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The Ascension Window in Acle Church -Ascension Day falls on 13th May this year.

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View from the Pew Greetings from St Edmund's

I'm writing this just a couple of days after celebrating Easter – and there are snow flurries in the air! It, sort of, sums up what a STRANGE YEAR we've all had but, at least this year, we were able to gather to worship on Easter Day – with all the hope the resurrection brings.

Acle Churches Together did meet, via Zoom, for a Lent Course which this year was based around the Diocese of Norwich's "40 words for 40 days". Each day a different word, with an accompanying picture, was presented to us, along with a reflection based on both word and picture – and proved to be, at once, enlightening and challenging in equal measure.

The pictures predictably included some depicting bible stories but included plenty from other sources like 'The Chronicles of Narnia' and 'Wind in the Willows' as well as flowers and wheat fields. The 'words' also varied widely – including quarantine, resilience, vaccine, justice, silence, laughter and sparrow as well as vulnerable, fear and betrayal.

Pictures and words – both provoked much discussion (in the breakout groups that I ended up in during the Zoom sessions), around a wide variety of topics. We may have started out our discussions from a Christian perspective but frequently, perhaps inevitably, we drifted into discussions on what was happening during the pandemic and its effect on our lives - and if, and when, we might return to something approaching our previously-established normality.

Of course we talked about Sir Tom and his amazing achievement in galvanising people, not only into giving in support of the NHS, but also into their own self-sacrificing acts of charity, as well as encouraging us to think beyond 'today' with his "Tomorrow is a good day" motto.

And we often found that we ended up, as in fact so often did the reflection of the day, on the theme of hope – sometimes, even in the most unlikely picture or word ('Bitterly' for example, with its picture of Peter sobbing as he snuck away following his denial of Jesus, encouraged us to see 'hope' in the stones at Peter's feet - pointing to the rock on which the church would be founded).

I'd just completed this 'letter' when the sad news of the death of Prince Philip was announced. He was an inspiration to many – he displayed, what I believe was, sincere and consistent commitment to God, Queen and Country and, through his (D of E International) Awards Scheme, provided much needed real hope to many thousands of young people throughout the Commonwealth.

So that is where I would like to close this message – on HOPE – hope that the hardworking emergency services might find their workload easing, hope that Government targets relating to vaccine roll-out will be met and, especially hope that all of you will enjoy easier days ahead.

Wishing you all, every blessing.

Funeral

We commend to God:-

Noel William Mace, aged 72, on 23rd March at St Margaret's, Cantley

Please also remember in your prayers the family and friends of Ken Adey. The date of his funeral is still to be arranged.

Footpath from Station Road to Reedham Ferry

'Wardy's Way'.....named in memory of Chris Ward.

It is so good to see walkers using the footpath which reopened in September...I have had lots of positive feedback from people who appreciate the views and the tranquillity it gives.....a real asset to our village.

It is also good that the path has been litter free!

A reminder though to dog walkers please keep your dogs on a lead along the whole of the path. There are numerous signs along the way. This request is part of the Agreement between the landowner and Reedham Parish Council.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Pat Bagshaw (Voluntary Footpath Warden Coordinator)

Reedham School - Co-op Local Community Fund

We're delighted that our school community wildlife garden has been chosen to benefit from the Co-op Local Community Fund.

At a time when funds for community groups and charitable organisations are becoming more difficult to access, we're incredibly grateful for this opportunity to make a real difference in Reedham>.

We're raising funds for the Reedham School Wildlife Garden project. We will use the funds raised to encourage children to learn how to grow produce in the garden, we hope to entice wildlife into our garden by planting wildflowers and creating habitats. We hope the project will attract people from our village young and old to join us to learn about and enjoy being outdoors in nature. We will be running Forest Schools activities and asking our community to join in. All this will cost money and we hope to raise enough to establish the garden and pay for its upkeep.

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Deep in my chest, my heart hangs heavy. Oblivious to rest, its beat is regular, Though the pulse is slow, as if weary; Mortality, once distant, looms not so far.

Deep in my chest, my heart feels swollen, Not from vainglory, not from pride; From its vaults hope's key's been stolen, Access to ease or calm denied.

Deep in my chest, my heart's too full, Layered and packed with cries and sighs, Of imagined heartaches - stinging, forceful. I am no physician; hurt I cannot anaesthetize.

Deep in my chest, my heart is sore Bruised by news from home and ward; Harrowing horrors rub a conscience raw -Sincerity sears as I stand and applaud.

How great is the heart of the Doctor or Nurse? Each bears the burden of compassion and strain. A commitment unbending, for better or worse, Wedded to the tenet of conquering pain.

Jamie Mcrobert

NOMADS THEATRE COMPANY - NOTICE OF AGM

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 16th May 2021 - 7:30pm

AGM will take place virtually via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 899 4796 0713

Passcode: 787422

If you do not have access to Zoom or have questions about how to get it set up, please give Kerri-Anne a call on 07824468242.

Alternatively, please contact Sarah Ditcham on ditchy003@hotmail.co.uk for any queries or suggestions regarding the next pantomime or the drama group generally.

Nomads Theatre Company is based in Reedham and have been performing pantomimes and comedy shows for over 20 years. Our next project will be a pantomime in early 2022, with rehearsals on Friday evenings starting in late September. We would love to hear from you and anyone over 10 years old can take part in our pantomimes:)

We can't wait to be back!!!

Kerri-Anne Watson

Apologies - Reedham Holy Communion 25th April I I am

I left out this service from last month's magazine – I think I must have been thinking of something else during the PCC meeting when it was decided. Mea Culpa,

Kati

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MAY CALENDAR

Reedham Charity: Sunshine Educare

SUNDAY 2nd 5th of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion – Beighton9.30am Morning Worship - Limpenhoe

9.30am Zoom Service (contact Rector for details)

11.00am Holy Communion - Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer - Freethorpe

Tuesday 4th 5.30pm Reedham Parish Council via Zoom

Thursday 6th Local Council Elections

SUNDAY 9th 6th of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion - Acle

9.30am Holy Communion - Halvergate

9.30am Zoom Service (contact Rector for details)

11.00am Morning Prayer - Reedham

11.00am Rogation Service with Holy Communion – Wickhampton

Monday 10th - Sunday 18th Christian Aid week.

Thursday 13th ASCENSION DAY

7.30pm Reedham Annual Church Meetings for 2020 & 2021 by Zoom.

SUNDAY 16th 7th of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

9.30am Holy Communion – Limpenhoe

9.30am Zoom Service (contact Rector for details)

11.00am Morning Worship – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer - Freethorpe

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7.30pm Nomads AGM by Zoom

Monday 17th 3.00pm Acle Parish Church Meeting – Church Hall. Thursday 20th 2.30pm Beighton with Moulton St Mary Parish Church

Meetings – Beighton Church

Friday 21st 2.30pm Wickhampton Annual Church Meetings – Church.

8.00am Holy Communion - Acle

9.30am Zoom Service (contact Rector for details)

11.00am Holy Communion - Reedham

Monday 24th 10.30am Freethorpe Annual Church Meetings – Church

Friday 28th 10.30am Halvergate with Tunstall Annual Church Meetings –

Halvergate Church

Saturday 29th 10.30am All Saints' Drop-in Café – Beighton Church

SUNDAY 30th TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Zoom Service (contact Rector for details)

9.30am Holy Communion – Beighton9.30am Morning Worship – Limpenhoe

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer - Freethorpe

Looking into June:-

Sunday 6th 1st after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion - Acle

9.30am Holy Communion - Halvergate

9.30am Zoom Service (contact Rector for details)

11.00am Morning Prayer - Reedham

11.00am Holy Communion - Wickhampton

Rogation at Wickhampton

Not as well-known as Harvest Thanksgiving, but much older, **Rogation Days** are the weekdays leading up to Ascension Day (which this year falls on 13th May). In medieval times processions took place with the aim of driving out evil spirits from the parish; promoting reconciliation within the community; and seeking God's protection for the growing crops. The "bounds" (boundary) of the parish might be walked and "beaten" – helping to lodge it in people's consciousness. In more recent times, the season has been used to bless all human labour, not just working the land. Having been denied Plough Sunday this year, we will mark Rogation at Wickhampton in the I I am service on 9th May (all welcome: please book with a churchwarden). It would take a marshman to beat the bounds of that parish: given that and Coronavirus restrictions we will content ourselves (weather permitting) with blessing the crops from the churchyard.

Martin Greenland

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is going ahead from 10th - 16th May. As this is the second annual Week affected by Coronavirus, support for the charity and those it assists will be particularly welcome.

Anybody can give on-line – and send an e-envelope request to

others: www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/envelopes
Envelopes will be distributed in Acle; since not everybody will feel comfortable calling back to collect donations, we are delighted that Wilkerson's has again agreed to receive envelopes for us. You can also put your donation through the letterbox at the Rectory behind St. Edmund's Church; at 8 Habgood Close; or at 5 England's Road.

We had thought that possibly our first W.I. meeting would happen in June but unfortunately restrictions will still be in place then, so we are looking to July now for our first get together. That is if everything goes to plan!

Meanwhile I hope that this poem 'Smiling Is Infectious' by Spike Milligan will raise your spirits.

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too. I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin. When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him. I thought about that smile, then I realised its worth. A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth. So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected. Let's start an epidemic quick. and get the world infected!

Jane Crossley

Beighton All Saints Drop In

All Saints Beighton are very pleased to announce the return of the monthly drop-in cafe on **Saturday 29 May** from **10:30am** at the church. With the completion of the restoration and improvements project we are able to use the new facilities and look forward to welcoming visitors for coffee and cake, scones etc. whilst enjoying a good old natter under Covid-19 guidelines in place at the time.

Kate Ashcroft

Bee Lines in St Edmund's Churchyard

St. Edmund's Church is participating in Acle Parish Council's "Beeline" project: allowing wildflowers to grow throughout the season for the benefit of crucial pollinators and other insects, as part of a chain of such sites throughout the village. Two delineated areas of the churchyard have been selected: a central area without graves on the south side of the church; and reinstating a former "conservation area" between the Rectory drive and the church hall path. At the end of the season the areas will be cut by volunteers and the cuttings removed: over time this will suppress fertility and improve the flora. See https://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/environment-and-beeline/

M.G.

Missing Link Puzzle Answer

Clay, Head, Reef, Idle, Side, Tube, Isle, Shoe, Road, Iron, Shop, East, Next. The phrase is: CHRIST IS RISEN.

Lyndsay Fisher



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Duke of Edinburgh

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I'm sure many of us will have watched the coverage on the Duke's funeral on Television, but his passing was also marked by a Benefice service on Friday 16th April 6pm at Beighton; and by the tolling (or chiming) of church bells at Acle, Limpenhoe and Reedham on either Saturday 10th or Saturday 17th or both. For obvious reasons it was not easy to advertise the Service, so apologies to those who would have liked to attend had they known about it.

K.C.

Whist Drives, Reedham Village Hall

Fri 21 May 2.30pm in the church

is 846 7676 2430

Beginning with Thursday 28th May, Whist Drives will be held in Reedham Village Hall on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2pm. If any interested in attending have not had their Covid injections, would they please wear a face mask.

Diane Rushbrook (This is presumably dependant on the legislation in force at the time – Ed.)

Parish / Annual Meeting dates	
Acle Mon 17 May 3.00pm in the church hall	
Beighton with Moulton Thu 20 May 2.30pm in Beighton Church	
Freethorpe Mon 24 May 10.30am in the church	
Halvergate with Tunstall Fri 28 May 10.30am in Halvergate Church	
Limpenhoe, Southwood & Cantley Mon 26 Apr 7.00pm by <i>Zoom</i>	
Reedham Thursday 13th May by Zoom	
Wickhampton	

Where the meeting is planned to be held in a church or hall, this is subject to a successful move to Step 3 Coronavirus restrictions: it is possible that the meeting may need to be switched to Zoom at short notice. The meeting id for meetings held by Zoom

Do not attend a physical meeting if you have symptoms of Coronavirus or are isolating. Following the short Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens, we will first hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting deferred from last year (reporting on 2019) and then that for this year (reporting on 2020). You may find downloadable copies of the reports and accounts posted at www.abychurches.co.uk/reports/

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Look after your finished spring bulbs for next year. Once they've gone over, resist the temptation to cut back the foliage. Instead, let it die and break down on its own. This will give you an even better display next spring.

Optimise your watering regime — watering early and late to get the most out of your water — and start collecting and recycling water whenever possible.

Prune penstemons now — cut all the old shoots back to the base, providing there is new growth at the bottom of the plant. If there are no new shoots at the base, cut just above the lowest set of leaves.

Tie in rambling and climbing roses. Laying the stems horizontally will help to produce more flowers.

Continue earthing up potatoes. Pinch out broad bean tips to deter blackfly. Harvest rhubarb, picking only one-third of the total amount of stems.

Have a wonderful time in your garden.

Ken Tungate

REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 online via Zoom

There were 8 Councillors present, the Clerk, County Councillor Brian Iles, and District Councillor Grant Nurden. 4 members of the public were in attendance. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

There are 2 Councillor vacancies on the Council. The Council adopted a Co-Option Policy at the meeting in order to set a procedure for all co-options going forward. The document can be found on the website on the Policies page. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, or want more information on the role and responsibilities, please contact the Clerk.

County Councillor Brian lles confirmed that he will be retiring as at the elections on the 7^{th} May. He was thanked for his service and all that he has done for Reedham over the years.

District Councillor Grant Nurden reported that Broadland District Council is supporting the reopening of local businesses, providing materials (posters, 5m bunting, and floor stickers) and Covid safe certification for premises.

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

The government Coronavirus restrictions relaxed today and the village hall gate was opened again. The village hall is still on target to open its doors on Monday 19th April. We have seen a growth in the use of our outdoor tennis court and new members.

The new disease resistant Elm tree was planted on 29th March on the playing field by John Fleetwood. The Elm tree was gifted by the Tree Council, to celebrate 30 years of the National Tree Warden Scheme. Our thanks to Jo, the tree warden, and her partner for their involvement in suggesting the village hall playing field, and Jo will also undertake the watering of the tree.

The WI contacted us to see if they could plant a tree also on the playing field in memory of people who have died of Covid. This tree is likely to be planted the end of this year or early next year. The tree will be a Walnut tree.

No planning applications were considered but 2 properties have changed their names:

- Tarn Hows will now be Tarn House, 22 Station Road, NR13 3TA
- 2 The Hills is now Avocet House. 2 The Hills.

The speed sensor was located at Newtown measuring vehicles leaving the village. The 85% centile was 43mph, with 4,700 vehicles travelling at between 40-45mph. This is the largest number of speeders recorded in any location.

In April it is located opposite the War Memorial measuring vehicles travelling up the hill. The last time it was positioned here the average speed was quite low, probably due to the number of parked cars vehicles have to navigate.

There are currently no plots available at the allotments but if you would like to go on the waiting list please contact the Clerk or any member of the Allotment Association. Details are on the website or allotment noticeboard.

Please remember to keep your dogs on a lead on the Permissive Path, and under control on all footpaths around the village. All dogs should be on a lead near livestock.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 4th May 2021 at **5.30pm** online via Zoom. 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 Clerk's contact details are: reedhampc@outlook.com, 01493 750254 or 07769 972902

TUNSTALL CHURCH RECEIVES A LIFELINE GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S CULTURE RECOVERY FUND

The church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Tunstall, Norfolk, has received a financial boost from the government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund to fund roof repairs during the coronavirus pandemic.

Lifeline grants from the Culture Recovery Fund are designed to protect heritage sites and ensure that jobs and access to culture and heritage in local communities are protected during the months ahead.

Tunstall (Norfolk) Church Preservation Trust has been awarded nearly £24,000 for essential re-roofing work which will stop water penetration and more harm to the interior – especially erosion of the interior walls and plasterwork. The grant arrived at a crucial point because, if left much longer, damage to the much-loved church would have been beyond repair.

Grants of up to £25,000 are being allocated to cherished heritage sites, like St. Peter and St. Paul, across the country to cover urgently needed maintenance and repairs. This vital funding comes from a part of the Culture Recovery Fund called the Heritage Stimulus Fund and is administered on behalf of the government by Historic England.

As well as rescuing precious heritage buildings in need, the injection of cash will protect livelihoods for some of the most vulnerable heritage specialists and contractors working in the sector.

St. Peter and St. Paul's church is a listed building which dates from the early 14th century and continues to hold a valued place in the community. While the tower and nave have been a picturesque ruin for some 300 years, the chancel and vestry – the area to benefit from the repair and restoration work – have remained in constant use for services, latterly on traditional dates in the rural calendar and for occasional weddings and baptisms. Relatives of generations of local people buried in the graveyard (which is maintained by Halvergate PCC), plus regular walkers and those travelling the Weavers' Way make for a steady stream of visitors to this landmark site.

Robert More from Tunstall (Norfolk) Church Preservation Trust, custodians of St. Peter and St. Pauls, said: "We are delighted to receive this funding from the Culture Recovery Fund. It makes possible the work needed, using a local contractor, to preserve the church – a place of worship held dear in the community and a place of history attracting many to it from far and wide. We are able also now to consider additional uses of the building and further extend its reach."

For more information contact: Robert More of Tunstall (Norfolk) Church Preservation Trust on 07780 684448.





Above: Kestrel in Low Common, Reedham in May 2020

Left: Tunstall Church - see good

news article inside.

Below: Cherry Blossom in Moulton St Mary - photo by Kate Ashcroft

