic writings of Isaiah and related these to Luke's account of the Nativity. Musical items were chosen to link with these readings all of which made for a slightly unusual but very refreshing pattern of service. The choir gave it their all thanks to the wonderful direction of Michael Nicholas. With Adam Chillingworth on the 'new' organ (how good did that sound?) and Tom Carr on trumpet, both extremely talented young musicians, the church was filled to the top of the restored rafters with the sound of music. It was such a thrill to host an evening of live entertainment, the first big event since the restoration and improvement work was finished, and certainly vindicated the decision to remove pews in order to accommodate larger groups of musicians. The evening was rounded off with the renowned Beighton refreshments including mulled wine. Thanks be to God.

Beighon PCC

Acle Winter Beer Festival

We are back for our 3rd festival On the weekend 24th 25th and 26th of February at Acle Church Hall



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We have live music in the evenings from Copperhead, The Jacks and The band with no name will be back Sunday afternoon.

Profits from this year's festival will be going to local good causes. Two beneficiaries this year will be Acle primary school FOSA and Acle Academy P.T.A

The event is once again kindly sponsored by Ovamill LTD. Humpty Dumpty Brewery will be lending us all the equipment and helping us set up the festival.

We have also received generous donations and support from Mortgage Advice Bureau Norfolk and Suffolk, and Parravanis ice cream.

