



Churches

The Benefice of Acle and Bure to Yare

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

FEBRUARY
2025
50P



Shorteared Owl at St Benet's
(Note the 'Murder Mittens' - furry feet and lethal claws.)

Photo: Kati Cowen

OUTLOOK

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

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From the Rectory

3.

Last month's *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* highlighted that this year is a significant anniversary for the Nicene Creed. Some of you might be tempted to stop reading at this point (!) but stay with me – after all, how often do we get to celebrate a 1700th anniversary? This statement of the Christian faith certainly has staying power: we continue to recite a version of it at most Sunday celebrations of the Holy Communion. Because of its age, it's held in common by all Christian denominations – except for one clause which was added later and therefore doesn't appear in Orthodox versions. It was a desire for unity which led to the creed's formulation: to provide stability, not just for the Church, but for the Roman Empire. I've heard it said (I imagine it's not actually true) that the bishops were locked in a room until they came up with an agreed resolution – I guess many of us have been in meetings a bit like that! It also aimed to settle the Arian controversy, about the human/divine nature of Christ – hence the disproportionate length of that section of the creed (*eternally begotten ... God of God, Light of Light, true God ... begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father*). I'm sure that puzzled me when I was young; as did the complete lack of reference to Jesus' ministry – profoundly important though that is in inducing and shaping (my) faith.

I recall being asked a question about the Creed at my selection conference for ordained ministry. I can't remember exactly what I said, but I think I honestly expressed my lack of enthusiasm for it as a definition of Christian faith, but that I recognised the benefit of saying it together in worship. In other words, it's probably not something many of us would produce if we were asked to summarise our personal faith; nor is it helpful to imply that we have to tick all its boxes before we qualify as followers of Jesus Christ; but it is a definitive expression of the faith of the Church in which we share – not just with those in the room at the time, but across the denominations and down through the ages.

At the same time, I recognise that there are Christians who are enthusiastic about the detail of the creed, and inspired by its theology; and sometimes they inspire me. I guess Malcolm Guite would be one of them: he comes at the creed as not only a priest, but a poet. It was fascinating to hear him – and the familiar voice of former chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich, Susanna Gunner – presenting an Epiphany-tide Sunday Worship on Radio 4

(www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00274n1). Susanna summarised their approach: *What if the Creed opens up possibilities rather than closing them down? What if it is more like a map of mysteries than a table of rigid definitions? What if it turns out to be a story we can belong to rather than then a set of formulae beyond our grasp?*

Viewed in this way, the creed is an invitation to encounter the mystery of the triune God – through creation, through the Son, through the Holy Spirit, even through the Church(!) How could we, or the Council of Nicaea, define the

indefinable? For *to define* means *to place limits upon*. We cannot limit God; just 4. as our buildings cannot contain him. Like our church buildings, the creed, the worship suggested, *is really a kind of lens to bring in to focus for a moment the God who is always there.*

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Registers

Funeral

We commend to God's keeping:-

John Graham Moore, aged 100, on 23rd December at St Edmund's, Acle

Parish Notes

Acle Churches Together will be meeting in Lent on Mondays 10th March to 7th April, 2.30pm at Acle Methodist Church. We are hoping to use a York Course on *Caring for Creation*: if it is still in stock, booklets will be made available via our churches.

Reedham School Nativity Play

We received a warm welcome to Reedham church on Wednesday 11th December 24. As we arrived, the Reedham Ringers, rung the bells for us (thank you!) Our Reception and KS1 children performed 'Christmas Counts' at the church. What an different spin to the Nativity, helping us to support our numeracy learning too! Thank you to Mrs Bethell, Miss Curtis and Mrs Woodards for their hard work to support the children to rehearse and learn their lines. Well done to all our children – what a way to christen our new staging and sound equipment – in a church! Thank you to all our parents for giving so generously to the church to cover the heating costs – we raised £68.20. Thanks to our fabulous PFA for supporting with refreshments at the event. Thank you to Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne (our CEO from Consortium Trust) for helping with Christmas dinners and for coming to watch our performance. We have had a really busy term and this was the perfect finish to lots of positive learning experiences.



Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 19th of February at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. One of our members, Eleanor Alison, a talented and intrepid 'en plein air' artist will be showing and discussing her sketches and paintings. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.



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The Seasideers are back by
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In aid of 'ACCESS 4 ACLE'
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Reedham Jumble Sale Saturday 22nd February 11 **- 1pm**

At the start of February you will receive a bag. If you can please fill this bag with unwanted items such as clothing, books, bric-a-brac, white elephant goods, shoes, bags, small household and garden goods.

This will be collected from your door/driveway on Thursday 20th February between 8am and 2pm. Or you can bring your donations to the Village Hall on the same day or on Saturday 22nd in the morning between 8 and 10am.

Any other villages needing collecting please contact the number below.

Come down and grab a bargain. All proceeds to the Village Hall. If you need help with lifting or have any other queries please call 01493-701685.

Many thanks in advance for all your contributions.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 18th)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

SUNDAY 2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

9.30am Morning Worship - Limpenhoe

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion - Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Monday 3rd Mobile Library Day – Halvergate, Reedham and Freethorpe

7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 4th 7.30pm 'Reedham Belles' – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 5th 7.15pm RBL Meeting – Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre

7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Saturday 8th 9.00am – Noon Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 9th 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Benefice Service Holy Communion – Beighton

Friday 14th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Saturday 15th 9am – Noon Breakfast Café – Limpenhoe Village Hall

SUNDAY 16th 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

Tuesday 18th 10.30am monthly service at Swallowtail Place, Acle

(visitors welcome)

Wednesday 19th 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

Saturday 22nd 10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-in – Beighton Church

11am – 1pm Jumble Sale – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 23rd 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Matins – Halvergate - with Parish Meeting at 10.25am*
10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton
11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe
- with Parish Meeting at 12noon*
2.15pm Piano Recital – Acle Church

Monday 24th Mobile Library Day – Beighton, Limpenhoe and Cantley

Wednesday 26th 10am – 1pm Health & Social Fayre – Acle Recreation Hall
8.00pm Compline by Zoom

Looking forward into **MARCH** :-

Saturday 1st 5.00pm Pancake Party – Reedham Church

SUNDAY 2nd Sunday next before Lent

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

*Parish meetings to elect Churchwardens – Parishioners and those on the Church Electoral Roll can vote.

Outlook Copy Date – Early this Month! And Subscriptions.

As February is a short month, please could we have Photos for the cover by Thursday 13th and other copy by Friday 14th? Also, you are reminded that subscriptions to Outlook are now due for 2025 - £6 for 12 copies, so less than 2 cups of coffee in a café!
Many thanks,

Kati Cowen

WNO

All are welcome to join our group of ladies as we welcome Wally Webb who will be telling us about the 40 years he spent with BBC Radio Norfolk as a presenter and reporter. The meeting is on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm, Freethorpe Village Hall.
Brenda Pawsey

CANTLEY FLOWER SHOW (not just flowers)

Our show this year is on 6th September 2025. We have a vacancy for Secretary. It is unpaid but comes with job satisfaction. Please contact Robert on 07930 951505 for more details. For details of the Show please go to www.cantley.org/flowershow.

Happy new year to all our members!!

The club re-opened on January 7th after our Xmas break. Members arrived early so we could get memberships for the year paid. The weather has been so cold but at least this week there has been a bit of a break but the wind still has a bite. We had a few members off with the dreaded cold and virus that seems to be marking the rounds, but they returned the second week.

If you would like to join now is the time as we have limited vacancies; just come along to the village hall at Reedham on a Tuesday 1.30pm. If you are need of a lift and we can assist just give me a ring. Our yearly membership is £7.00 and our weekly subscription is £3.00 which covers a free raffle and your refreshments, a flyer bingo for cash, four bingo games with prizes, a club calendar, Xmas party and a Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge.

At the time of going to print the lottery has still not been won so a nice large prize for the lucky winner. Our lottery bingo is open to non-members too it helps to support our club it is £1 per week if you would like to join just give me a ring.

We have had two members Monica Marsden & Wendy Brister have a stay in the James Paget during our Christmas break; we wish both members a speedy recovery.

During this cold weather please keep warm!!

Angie Woolsey Secretary/Treasurer Mob: 07585504199



PANCAKE PARTY!

Saturday 1st March

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Acle & District Royal British Legion

11.

The first meeting of 2025 kicked off with an energy bills awareness session presented by Steve Nunn as part of Citizens Advice "Energy Outreach" Campaign. An extremely informative evening.

On the evening of Wednesday 15 January, a "Thank You" presentation was made to Acle Army Cadets by Jayne Smith, RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser. This was in recognition of the amazing amount of £1782.73 which they collected from outside Acle Co-op during the Poppy Appeal.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5 February with a presentation by Andy Cowan entitled "The History of British Sugar, Cantley". This will take place in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre, starting at 7.15pm. Free entry. Teas & Coffees provided, with Social Club bar open for other refreshments if preferred. Open to everyone, you do not need to be an RBL member or ex services to attend.

If anyone would like further information, please contact Jayne Smith 07584 825749.

WICKHAMPTON NEWS

Wickhampton Carol Service: Sunday 15 December 2024

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Dickens of a Carol Service at St Andrew's church in December. Needless to say it was chilly in church, but I think our hearts, at least, were warmed by readings from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, as we witnessed old Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation from selfish miser (*Bah! Humbug!*) to a good-hearted and generous human being. Festive fare was enjoyed after the service, including a glass or two of very welcome hot punch!

Plough Sunday: 12 January 2025

Plough Sunday morning dawned frosty and freezing, and I must highly commend the 21 brave souls who turned out, in their thermals, for our annual blessing of the plough at St Andrew's church! Following last year's blessing of an additional garden fork, members of the congregation brought an assortment of tools, hoping for divine intervention amongst their veggies! Reverend Greenland blessed the plough, seed and tools, and the service then continued inside the church with Holy Communion, followed by very welcome hot drinks, cheese straws and cake! A big thank you, as always, to the Dunthorne boys for pitching up with their tractor and plough.

A belated Happy New Year to all.

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

At our January meeting members enjoyed a Christmas present amnesty auction, accompanied with much hilarity and a selection of leftover Christmas nibbles. We voted for our local charity to support this year, which will be Leeway, supporting victims of domestic abuse. Our choir and book club continue to thrive, and we have regular walks (always with rewarding post walk refreshments!) and outings/activities to enjoy. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, which in February will be Tuesday 4th, at 7 for 7.30 in Reedham Village Hall. This month we will be hearing from the charity First Refugee/English, which supports non-English speakers in the community. Prospective Belles members will always be welcomed at meetings and can attend their first few events free of charge with no obligation. We hope to see you there!

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REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025 in the Village Hall
There were 10 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Nurden and 3 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Cllr Hale advised that the Council have been notified that no election was requested for a new councillor, therefore the Council can go ahead with co-option.

Cllr George was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman of Reedham Parish Council. **13.**

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

The December Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won, the jackpot stands for January at £270 in 61 numbers or less.

There will be a showing of a film 'The Critic' on the big screen on Friday 14th February at 7.30pm.

On 22nd February 11am-1pm we are holding a jumble sale, there will be a roadside collection or take your jumble to the village hall on the day.

There is a road race taking place on Sunday 19th January.

Following on from the report of anti-social behaviour outside the village hall gates, an email regarding anti-social behaviour and littering at the water treatment works was received from a member of the public.

A planning application has been received for Reedham Old Hall, 2 Church Road, for the conversion of existing coach house and adjacent outbuildings into 2 dwelling units. The council discussed this and agreed that in principle they are in favour of the application, however they have concerns regarding traffic management during the construction phase, in particular emergency access to Joseph House care home which caters for residents who are elderly or have learning disabilities. The Clerk to make comments to Broadland planning

Cllr George presented the report from the social walk and identified some areas along Riverside where repairs and renovation were needed. The Clerk has had discussions with Broadland District Council over responsibility for the items supplied as part of a tourist initiative in 2019–2020, however it is likely that the Parish Council will be responsible for the cost of any repairs or replacements.

The Smokehouse was also considered, as it is in need of repairs, this is a district council asset. The Clerk to discuss with Broadland District Council.

Speed sensor - In December the speed sensor was located on the new post in Church Road facing west, collecting data from traffic leaving the village.

The 85th percentile was 32.1 mph; the average speed was 18.8 mph. The average vehicles per day was 264.

Following a budget meeting the draft budget has been circulated to all councillors.

A precept of £24,551 for 2025-2026 was unanimously approved.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall lounge. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and notice board by the Doctors nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Reedham Church Yard Maintenance and Ceiling repairs

14.

Reedham Church Council is trying to arrange for a contractor to mow the Churchyard on a regular basis next season. We are hoping to get a Grant from the Parish Council towards this but it is unlikely to cover the whole cost, and the Parish Church already has essential calls on its budget which exceed its income (like the electricity and water bills and insurance). Please therefore support our Pancake Party on Saturday 1st March. We also are planning a Ceilidh with the same excellent band which Beighton have for theirs – but on Saturday 21st June. **Write the dates in your diaries!**

Acle Recital

There will be a Piano Recital by Jill Crossland on Sunday 23rd February at 2.15pm to 4.15pm, to raise money for Access 4 Acle. She will be using the Pleyell Grand Piano to perform classical pieces, including some Chopin. Details on posters and on the website.



ST GEORGE'S DAY

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Above Left: Reedham School Nativity Play

Above Right: Acle RBL talk by Steve Nunn and (Below) Acle Army Cadets are presented with a certificate in thanks for their Poppy Appeal collection.

Middle Left: Cantley Carol Service decorations.



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15th March

19th April

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Community Cafe in support of the Village Hall and Church

Far Left: Wickhampton Carol Service on 15th December.