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From the Rectory

The Diocese is offering us 40 prayers for the 40 days of Lent: subscribe, and a fresh prayer will arrive in your inbox each day. This particular theme has been inspired by our concentration this year on *deeper prayerfulness*: one of the strands of the Diocesan Vision.

While all prayers are prayer, not all prayer involves prayers! Prayer doesn't have to deploy words at all: it can simply be consciously being in God's presence. St. Paul writes about the Spirit praying within in us, especially when we don't know how to pray or what to say. Even if we do use words, we don't have to resort to the kind of formal language and approach we tend to assume when we think of "prayers". God doesn't require us to use a special language for him to understand us or give us a hearing: we are free to use our own words. Yet when Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them to pray, he taught then a formal prayer – the Lord's Prayer – so he must have thought there was something to gain from praying "prayers".

Although we may feel that a formal prayer better expresses what we might want to say, I don't think that's the main point. As I say, our faltering speech is intelligible and acceptable to God; although the elegance and beauty of some prayers is something to delight in – just as we might find joy in a hymn, or a worship space, or liturgical ceremonial – offering the best to God. Rather, prayers help shape our praying. It's quite likely that a prayer won't express exactly what we want to say, but will stretch us, take us beyond that. We can see that in the Lord's Prayer, which is sometimes thought of as giving us a pattern for prayer. If we are anxious to get on with bringing our wants before God, the Lord's Prayer reminds us that prayer begins with our desire for God and what God wants: hallowed be your (thy) name; your kingdom come. If we come with something on our conscience and want God to repair our relationship with him, it directs us to also pay attention to our relationships with others: forgive us our sins (trespasses) as we forgive those who sin against us. As one beautiful prayer asks, prayers have the ability to impart to us thoughts better than our own thoughts [Milner-White & Briggs: Daily Prayer].

There is also something to be found in prayers about the way we approach God. *Our Father* is both familiar *and* respectful. We might talk to God/Jesus as "our best mate"; but it might not always be appropriate to address the creator of the universe / judge of the world in that way! In the courts, formal language is used in recognition of the authority of the system: so with addressing Almighty God. Although that title is arguably overused in our tradition: alternative attributes, or appeal to a particular person of the Trinity can help mould our disposition in prayer. The above-quoted prayer is addressed, *O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life*…

Prayers from the Christian tradition also remind us that we never pray alone: we are joined in prayer not only with whoever composed the prayer (if we know) but with all those who have prayed it, or are praying it, or will pray it: in circumstances possibly rather like ours, maybe very different, but praying to the one God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So I encourage you to subscribe (<u>dofn.org/40Prayers-signup</u>); and pray that together we may wonder at God's *inestimable love*, that he may lighten our darkness, meet us in his Son, and order us in all our doings.

PS: can you identify the four prayers referenced in the final paragraph?

Meetings of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens:

Sunday 6th: 9.20am at Limpenhoe, 12 noon at Freethorpe; Saturday 26th: 11am at Beighton; Sunday 27th: 10.15am at Halvergate; Sunday 3rd April: 12 noon at Reedham.

The Rector needs to receive nomination forms before the start of the meeting. A Joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting (for the whole benefice) will be held at 1.30pm on Sunday 8th May at Reedham Church.

Parish Registers Funeral

We commend to the keeping of God:

Dawn-Marie Nixson, aged 52, on 4th February at St John the Baptist, Reedham

March and April Events

- We have an invitation from Acle Methodist Church to Shrove Tuesday Just Desserts: an evening of conversation and puddings (pancakes!). Bring something to share if you wish. 7.00pm Tue 1st March.
- World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March, 2.00pm at Acle Methodist Church. This year the home nations have provided the worship material. All welcome, including men (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer).
- World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March, 2.30pm at Freethorpe Methodist Church. All welcome.
- On Friday I I th March, 2.30pm at St. Edmund's Church Hall: Gareth Phillips, Elder at the United Reformed Church on Ipswich Road, will talk about his trip round the U.K. on just his Bus Pass; and how the Holy Spirit has led him and lifted him up through difficult times (he lost his wife to pancreatic cancer).
- On Thursday 7th April, 7.30pm at Acle Methodist Church, Canon Susanna Gunner (Norwich Diocesan Spirituality and Discipleship Adviser) will look ahead into Holy Week, focussing on the figures of Judas Iscariot and Simon of Cyrene, exploring, with the help of art and poetry, what they may have to teach us.
- 40 prayers see Rector's letter.

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Reedham Ringers

You may have heard the bells at St John the Baptist, Reedham ringing regularly on a Sunday morning and the Reedham band continue to enjoy this fascinating, sociable and fulfilling activity.

We practise every Monday afternoon at 4pm, and if anyone is interested in what we do, please get in touch and we can arrange for you to come and visit the tower. Anyone can learn to ring and we have a great teaching facility and qualified teachers in Norwich who can help. There are some leaflets on the table in the church which provide more information.

We do offer sponsored rings. If you would like the bells rung to mark a special occasion, perhaps an anniversary, the birth of a child, an engagement, a special birthday, then for a donation to church funds we will try to oblige. Just ask.

Mary Jones <u>mary.jones@bellringing.org</u>

Michael Brook Memorial Concert

A memorial concert is being held at Reedham Church on Saturday 2nd April at 6pm to remember the life of Michael Brook. All are welcome and, as we hope to offer refreshments, it would be helpful if you could let Ann Brook (01493 700259) know if you hope to attend. Michael died two years ago on 2nd April, which was also his Wedding Anniversary.

The music will include Parry's 'I was glad' and Fauré's 'Requiem', sung by the Acle & Bure to Yare Choir, and instrumental solos. More details in the April edition.

Royal British Legion, Acle & District BranchAt the February 4th meeting of the Acle Branch of the Royal British Legion its president Peter Kingsley presented a certificate of thanks to Michael Gould who has been playing the cornet at various local Remembrance Day services in the region for the past 70 years. Michael is a former Market Gardener who hails from a very musical family which possessed a variety of instruments; and Michael specialised in cornet playing.

On Wednesday 9th February at the Acle Army Cadets Hall the president of the Acle branch presented to Lieutenant Shane Abel, officer in charge, a certificate in gratitude for the sum of $\pounds 1,142$ collected by the cadets during the Poppy Day appeal.

The next meeting of Acle Branch of the RBL will be held as usual in the Bure room of the Acle Recreation Centre.

Any interested members of the public are invited.

John Kenny

World Day of Prayer

The service for World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) is at Freethorpe Methodist church on Friday 4th March at 2.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Janet Church and Corinne Hill

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MARCH CALENDAR

Reedham Cl Tuesday I st	7.00pm	nshine Educare Just Desserts – Acle Methodist Church Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall
	10.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	WEDNESDAY Holy Communion – Acle Evening Prayer – Reedham Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall
Friday 4 th	2.00рт 2.30рт	World Day of Prayer – Acle Methodist Church World Day of Prayer – Freethorpe Methodist Church
SUNDAY 9.30 9.20 9.30 11.0 11.0 11.0 11.0 12.0	6th am am 0am 0am 0am 0am 0am 0am	00pm Roman Catholic Mass at St Edmund's, Acle Ist of Lent Morning Prayer – Halvergate Meeting of Parishioners - Limpenhoe Holy Communion – Limpenhoe Morning Worship – Acle Morning Prayer – Beighton Morning Prayer – Reedham Holy Communion – Freethorpe Meeting of Parishioners - Freethorpe
Monday 7 th Friday 11 th Saturday 12 th	7.30pn 2.30pn 7.30pn * 9am –	LE LIBRARY DAY n Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall n Gareth Phillips talk – Acle Church Hall n Film Night: 'Spencer' – Reedham Village Hall 12 noon Acle Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall n Reedham Garden Club AGM – Reedham Village Hall
SUNDAY 8.00 11.0		2nd of Lent Holy Communion – Acle Benefice Service – Limpenhoe
Wednesday Saturday 199	7.30pn	OUTLOOK COPY DATE n Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall n Ceilidh – Beighton Village Hall
SUNDAY	•	3 rd of Lent

Saturday 26th 10.30am to 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-In – Beighton Church **9.** 11.00am Meeting of Parishioners – Beighton Church

SUNDAY 27th	4 th of Lent/Mothering Sunday
8.00am	Holy Communion – Acle
9.30 am	Morning Worship - Limpenhoe
9.30 am	Matins – Halvergate
10.15am	Meeting of Parishioners – Halvergate
11.00am	Holy Communion - Beighton

Looking forward into April:-

Saturday 2nd 6.00pm Memorial Concert – Reedham Church

SUNDAY 3rd	5 th of Lent Passiontide begins
9.30 am	Morning Prayer – Halvergate
9.30 am	Morning Worship – Limpenhoe
9.30 am	Holy Communion – Wickhampton
11.00am	Morning Worship – Acle
11.00am	Morning Prayer – Beighton
11.00am	Morning Worship – Freethorpe
11.00am	Holy Communion - Reedham
12 noon	Meeting of Parishioners – Reedham

Womens' Night Out

On March 2nd 7:30pm the Speaker will be Mary Jones with Handbells

Norwich Passion Play

Did you miss out on being part of the Reedham Passion Play, maybe through lack of time or lack of confidence? Then why not be a part of the Norwich Passion Play 2022 to be performed on Easter Saturday 16th April, in the Centre of our fine City. Please contact Rachel Hobson on 07712670928 for full details.

Jillian Buckingham

Reedham and the Coronation 1953 DVD

Many thanks to all Reedham residents, those from the surrounding villages, ex Reedham residents both near and far throughout the UK and beyond, and all who have contributed generously to the sales of the Coronation 1953 DVD. To date your efforts have raised the fine sum of £330 which has been presented to Reedham School to aid their funds. Best wishes to you all.

John and Jean Hipperson

Silver Jubilee Pictures

John Hipperson is doing a marvellous job of restoring and digitalizing the photos Les Fisher took (on slides) of Reedham's Silver Jubilee celebrations. I have also dug out and scanned prints of the pictures I took. We are hoping to put these together and have a screening; possibly at the church as part of the Jubilee celebrations. Do any of the rest of you have pictures we could use? It is great fun spotting faces from 45 years ago. Oddly enough, we all looked much younger then. Kati Cowen

Reedham Village Hall

Cash Bingo Monday 21st March at 7:30pm. Please check posters for jackpot details.

Film Night: Showing on the big screen Spencer starring Kristen Stewart as Princess Diana During her Christmas holidays with the Royal Family at Sandringham Diana decides to end her troubled marriage to Prince Charles. Showing on 11th March at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £5. Book by online at https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/reedham-community-association or call 01493 701107.

Sunday 10th April 1:30pm - 15:30pm Easter egg hunt for 5 under and over 6's cost £2 per child. Come along anytime. Tombola, games, crafts, refreshments and more! Fun for the whole family.

Reedham Village Hall will be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Firstly, on Thursday 2nd June at 9:45pm there will be the Jubilee Beacon lighting on the playing field and the RCA Stage School and Theatre Company will be singing the new 'A song for the Commonwealth' after it's lit. On Sunday 5th June from 6pm we will be having an evening to celebrate and watching clips from the Coronation in Reedham DVD on the big screen. More details on events to follow.

OVER FIFTIES CLUB AND LOTTERY NEWS

The time seems to be flying by again. January has been a month with a lot of members having birthdays, so we have had food and birthday cake in abundance. Thank you to every one that has helped with food. On February 15th we will be holding our club Valentine's Day so members will enjoy buffet refreshments and Valentines cake. All refreshments are included in the £2.50 per week subscription. Our first monthly cash raffle was held at the end of January, members can buy tickets and the total money taken is split 50/50. Two lucky members won £25.00 each. The next cash raffle is March 1st. We have gained another two new members this month.

Two members Bob & Dennis bought the club some bingo books for which we are very appreciative.

Pat Bloom retired from our committee this month after many, many years of helping the club. Pat was given a special card and gift thanking her for everything she has helped with to make our club successful. Enjoy just being a member Pat you deserve the rest. If you want to join us come along to Reedham Village Hall 1.30pm, the club is held every Tuesday and we start at 2pm. You can make new friends and perhaps catch up with old ones as well. It is £7.00 for the year and £2.50 per week. Refreshments are served during the afternoon when members get to have a catch up with friends. You will be made very welcome. Our club is open to all villages not just Reedham. If you want to come and don't drive let us know and if we have a member in your area we will do our best to sort it for you.

LOTTERY NEWS - At the time of going to press the jackpot has not been won and so far as run for 5 weeks so the prize is growing. If anyone would like to join it is $\pounds 1$ per week and is open to non - members as well. Just give me a ring to join.

Angie Woolsey Secretary/Treasurer



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Reedham Gardening Club

Jobs for the garden in March

Finish pruning roses early in the month.

Sow hardy annuals.

Pick off seed heads on Daffodils and other spring bulbs.

Plant summer flowering bulbs in pots and borders.

Now is a good time to divide and replant perennials.

Feed shrubs such as Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias with an ericaceous fertiliser.

Keep an eye on new fresh growth of plants for pests(slugs & snails) and remove them before infestations occur.

Sow Tomatoes, Chillies, Peppers and Aubergines in pots indoors.

Plant Onion, Shallot and Garlic sets.

Plant early Potatoes.

Early sowings of Carrots can be sown under cloches.

Parsnips can be sown once the soil has warmed up.

Keep your plot clear of weeds.

Reedham Village Show 2022

The show this year will be held on Sunday 4th September at the Village Hall. Categories include cookery, photography, handicrafts, vegetables and flowers, floral arrangements. The schedule is available on the Village Hall website. We look forward to seeing you.

Reedham Village Show AGM

The Garden Club will hold an AGM on Saturday 12th March at 2pm in The Glover Lounge. This is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to add to or change the show schedule to let us know. New committee members will be welcome.

Reedham Women's Institute

Reedham and District WI have resumed their monthly meetings at the village hall. Our next talk is on Ist March at 7.30pm. Jean Clarke will be coming to talk to us and lead us in a session of Laughter Yoga. If you feel in need of a laugh in the company of local women, then why not come and join us? Visitors are welcome, but please let us know in advance if you are thinking of attending. We also have a programme of regular walks, lunches out, visits to places of interest, theatre trips, craft sessions etc. We are a friendly bunch and would love for more to join us.

Mary Jones reedhamwi@btinternet.org

The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, at St Edmund's Church, Acle 14.

How lovely it was, on Sunday February 6th, to have our Ancient Parish Church so beautifully decorated with flowers and flags to commemorate the day a young princess suddenly, perhaps unexpectedly, became a Queen; a Queen who has worked tirelessly to fulfil what she has prayerfully discerned to be her duty, both to her Church and to her country, as well as to the wider world.

How lovely too, to see so many happy, smiling faces, old friends and new, coming together over Biscuits and Bunting, in true C of E style! It was a joyous occasion. So let us all now nurture that expression of Love and Goodwill, so that the Church may once again become the Cornerstone of our community, as we proclaim Christ to be our Cornerstone.

As we prayerfully attempt to discern, like the young Queen, what may be our duty, each one of us would surely benefit by taking to heart the words of the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu- 'every day is a new opportunity to begin again'. Let us embrace every opportunity, however small. Let everyday be our Accession.

Sincerely, Jillian Buckingham

Blaze highlights value of our churches

The dramatic scenes of the recent terrible fire which ravaged St Mary's Church, Beachamwell serve to highlight the value of our beloved village churches.

They are landmarks in neighbourhoods, providing them with an identity of their own, both visually and spiritually. This was reflected in the many who attended an impromptu outdoor service held in Beachanwell recently when the community attempted to come to terms with the sudden destruction.

Their roof lead theft had left serious damage which parishioners had worked tirelessly replacing, only to have their efforts thwarted by the cruel fate of a fire.

Our Norfolk landscape would be poorer without such churches and local efforts to sustain them deserve encouragement and support.

These extracts written in a letter to the Eastern Daily Press newspaper sadly reminded me of that similar fateful day when fire ravaged St John the Baptist Church at Reedham. Many will remember when villagers watched in horror as the thatched roof blazed and the subsequent tireless efforts of our dedicated team of members in restoration to its present glory.

Brenda Pawsey

Yes, I think it brought a lot of memories back for all of us. The question is, would they actually be wise to rebuild, says the Church Warden with a leaking roof, a large church building to maintain and a very small congregation. I am sure village sentiment would be all behind it - but will they still be prepared to support the costs in, say, 40 years' time?

Limpenhoe Services - March and April

Sunday 6th March Holy Communion (led by Martin) Mothering Sunday 27th March there will be a family service led by Sarah Mules Sunday 3rd April - Morning Worship led by Sarah Easter Day - 17th April - Family worship led by Sarah All at 9.30am.

Chris Fisk

CANTLEY FLOWER SHOW 2022 (Not just flowers)

Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 2pm in Cantley Village Hall. Please put this date in your diary. Have you started chitting your seed potatoes yet for this year's crop? Have you finished preparing your vegetable plot as planting will start soon? Now is a good time of year to complete those handicraft items that you started during lockdown. We look forward to seeing you in September. All enquiries to Robert (Chair of Cantley Flower Show Committee) 01493701231 or go to Cantley.org/flowershow.

Cantley & District W.I.

In January, apart from our usual meeting, several of our members went to the marvellous production by the Norfolk and Norwich Operatic Society of The Sound of Music at the Theatre Royal. We also had a Lunch Club outing at The Reedham Ferry and an 'avoiding muddy boots' walk around Brundall.

Our next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the 16th March in Cantley Village Hall. We will not be having a speaker but instead it will be a DIY evening meaning that we will entertain ourselves with maybe a Quiz or something similar.





METROP

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Above: A recent walk at Ranworth with Reedham and District W.I.

Below: Sunday 6th February - the Reedham Ringers celebrated the Queen reaching her Platinum Jubilee by ringing at Reedham Tower.



Acle and District Royal British Legion

Below: Peter Kingsley presenting Lieutenant Shane Abel, officer in charge of the Acle Army Cadets, a certificate in gratitude for the sum of \pounds 1,142 collected by the cadets during the Poppy Day appeal.



Right: President Peter Kingsley presenting a certificate of thanks to Michael Gould who has been playing the cornet at various local Remembrance Day services in the region for the past 70 years.

