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Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley : Reedham :  
Wickhampton

JULY 2021  
25P



A Norfolk Hawker Dragonfly by Reedham Church gate - and flowers from Chris Fisk.

OUTLOOK

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

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Wouldn't it be lovely to be able to go to church without wearing a mask; to be able to sing; to be able to sit with your friends or to chat after the service without worrying about distancing or groups of six. It seems that our return to these modest pleasures is going to be delayed.

During the epidemic local churches have relied heavily on Zoom as a way of coming together in prayer and maintaining worship virtually when we could not do so physically. Zoom lacks a lot that a service in church offers: real face to face (or at least mask to mask) contact with other human beings, hearing each other's voices. We're physically cut off from each other and we feel it.

But there have been merits too. Some people who could not get to church have been able to join in Zoom (technology permitting!). We have met (virtually) people from other churches we haven't known before, and seen them week by week, so now they're part of our familiar group. There's no established practice for how a Zoom service should be, so it has been possible to use a wider range of text and perhaps a wider range of (recorded) music than we have been used to. Fellowship has grown wider, worship more flexible.

From the end of June that regular weekly Zoom service will stop, though occasional Zoom services will continue. But we hope to preserve some of its strengths as we return to 'real' church services. The Rector outlined in the June Outlook what we are going to do. Once a fortnight there will be fewer services on a Sunday – two or three instead of the former six or so, and only one service at any one time. We hope that the wider fellowship that has grown up will be preserved: that it will be usual for people to come together from their different parishes. There is great value in worshipping together, in mutual support and encouragement, and in knowing and feeling ourselves part of a community wider than our own parish.

Of course there is also great value in worshipping in the community of the local parish. The group is smaller; people know each other better; there is a keener sense of personal responsibility, a warmer sense of belonging. For many that is the focus of loyalty & commitment. I don't think anyone wants this to cease. So once a fortnight there will be services in most of our churches, up to seven, maintaining that local worship.

Whatever the service, anyone is welcome at any church: although unfortunately while we still have to observe distancing capacity is limited, so please let a churchwarden know if you wish to attend somewhere other than your local church – not for much longer, we hope!

Nicholas Cowen (*Reader*)

## **Parish Registers**

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### **Funerals**

We commend to God:-

Pamela Ayton Trowbridge aged 84 at Gorleston Crematorium on 9<sup>th</sup> June

### **Holy Baptism**

Anthony Alexander Burns at St Andrew's, Wickhampton on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Cantley & District W.I.**

As I mentioned in last month's Outlook we are still hoping that we can have a W.I. meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>. If this does go ahead, Peter Lawrence will be telling us all about A Policeman's Lot, and we will be meeting as usual at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. So here's hoping.

Until then let us try to make the most of these beautiful summer days.

Jane Crossley

### **Thank You**

Pauline Colin Anita & Stephen Goodson would like to thank everyone for their donations in remembrance of Gordon Goodson.

We raised £870 for Stephen's Community Hub Amenity Fund and £310 for Freethorpe Church.

### **Acle Prayer Walk**

On the afternoon Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> Acle Churches Together (ACT) held its traditional annual prayer walk, stopping at various appropriate venues in the village to recognise and pray for the work done by the staff employed within.

The walk was led by Church of England Rector, the Revd. Martin Greenland, accompanied by Methodist Minister, the Revd. Andrew King and Roman Catholic Deacon, the Revd. Peter Glanville, a retired BBC Producer who, 20 years ago, conceived the original idea of the walk.

Representatives from the 3 denominations joined together outside St. Edmund's church to recite initial prayers before proceeding to the local undertakers where Peter Glanville delivered an appropriate homily. (See picture on the back cover with St. Edmund's in the background).

Maureen Gage led the prayers outside Barclays bank and John Kenny recited them outside the Fire Station. Isobel Ashworth took over at the Primary School, Wendy Kenny prayed outside the Recreation Centre, Jenny Cumpstey did the job at the Medical Centre whilst Gwen Power led the prayers outside the Herondale Housing Trust. Finally, Andrew King led the prayers outside the Methodist Church and then invited the whole party inside for excellent refreshments.

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## **CLIMATE SUNDAY - OUTDOOR SERVICE**

7.

### **REEDHAM CHURCH 25th JULY 11am**

Reedham Church has signed up to be an EcoChurch. This means we are looking at all sorts of ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Our mission starts with an outdoor service, a Holy Communion, taking place in the churchyard, hopefully with hymns, meaning that we can all have a good sing (hooray!)

Do come and join us in the glorious outdoors, to celebrate creation, commit ourselves to caring for it and to ask God's help in doing so.

Please bring a chair if you can and possibly an umbrella to shield against sun or moisture!

It will be great to see you for the service and coffee, cake and chat afterwards.

Diana Gilder

## **OVER FIFTIES**

Since we re-opened we have gained another four members into our Over 50's family. Today was a special day a member of the club had her 70th birthday so we had cake and other various eats to celebrate. There was lots of laughter and happy faces, If all goes well there will be a chance of a coach holiday to Isle of Wight Oct 4th -8th, if anyone is interested please let me know and as soon as we have confirmation I can let you know the details price etc.

Remember if you are sitting at home and want an afternoon of friendship and entertainment come to our club on Tuesday afternoons at Reedham Village Hall 1.30pm where you will be made most welcome.

## **OVER FIFTIES LOTTERY - UPDATE**

We are now into the fourth week of our lottery bingo and at the date of writing this it is still not won. Our lottery is open to non - members as well so if you would like to join please telephone me on 07585504199. It is £1.00 per week, it helps to support our club and other charities. We have a waiting list to join so if you are interested to join please ring me and as soon as this game is won your numbers can go in. We have a good jackpot but remember you have to be in it to win it.

Angie Woolsey, Secretary/ Treasurer

## **Walpole Almshouses (see back page)**

The Walpole Almshouses, Lower Green, Freethorpe will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year having been built in 1871, they were constructed at the expense of the then Lord and Lady of the Manor, Richard Henry and Harriet Vade Walpole. They are built of redbrick with a slate roof and stone dressing features and are grade II listed.

They were intended for the use of widows and single women over the age of sixty and who had been resident in Freethorpe parish for five years or more. They lived here rent free and received 5s/- a week and a ton of coal at Christmas.

In 1917 a Board of Trustees were set up to administer the Almshouses and in 1978 the Trustees refurbished the six dwellings into three, with modern bathrooms and kitchens and central heating.

The Trustees and Residents are hoping to have a small celebration later in the summer and celebrate also the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Almshouse Association.

T Tibbenham.



# JULY CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: Freethorpe 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

## **SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

- 9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate
- 9.30am Morning Worship - Limpenhoe
- 9.30am Holy Communion – Wickhampton
- 11.00am Morning Worship – Acle
- 11.00am Morning Prayer – Beighton
- 11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe
- 11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham
- Reedham Garage/Yard Sale

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Reedham W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 9am – noon FARMERS' MARKET-Acle Church Hall

## **SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup>** 6<sup>th</sup> after Trinity/Sea Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 11.00am Sea Sunday Service – **CANTLEY**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> OUTLOOK COPY DATE

## **SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup>** 7<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

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

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Cantley W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm 'Aladdin' – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm 'Aladdin' – Reedham Village Hall

## **SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup>** James the Apostle/Climate Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 9.30am Matins – Halvergate
- 11.00am Holy Communion on Climate Sunday – Reedham
- 2.30pm 'Aladdin' – Reedham Village Hall

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Mary, Martha and Lazarus

2.00pm Whist Drive – Reedham Village Hall

4.00pm *Prayer on a Page* by Zoom (contact Rector for details).



Looking forward into August:-

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

9.30am LAMMAS SERVICE - Tunstall

9.30am Holy Communion – Beighton

9.30am Morning Prayer – Wickhampton

11.00am Morning Worship – Acle

11.00am Holy Baptism – Limpenhoe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer - Reedham

**Worship by Zoom**

Although the return to our churches in earnest has brought an end to *Prayer on a Page by Zoom*, I would like to experiment with continuing to use the platform to mark midweek saints' days, which often get passed over in our Sunday-based pattern. The first convenient occasion is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July: the Lesser Festival of Mary, Martha & Lazarus, companions of our Lord. I've scheduled the worship, based on Evening Prayer, for 4.00pm, for about half an hour.

Martin Greenland

**Tunstall Church:**

The Trustees of the Tunstall (Norfolk) Church preservation Trust are very pleased and grateful to Historic England for grant aiding the complete refurbishment of the Tunstall Church roof. At the last Quinquennial inspection, it was noted the Chancel roof was not watertight and small sections of the inside ceiling was rotting. When the roofers removed the tiles, to our alarm, the nails were so rotten the tiles just slid out! The roof is now in very good order with 4 bat entrance tiles (see if you can see them).

We look forward to welcoming everyone to a 'Lammas' service (to bless first fruits of harvest) Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August. The collection will be shared with Halvergate.

After the service, everyone is welcome to come to Manor Lodge for coffee, hot rolls and honey, and a raffle will be held to raise funds for Tunstall Church.

(Any donations for the raffle would much appreciated)

Tunstall church is now open daily.

Sally More

**Reedham Gospel Hall**

We are sad to learn that the Gospel Hall is closed and is to be sold. Many Reedham residents (and those from the surrounding area) will have attended services and Sunday School with them and will have happy memories. We wish Janice and Malcolm Coleman and the other leaders every blessing for the future with thanks for their ministry here in Reedham.

K.C.

**Reedham Churchyard and COMPOST**

Many, many thanks to the valiant band who made such a good job of tidying the churchyard on June 7<sup>th</sup> – and that includes John Self, our contractor, and his father.

For all you keen gardeners, we now have well matured compost available at the bottom of the churchyard in the two middle 'bins' – free to a good home! Bring your own sacks.

K.C.

## Reedham Village Hall

10.

Reedham Village Hall has now reopened again.

Clubs during the week:-

Monday: Zumba, dancing dimensions 9:30-10:15. Contact Caroline at [dancingdimensionsuk@gmail.com](mailto:dancingdimensionsuk@gmail.com) for more details.

Tuesday: Music group for 0-5 year olds. 10-11am. Contact Sue at [csrb77@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:csrb77@yahoo.co.uk) for more details.

Over 50s social club 1:45-4pm. Contact Angie Woolsey at [hoppity1102@gmail.com](mailto:hoppity1102@gmail.com) for more details.

RCA theatre company adult drama classes 7:30-9:30pm.  
Contact [RCAstageschool@yahoo.com](mailto:RCAstageschool@yahoo.com) for more details

WI first Tuesday of the month 7:30-9:30. Contact Helen at [helenejenkins@btinternet.com](mailto:helenejenkins@btinternet.com) for more details.

Wednesday: RCA Stage school. 6-9 yr olds 6pm-7:30pm. 10-16 yr olds 7:30pm-9pm. £2 per session. Contact Rebecca at [RCAstageschool@yahoo.com](mailto:RCAstageschool@yahoo.com)

Thursday: Badminton 10:30-12:30. Contact Tracy Lynn at [traceypeachment@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:traceypeachment@hotmail.co.uk) for more details

Whist Drive last Thursday of the month 2-4pm.  
Contact Diane Rushbrook [diane.rushbrook@live.co.uk](mailto:diane.rushbrook@live.co.uk) for more details.

Yoga 6:30-7:30pm. Contact Hannah Burrows at for more details. [hannahburrowsyoga@gmail.com](mailto:hannahburrowsyoga@gmail.com)

RCA Stage school present Aladdin the panto on the 23rd, 24th July at 7:30pm and 25th at 2:30pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. Due to current social distancing rules tickets must be booked in advance. Fun for all the family.

Please keep an eye out on our social media pages for more details of up coming events.

Please contact [Reedhamvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Reedhamvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk) for bookings or enquiries.

## **ZUMBA AT REEDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

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## The Friends of Wickhampton Church

12.

CANCELLED: Teddy Bear Parachute Day, August 2021.

It is, again, with regret that the Friends have decided to cancel our Teddy Bear Parachute Day, due to take place at Wickhampton Church in August 2021. The covid situation is still uncertain, and we're concerned that the Teddies (and toys) would struggle with the required social distancing!

If we could ask everyone to please "bear" with us and keep everything crossed for a bear bonanza in 2022!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL: September 2021

We are planning to hold our second Scarecrow Festival in Wickhampton Church in September this year, as it will be easier to manage any social distancing measures. Watch out for dates and information on how to enter this extraordinary event!

## Cantley Flower Show

There are not many weeks left before our Show on 4th September 2021 at 2pm in Cantley Village Hall. All being well Lockdown will be over and you can enjoy a lovely visit to Cantley. Why not make the effort and enter this year? There are plenty of classes to enter. Full details at [cantley.org/flowershow](http://cantley.org/flowershow) or ring Robert on 01493 701231. We hope to deliver our schedules in Cantley as usual during end of July. See you in September.

## Reedham Gardening Club

A quick reminder that the Reedham Village Show will be held on Sunday 22nd August, entries can be received between 8.30 am and 11.00am.

The sections people can enter are, Flower, Veg, Flower arranging, Cookery, Handcraft, Photography and a Children's section with age groups between 4 to 8 and 9 to 12 year olds.

Please enter what you can, there are no entry fees this year.

To find the full schedule visit <https://reedhamvillagehall.co.uk/gardening-club> to download the 2021 schedule; if you need a paper schedule contact Amanda / Ken on 01493701685.

We would love to see you all on the 22nd of August.

July Jobs:-

- Deadhead **bedding plants** and perennial plants to stop them self-seeding and to encourage further flowering.
- Pinch out **tomato** side shoots each week. Cut off any leaves growing below the lowest ripening fruit trusses to improve air circulation and prevent diseases.
- Resist the temptation to harvest more **rhubarb** stems. Leave the stems in place; this will allow the plant to build up reserves for next year.
- Best job of all, sitting back with a cold glass of your choice and enjoy looking at your garden.

Ken Tungate

## Church Officers

13.

Following the Annual Meetings the following are now the Parish & PCC officers:-

Parish	Wardens	Secretary	Treasurer	Deanery Synod Rep.
Acle	-	Diane Wynne-Fitzgerald	George Nicholls	?
Beighton	Rosemary Whyborn Ann Adey	Kate Ashcroft	Kate Ashcroft	?
Freethorpe	Graham Allcock	Chris Crossman	Lynda Boyle	Tony Edelsten
Halvergate	Nick Butcher	Pam Butcher	Pam Butcher	Pam Butcher
Limpenhoe	John Mules	Chris Fisk	Simon Ash	?
Reedham	Kati Cowen Jonathan Lonsdale	Isla McFadden	Charlotte Lonsdale	Isla McFadden
Wickhampton	Brenda Pawsey Peter Ledward	Brenda Pawsey	Peter Ledward	Brenda Pawsey

### **REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 online via Zoom

There were 6 Councillors present, the Clerk, County Councillor Lana Hemsall, and District Councillor Grant Nurden. 4 members of the public were in attendance. The meeting commenced at 7.35pm

County Councillor Lana Hemsall introduced herself as the new County Councillor for Reedham. At and Extraordinary Meeting Norfolk County Council took the first steps towards approving the Norwich Western Link road. It is acknowledged there are environmental issues to be overcome but the road will be a vital link to Norwich for the North West of the County.

District Councillor Grant gave an update on BDC's AGM. Roger Foulger is the new Chairman and the Vice-Chairman is John Fisher.

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

Some of the regular groups have started to come back to use the village hall now that restrictions have relaxed.

We are planning our first cash bingo on the 12th July at 7.30pm but we are unsure if limited numbers will still be in place.

2 children's play area hand sanitisers have been vandalised.

There were no planning applications to be discussed but the Council supported the licence application for Cannell's by the River, 48 Riverside, NR13 3TE.

The speed sensor was located on Mill Road on approach to the school. The 85% centile was 27.9mph in the 30mph limit, last December it was 25.7mph. 337 drivers were caught travelling between 30 and 35mph (3%), 22 between 35 and 40, and 1 was travelling between 50 and 55mph.

The Council approved two quotes for the repair of the lettering on the American War Memorial and also repair of the fence at the top of the Memorial green, along The Hills.

**Time and Date of Next Meeting** - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 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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### **The Rector's Benefice Report 2020** *(at the request of Wickhampton PCC)*

2020 will be remembered as the (first?) year of the Coronavirus pandemic. A stop/start year dominated by the ebb and flow of restrictions. Planning became simultaneously essential (because of the legal requirement to assess and manage the risks) and impossible. Remembrance Sunday was a case in point: initially it wasn't clear whether any gatherings would be allowed. When it was established that they would, churches and Parish Councils started planning commemorations, with restricted attendance and obligatory precautions. But then we were struck by the November lockdown: services in churches could no longer take place; and only the barest minimum of people could gather outside – but with the unexpected element that it would be permissible to sing!

The year began with Covenant Services with the Methodists; Plough Sunday at Wickhampton; a couple of baptisms at Freethorpe; the Prayer Walk and the start of a Lent Group at Acle. Freethorpe sadly lost Nicky Edelsten in February. At her funeral, some mourners wanted me to shake hands with them at the door, others definitely didn't. I started to wonder if this was something we should still be doing. All too soon it would become clear that this wasn't going to be something we could weather simply by not sharing the common cup at Communion nor shaking hands at the Peace.

Instructions to *Stay at Home* in March put a stop to normal parish life. Gathering in church is so fundamental to us; but managing without it was severely hampered by the guidance not to distribute material to people's homes. Everything was moving on-line; but some didn't have access or were uncomfortable with the technology – and there was no time to put anything else in place. Many had to make do with phone calls and increased provision on radio and television. Practical support was available to those who needed it from Parish Councils and local volunteers – some of them church members. Support was also offered through local foodbanks. Most of us set about acquiring new computer skills. Initially services were posted on the benefice website. But in May, Simon Ash prompted and enabled us to start worshipping by the video meeting platform *Zoom*. Worship could still be live and participative. We benefitted from seeing each other, even if only on screen – indeed the services helpfully brought together people from different churches, with attendance peaking at about 40. We continued *Zoom* services, even when it was possible to hold limited services in churches: this continuity was helpful for those shielding and when later lockdowns were imposed. We also recorded videos for Remembrance Sunday and for our Primary Schools and families at Christmas – thank you, again, to Simon, Kati Cowen, Diana Gilder and all who supported these productions.

We also need to express gratitude to our churchwardens (and those assisting them) who were delegated with the responsibility for making our buildings "Covid secure" for those coming privately during the week, or when physical service were permitted. This was more difficult at Freethorpe; and at Acle, with close pews & three different Saturday/Sunday congregations. Use had to be rationed on an alternate-week basis; seating plans prepared safely to maximise use of the available space; and funerals scheduled away from weekends.

The Rector became the “venue manager”; I'm grateful to Vic Walsham, Rodney Edrich and vergers Tracey Caston for their support; and also to Acle's rejuvenated team of cleaning volunteers: essential for virus control and since dedicated volunteers Maureen and Peter Kingsley stepped down at the year's end. 15.

At first infection rates in rural Norfolk remained relatively low: the restrictions were having a more serious effect than the virus. But we did have a very early taste of what the virus could do, as Mike Brook, who had returned from his annual trip to the USA, contracted Covid 19, was hospitalised and tragically died. Mike had been the key office holder in the Parish of Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley and, as Chair of the Benefice Council, an influential figure in bringing and keeping our Benefice together. He was also a friend to many; and, of course, a husband and father. His funeral had to be held at the time when services were graveside only, with very limited mourners – a somewhat stark, if intimate experience. But people responded, as people often did, by doing the best they could in the circumstances: lining the route in a way that was deeply appreciated by the family. Credit also to Limpenhoe, Southwood & Cantley PCC, which quickly and effectively regrouped.

As might be expected, numbers of funerals held up – but it was an extra-difficult year to lose someone. Strangely, many of the earlier funerals were at Cantley, sadly including church members Mary and (daughter) Rosemary Hanton: Rosie Bedding's flowers will be missed at Reedham; while Freethorpe lost Dorothy Grint and Acle, stalwart Evelyn Elliott. Weddings were mostly postponed, although I did still celebrate two: a summer one at Acle Church; another, after gaining the required licence, in a Reedham home.

Despite the pandemic, Wickhampton's composting toilet was completed before lockdown, in February. The Acle thatch appeal was only just beginning with a generous donation from the *Winter Beer Festival*. It was a very difficult year to be fundraising: all the more impressive that Rodney Edrich oversaw both securing the funds and completing the work before another winter struck. Beighton's rethatching and improvements were already in progress; work was able to continue, although there were delays. We were able to celebrate completion at a special service with Bishop Alan in October. Fabric Officer and Treasurer Kate Ashcroft is to be congratulated for steering and securing the funding for what turned out to be a £350K, 6-year project, resulting in a much more attractive, watertight and useable church building. Halvergate Church is also looking much better, following its replastering. Thank you to all who looked after our church buildings during the year; including Michael Turner, who stepped down at Acle – but not before he'd seen completion of the final aspects of the much-delayed boiler project.

As well as the difficulty of fundraising, the reduced number of church services affected parish income. Thanks to the efforts of PCC Treasurers and those who took steps to continue their giving, whether by bank transfer or other means, the situation was not as bad as it might have been. We paid two-thirds of our Parish Share, which, given the conditions, sounds like quite an achievement – Reedham (almost) and Limpenhoe, Southwood & Cantley paid in full. Across the Diocese the figure was slightly higher, at 72%; but the anticipated deficit of some £650K sounds more serious. This prompted a programme to reduce central costs and clergy deployment, suspending our house for duty post at Reedham, pending a likely decision to remove it.

At the end of the year we are far from out of the woods; but we can thank God for bringing us through 2020: not without loss, but not without gain either; and in good humour and good heart. Thank you to everyone who made that possible. Not as much happened as in a normal year; but (rather like the length of this report!) a lot more went into anything which did.

Martin Greenland (*Abridged version – in full on ABY website*)



Right: The Walpole Almshouses, celebrating their 150th anniversary this year.



Below: The Acle Prayer Walk.



Below: The Reedham Ringers at last back in action!



**CLIMATE SUNDAY  
OUTDOOR SERVICE  
REEDHAM CHURCH**  
25<sup>th</sup> July 11am

JOIN US IN THE GLORIOUS  
OUTDOORS –  
CELEBRATE CREATION,  
COMMIT OURSELVES TO  
CARING FOR IT, &  
ASK GOD'S HELP IN DOING  
SO.

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR AND  
POSSIBLY AN UMBRELLA.

It will be great to see you for the service  
and coffee, cake and chat afterwards.



**St. Botolph's Church  
LIMPENHOE**



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 a.m.

**Sea Sunday**



The Benefice will be celebrating Sea Sunday with a family friendly, nautically themed service, to which everybody (especially the children) will be warmly welcomed.