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Reedham Church

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OUTLOOK

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From the Rectory

3.

There's a point when you're growing up when you realise that some children are more privileged than others: living in larger houses, holidaying in different places. For me there was also a dawning that, although I wasn't one of the privileged amongst my peers, on a global scale I certainly was. What was that accident of birth that meant I wasn't one of the starving children in Ethiopia? Why was I growing up in England, rather than India? Later, I started to wonder why there were such inequalities in the world; coming to understand that rich countries and businesses have the power to make the rules and pursue policies which keep the poor poor; and that our higher standards of living in Great Britain might have something to do with the way we exploited the rest of the world in previous centuries. But what could I do about that? I decided I would buy and promote Fairtrade; and set up a standing order with a development charity so that some of my income would benefit the less advantaged in the world.

Something similar can be true for an organisation. The Anglican mission organisation USPG has been looking into its archives – discovering that it in its early years it owned slaves.

Revelations about the slave trade are highly disturbing – or should be. I was reading recently about yellow fever, which was active in the plantations in the Caribbean and Americas. Because West Africans were less likely to die from it, they were more desirable as workers; but because of high death rates from the gruelling conditions, a steady stream of new labour was required. Slavery existed in previous centuries and within Africa itself; but European colonial powers took it to a new level: human beings were treated as a commodity, forming one leg of the trade triangle which brought us the sugar and other plantation products we craved, and provided a route for us to export our manufactured goods to Africa, there to exchange them for enslaved people.

While we might try to shrug this off as the sin of our ancestors, it might look different to someone from the Caribbean – especially if they perceive that such past exploitation lies at the root of our privileged position today. Past events colour present politics – and relationships. USPG is in partnership with the Church of the Province of the West Indies: it's a PhD student from there who will be continuing the research into USPG's history. One step on the road to reconciliation, in any situation, is attempting to come to a common understanding of the past, appreciating how the other party sees it.

I'm writing this with the season of Lent in mind: when we acknowledge not just our personal misdemeanours, but the wider sin in which we share; when we are called to seek reconciliation with God and our neighbours; and when we need to ask ourselves, what are we going to do about it?

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

We commend to God's keeping:-

Hazel Margaret Trevors, aged 87, on 3rd February at St Botolph's, Limpenhoe

Brenda Muriel Webb, aged 90, on 6th February at St John the Baptist's, Reedham

Joyce Sylvia Pearl Springall, aged 94, on 9th February at St Peter and St Paul's, Halvergate

Holy Baptism

Isack Sebastian Brown on 5th February at St John the Baptist's, Reedham

Janet Church

The Benefice is saddened by the sudden death of Janet Church in late January. Janet was a mainstay of the Church and the village of Freethorpe. Many will have been touched by her faith, her pragmatism, wisdom and loyalty. We will miss her greatly and sincere condolences go to Janet's family, many friends and colleagues. Her funeral will be on Monday 6th March at All Saints', Freethorpe at 2pm. As a large congregation is expected, it is hoped that the service will be relayed into the churchyard in case all cannot get in to the church.

Death Announcement

Elaine Mutton aged 66, Riverside, Reedham. Died 1st February, peacefully at home. *Our deepest sympathy to all her friends and family. At time printing, we do not have a date for the funeral. Ed.*

Parish Share

Parish Share is the main source of funding for ministry across the Diocese of Norwich: the final figures for 2022 have been published. As a benefice we contributed 81% of what we were asked (86% in 2021); thank you to all who give to their local church. Congratulations to the parishes of Reedham; Limpenhoe, Southwood & Cantley; and Beighton-with-Moulton for paying in full; and to Freethorpe and Halvergate-with-Tunstall for improving their position (compared with 2021).

Across the Diocese, the total was 84% of what was asked: an encouraging improvement on 2021, but still well short of pre-Covid 2019.

Parish Notes

Lent

Each Thursday in March, 11.00am at Tunstall Church: *Encounters with Jesus*.

Acle Churches Together will be meeting 4.00-5.00pm at St. Edmund's Church Hall on the following dates, to share our thoughts on the daily reflections in *Dust & Glory* (see CofE.io/DustAndGlory): Wed 8th March, Fri 24th March and Maundy Thursday 6th April.

Holy Week 2nd - 8th April

Palm Sunday: services at most churches (but not Limpenhoe) - see the Calendar.

Monday 11.00am at Norwich Cathedral: *Bishop's Christ Eucharist* with the blessing of oils and renewal of ministerial vows (lay people welcome);

8.00pm at St. Edmund, Acle: *Compline* (Night Prayer).

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Tuesday 7.30pm at St. Edmund, Acle: *Stations of the Cross* (the Revd Peter Glanville). **7.**

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm at Halvergate: *Holy Communion*.

Good Friday 10.30am at Acle Methodist Church: service, followed by *Procession of the Cross* to St. Edmund's Church Hall;

7.30pm at Reedham: *The Passion of our Lord according to St. Mark*, music by Charles Wood, sung by the Benefice Choir.

Easter Eve 7.00pm at Tunstall: *The Easter Fire* (all welcome to refreshments from 6.15pm at Manor Lodge).

On **Easter Day** there will be services at Fishley (5.45am), Acle (8.00am) and Freethorpe and Limpenhoe (both 10.30am).

The Benefice Service at 10.30am on Sun 12th March will hopefully (if the Spring weather obliges!) give us a chance to appreciate the Daffodil Path planted by the Friends of Limpenhoe Church in memory of Michael Brook, churchwarden and chair of our Benefice Council, and an international expert on daffodils.

If you would like to contribute to the efforts of the Friends, there is a churchyard working party there 9am - 12 noon on Sat 25th March.

Recycling Tablet Blister Packs

Despite Superdrug's website saying "Start collecting your little packs now and start making a big impact!" it's clear that making a big impact is the last thing Superdrug pharmacies want to do. I understand from parishioners that if you turn up with anything other than a tiny quantity of blister packs for recycling you are challenged as to whether they all originate with you and then turned away. That's not going to help the planet. Of course, it would be great if the packaging were easier to recycle - but that's down to the drug companies. It would be good if there were collection points at the Medical Centre and Well Pharmacy: Well acknowledged receipt of my e-mail, but didn't reply. I've now contacted Veolia to see what would be required for a local collection. In the meantime, I'm afraid we will have to suspend our collection of blister packs in our local churches. But do take your own to Superdrug in Norwich or Gorleston if you can.

Martin

Defibrillator

A defibrillator has been installed at the Reedham Ferry Inn next to the disused red telephone box.

The Funds for this vital equipment were raised by local businesses and generous parishioners along with a grant from British Heart Foundation.

The money was initially raised to help with the reopening of the Permissive Path but were not required as funds were found from other sources.

So after consultation with the other fundraisers we decided this was a useful way to spend the money.

Some online CPR training is available at bhf.org.uk/revive if anybody is interested.

Thank you to all who contributed to the fundraising.....

The Permissive Path continues to be used and enjoyed by many

Pat Bagshaw

MARCH CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: Sunshine Educare

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church

1.30pm Reedham Over 50s Club

Wednesdays 2.30pm Pop In – Freethorpe Methodist School Room

Thursdays in March – 11.00am Encounters with Jesus – Tunstall Church

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Wednesday 1st 7.00pm Acle Branch RBL – Bure Room, Acle Recreation
Centre

Friday 3rd 7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
2.00pm WDP Service – Acle Methodist Church
2.30pm WDP Service – All Saints', Freethorpe

SUNDAY 5th 2nd of LENT

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

9.30am Holy Communion - Limpenhoe

11.00am Morning Prayer - Beighton

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion - Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

7.30pm Nomads Quiz – The Ship, Reedham

Monday 6th MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 7th Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 8th 4.00pm Acle Churches Together – 'Dust & Glory'
- Acle Church Hall

Friday 10th 7.30pm Film Night - 'See How They Run' – Reedham Village
Hall

Saturday 11th 9am – Noon Farmer's Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 12th 3rd of LENT

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Benefice Service – Limpenhoe

Monday 13th 7.30pm Reedham (Civil) Parish Meeting – Reedham Village
Hall

Wednesday 15th 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

Thursday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Saturday 18th 8.30am Men's Breakfast – Acle Church Hall
9am – Noon Breakfast Café – Limpenhoe Village Hall
10am – Noon Consultation on Reedham Village Plan - Vikings

SUNDAY 19th 4th of LENT/MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

Monday 20th Cash & Prize Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Friday 24th 4.00pm Acle Churches Together – 'Dust & Glory'
- Acle Church Hall
7.30pm 'Fitch & Pie' (RCA Theatre Co.) Reedham Village Hall
Saturday 25th 9am – Noon Churchyard Working Party – Limpenhoe
10.30am – 12.30pm Drop-in Café – Beighton Church
7.30pm 'Fitch & Pie' (RCA Theatre Co.) Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 26th 5th of LENT

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Matins – Halvergate
11.00am Holy Communion – Beighton

Looking forward into APRIL :-

SUNDAY 2nd PALM SUNDAY

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

Acle & District Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Acle & District Royal British Legion will be a talk and presentation on "The History of the Palace of Westminster (Houses of Parliament)" Starting at 7pm on Wednesday 1 March in the Bure room, Acle Recreation Centre. Teas & light refreshments provided. Free entry. Everyone welcome.

Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers)

This year's Show is on Saturday 9th September in Cantley Village Hall at 2pm. All the usual displays. Full details www.cantley.org/flowershow. Please come and support Cantley. Now is the time to be planting your potatoes. Robert 01493701231.

Consultation!

10.

The Reedham Neighbourhood Plan is nearly complete and as part of the process there will be a consultation from Monday 6th March 2023 to Friday 28th April 2023. The consultation offers a final opportunity for you to influence the Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority for examination.

There will be 2 consultation events where members of the Neighbourhood Plan group will be available to discuss the plan and answer any questions:

Saturday 18th March 2023, 10am-12pm, at Reedham Vikings Social Club, The Hills

Thursday 20th April 2023, 7pm to 9pm, at the Village Hall, Pottles Lane

Copies of the plan will be available at the Village Hall, Doctor's surgery, Post Office, Café, The Ship, Vikings and from the Parish Clerk. It is also available on the Parish Council website - <https://reedhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

An online survey will be available shortly and for the duration of the consultation. Details will be published on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

Comments can also be sent to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Claudia Dickson via email reedhampc@outlook.com or by post to 31 Mill Lane, Acle, NR13 3BJ.

All comments received by 29th April 2023 will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and may be used to amend this draft. A Consultation Statement, including a summary of all comments received and how these were considered, will be made available alongside the amended Neighbourhood Plan.

This Neighbourhood Plan builds on the Community Led Plan that already exists and contains the needs and aspirations for the future of Reedham. The difference is that this document contains planning policies, which will be used to help determine planning applications that come forward within the parish. It is therefore an opportunity to have real influence over how the parish develops in the future.

Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 with legislation coming into effect in April 2012. It gives communities the power to agree a Neighbourhood Development Plan and is an important and powerful tool that gives communities, such as Parish Councils, statutory powers to agree a shared vision and shape how their community develops and changes over time.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be a document that sets out planning policies for the Parish and these will be used, alongside the Local Plans, to decide whether planning applications are approved or not. It is a community document that is written by local people who know and love the area. Once a neighbourhood plan has been 'made', following consultation with residents, examination, and a local referendum, it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the Parish and will be used by the District Council and Broads Authority in deciding on all planning applications in the Parish.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will take place in Cantley Village Hall on Wednesday the 15th of March at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Rosie Wilkin and the subject of her talk - Medieval Flax Production. The competition will be A Pretty Sample of Material.

For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.



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Reedham and District WI group

This month we hosted an interesting talk from Peter Lawrence, a retired Met Police officer, on the social history of policing. Members and six guests attended. We will also be meeting for lunch at Upton later in the month and fielding a quiz team for a Norfolk WI event.

In February, we traditionally make green hearts and display them locally as a talking point to raise awareness of environmental issues. Last year we decorated Reedham church door with origami green hearts and this year we have craft-bombed Reedham school with green fabric hearts (permission was sought from the head teacher!). The children are being encouraged to recycle both at school and at home, and a WI member went in and talked about the new facility for recycling soft plastic wrappings (clean crisp packets, bread wrappings, sweet packets etc) that can be deposited at Acle Co-op and other collection points locally. Each family received a plastic bag and a challenge to fill it and return to school by the end of the month for a joint effort. I hope it will encourage local families to use the new recycling service and further reduce the rubbish that ends up in land-fill.

Our next meeting at Reedham village hall is on 7th March and we will be learning about beer from Lesley George from Humpty Dumpty Brewery. Members only on this occasion.

Mary Jones

Reedham Ringers

We have recently had some work done on our bells at Reedham. Fittings and bits that were last replaced in 1937 have been overhauled and replaced where necessary. The

bells are now easier to ring and should last us a good few more years. They have been hanging there since 1825! **13.**

If anyone would like us to ring for a special occasion such as an anniversary, a special birthday, a new baby or some other significant event, then please get in touch. For a minimum donation of £25, the bells can ring for you!

We usually practise at Reedham church on Monday at 4pm, so if you are interested and you hear us ringing, call in the church and see what we do. Any lapsed ringer or ringing visitors are always welcome to join us, particularly on a Sunday morning to ring before a service. Just send me an email.

Mary Jones mpcjones@hotmail.co.uk

Nomads Theatre Company

We completed all performances of our pantomime Dick Whittington on 27th and 28th January and what a huge success! We took over £1,200 during the three performances and we are overwhelmed with the support for the show. We also received so much positive feedback and the cast are beaming with confidence and pride. Thank you to all involved in getting the pantomime over the line.

We haven't finalised our plans for a summer production, but we will update everyone accordingly. The best way to keep updated is via our Facebook page (and you don't need to be a member of Facebook to read our updates).

Nomads Quiz – Our next quiz will take place at The Ship in Reedham on Sunday 5th March at 7:30pm. The bar will be open and we will run a raffle. It costs £1 per person, with teams of up to 6 people.

Our January quiz raised £62 and the February quiz raised £67. These are vital funds for Nomads.

Fund raising is particularly important at the moment because our costumes and props are stored in a wooden shed with a leaky roof. We lost a lot of the roofing felt a few weeks ago and the roof requires repairing. We also found a lot of our costumes are damaged by damp and we are in need of new storage boxes to help keep our treasured costumes and props safe from damp, mould and mice. If anyone has any plastic storage boxes that they'd like to donate to Nomads Theatre Company, or any donations at all, please get in touch.

To get in touch, please contact Kerri-Anne on kerriannewatson@hotmail.com or 07824468242 or via our Facebook page.

OVER FIFTIES CLUB & LOTTERY NEWS

We had a lovely Burns Night buffet which we incorporated with our birthdays for the month. One milestone birthday was Diane Rushbrook who was 80.

We have gained another new member this month from Acle and some more requests to join our lottery.

We had a Valentine's Day buffet, every member was given a Valentines sweetie bag and

bingo winners had a red rose with their prize. There was a splendid raffle with a cheese and wine basket and lots of biscuits, chocolates ,wine etc., **14.**

Thank you to the committee and various members who bought food for the buffet which all members thoroughly enjoyed.

Our President Jeanne Vernaux passed away unexpectedly on February 8th, her funeral will be February 27th 10.45 at Gorleston Crematorium. If you would like to give a donation this can be made to the Acl Co-op Undertakers who will collate and the money will be donated to Royal Navy Wings. Jeanne will be missed R.I.P.

LOTTERY NEWS - The lottery was won on February 11th by Tina Clayton and she scooped our jackpot of £315.00.

If you would like to join our club come to Reedham Village Hall on a Tuesday 1.30pm you will be made most welcome. It is £3.00 per week and £7.00 a year. Refreshments and a raffle are also included in the price. Once a month we have a cash raffle and a bring and buy sale.

THURSFORD TICKETS

If anyone is interested we have some tickets available please ring Angie on 07585504199. Until next month stay safe.

Angie Woolsey Sec/Treasurer

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.

Now is a good time to divide and replant perennials.

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 sowing of Carrots can be set off under cloches.

Parsnips can be sown once the soil has warmed up.

Keep your plot clear of weeds.

Reedham Village Show will be held on Sunday September 3rd, Entries can be received from 8.30 to 11.00 am. Doors open at 2.30pm, prize giving will be at 3.30pm. To find this year's schedule go to the village hall website to download. If you would like to join the Show Committee please call 701685.

<https://reedhamvillagehall.co.uk/gardening-club>

15.

History Festival?

Reedham is wondering about having a History Festival this year – possibly early June. Any ideas of what might be included? Would other villages like to be involved and put on displays? Any volunteers to help?

Any comments or ideas to Kati Cowen kncowen@tiscali.co.uk or 01493 700915.

Men's Breakfast – Acle

At the Church Hall, Saturday 18th March serving at 8.30am. Full cooked breakfast for £5 a head, followed by a chat about 'Keeping up with Crime' led by an expert. Places are limited: please book by text to 07941 248100 and pay on the day.

Reedham Village Hall

Film Night: See How They Run. 10th March at 7:30pm. In 1950s London, plans for a movie version of a smash-hit play come to an abrupt halt after a pivotal member of the crew is murdered. Tickets cost £5 which can be booked online from www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 01493 701107.

Easter Cash and Prize Bingo 20th March at 7:30pm. Please check posters for Jackpot details.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt 2nd April 1:30pm-3:30pm

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