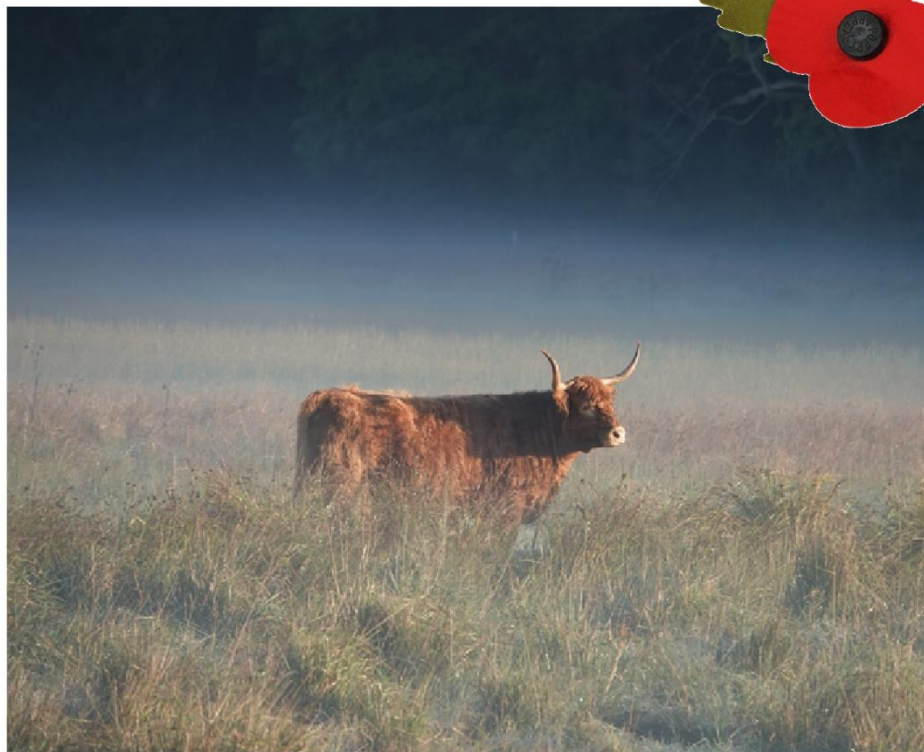




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Within the ecumenical Cambridge Theological Federation there was a joke aimed at my college: How many Westcott House students does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: they wouldn't: they'd write a liturgy entitled "Embracing the Darkness". There's many a true word spoken in jest: I thought it a perceptive dig.

November for me is a month dominated by darkness: we become keenly aware of it after the changing of the clocks. It provides the backdrop for secular fireworks and the Church's celebrations of All Saints and the beginning of Advent.

Human beings are perhaps naturally afraid of the dark. Who knows what it may conceal to threaten us? Something to stumble over; or an unseen assailant, natural, or supernatural – something the secular celebration of Hallowe'en plays on, as November is ushered in. Robbed us of the sense most of us most rely on, our imaginations and fears can fill in the void.

Metaphorically, we all face times and experiences of darkness in our lives – and at its end. So it was for the writers of Israel's psalms. But with God's accompaniment, they find that darkness can be faced and negotiated. Ascribed to David, consider Psalm 23: *though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.* And Psalm 139: *if I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me and the light around me turn to night,' even darkness is no darkness with you: the night is as clear as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.*

In the introduction to his book, *In the Beginning There was Darkness*, theologian John M. Hull points out that although, at the beginning of the account of creation in Genesis 1, darkness was regarded as a horrifying abyss, an amorphous nothingness; by the end, it has been given a name, *night*; and an essential part in God's created order, so that each day begins with it (the Jewish day beginning at sunset).

John Hull had a particular reason for befriending darkness, for he had become blind. It had become the world he inhabited. And, as a theologian, he discovered that much of the Bible had clearly been written by sighted people, for sighted people. Darkness is associated with ignorance, unbelief and evil (in John's Gospel, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night; Judas left to betray him, and *it was night*); while light is linked with enlightenment, goodness and God (Jesus is *the light of the world*). Contrary metaphors (e.g. the association of darkness with intimacy) are neglected.

Astronomers might concur: the light of day, and the light pollution generated by our attempt to turn night into day, obliterate the stars – hence their *Movement for Dark Skies*. Paradoxically, we can see further in darkness.

So maybe November is a time to befriend the darkness, real, or metaphorical. Or if that's too much to ask, at least to accept it as part of the created order; for God is no less present in darkness than in light.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Registers

4.

Funerals

We commit to God's keeping:

Joan Fisher, aged 97, on 26th September at St John the Baptist's, Reedham

Jonathan Charles Curtis, aged 57, on 10th October at St Edmund's, Acle

Norman Douglas Prior, aged 88, on 14th October at St Edmund's, Acle

Parish Notices

Internal redecoration work is taking place in St. Edmund's Church, Acle. Normal Sunday services are continuing, but there will be some restrictions on access. We are also taking the opportunity to save energy by replacing the high-level internal lighting with LED. Thank you to Acle's Conservative Association Local Amenity Trust for a significant grant towards the redecoration and to those who have already donated towards the remainder of the costs. Please let the Rector know if you would like to add a contribution.

St. Edmund, Acle annual Gift Day will be on Saturday 12th November, 9.00am - 12 noon at the Farmers' Market in the church hall. A letter is being delivered to residents. It's possible to give on-line:-

- At www.peoplesfundraising.com/wall/st-edmunds-church-acle (or, if you prefer JustGiving, at www.justgiving.com/aclepcc).
- By bank transfer to "Acle PCC"; sort code 20-99-21; a/c 10402850; reference "Gift Day".

Remembrance Sunday

Various Acts of Remembrance will take place across the Benefice on Sunday 13th November:-

Limpenhoe – 10.45am Service.

Freethorpe – a service at the Methodist Church at 10.50am

Halvergate – an Act of Remembrance starting at 10.50am the War Memorial and then in the church.

Reedham – an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial with the laying of wreathes, starting at 10.55am

Beighton – Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 12.45pm.

Acle – Remembrance Service in the church at 3pm with ACT.

Cantley Parish Council Meeting

At our Cantley Parish Council Meeting Jan Davis from Broadland District Council reported that as from 21st November, Postwick Park and Ride will be reinstated just in time for Christmas Shopping. This may be of interest to other parishes too.

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Royal British Legion, Acle & District Branch

7.

On the evening of Saturday 17th September in the main hall of Acle Social Club the Acle Branch of the Royal British Legion organised an outstanding concert featuring Gorleston Community Choir who sang beautifully a wide variety of songs including 'Bridge over Troubled Water', 'He ain't Heavy He's My Brother', 'Here Comes the Sun' and 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. They also sang songs from the Screen including 'My Favourite Things' and 'Skyfall'.

The highlight of the show was the appearance of Colin Thackery, a British Korean War Veteran and Chelsea Pensioner and singer who in 2019 at the age of 89 won the series of 'Britain's Got Talent' and later in the same year sang at the Royal Variety Performance.

John Kenny

NOMADS THEATRE COMPANY

We are a small group of local people who have been pursuing our love for amateur dramatics in Reedham for over 20 years. We have finished our summer break, and rehearsals for our next pantomime of Dick Whittington began again in October. If you would like to learn about what goes on behind the scenes, or would like to tread the boards, please please, please come along. We would love to have more members and no experience required at all. All ages welcome. We all learn and have fun together, plus membership is only £10 for the entire year.

We meet on Friday evenings at 7:30pm in either Reedham or Cantley Village Hall. You can keep up to date on our locations via our Facebook page. Alternatively, you can call/text Kerri-Anne on 07824468242 or email on kerriannewatson@hotmail.com.

Also, I would like to thank Julia Kilner and Christopher Woolands for organising a fantastic quiz on Sunday 2nd October at The Ship in Reedham to raise money for the Nomads. They had 7 teams and raised a total of **£82.64!!**

The next quiz will take place at The Ship on Sunday 13th November in aid of The Poppy Appeal. The monthly quizzes usually take place on the first Sunday of every month until the spring and usually raise money for the Nomads Theatre Company. Also, special thank you to The Ship for their continued support, and amazing roast potatoes.

Kerri-Anne, Nomads Theatre Company

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Originally this was to be a Do It Yourself meeting but it is just possible that Jan Davis may be our speaker, with the subject 'How councils work'.

The competition is for a Christmas Recipe. New members always welcome. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050.

Ladies Christian Link

We are starting the meetings again (after Covid!) on Wednesday November 16th at 36 The Green Freethorpe. The speakers will be Heidi and Sister Elizabeth Pio talking about their life of prayer and their calling.

It should be a very interesting evening- all ladies welcome.

Janet Church

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: RNLI

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church

1.30pm Over 50s – Reedham Village Hall

Fridays 7.30pm Nomads – Reedham or Cantley Village Halls

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Tuesday 1st 7.30pm Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 5th 6.00pm Reedham Bonfire Night –
Reedham Village Hall/Searchlight Field.

SUNDAY 6th 3rd before Advent

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

Monday 7th 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Friday 11th 7.30pm Film Night – ‘Downton Abbey – a new era’ –
Reedham Village Hall.

Saturday 12th St EDMUND’S GIFT DAY – ACLE CHURCH HALL
9am – 12 noon Farmers’ Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 13th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.45am Remembrance Service - Limpenhoe

10.50am Remembrance Service – Freethorpe Methodist Church

10.50am Remembrance Service – Halvergate Memorial & Church

10.55am Remembrance Service – Reedham War Memorial

12.45pm Act of Remembrance - Beighton War Memorial

3.00pm Remembrance Service (with Acle Churches Together)
– Acle Church

7.30pm Nomads Quiz in support of Poppy Appeal – The Ship,
Reedham

Monday 14th MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

Wednesday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

7.30pm Ladies’ Christian Link – 36, The Green, Freethorpe

7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

SUNDAY 20th Christ the King & St Edmund (Acle)

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate
11.00am Holy Communion – Acle (with Methodists)
11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham
11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

1pm – 3.30pm Reedham Christmas Fayre – Reedham Village Hall

Monday 21st 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 26th 10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-In – Beighton Church

SUNDAY 27th 1st of ADVENT

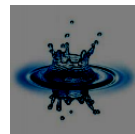
8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Matins – Halvergate
11.00am Holy Communion – Beighton

Looking forward into DECEMBER:-

SUNDAY 4th 2nd of ADVENT

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate
9.30am Holy Communion – Limpenhoe
10.30am Freethorpe Village Hall Carol Service
11.00am Morning Prayer - Beighton
11.00am Morning Worship - Acle
11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham
4.00pm Christingle - Reedham

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Many thanks and may God bless you all.

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Rev. James Gilder – see photo on back cover.

James, who grew up in Reedham, was Licensed as Priest-in-Charge of the large Parish of Wanstead on 6th October, his first parish, by Lynn, Bishop of Barking, and Elwin Cockett, Archdeacon of West Ham, (who, incidentally, told me his grandparents used to live on The Hills, Reedham). We wish James every blessing in his new ministry.

REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

10.

Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 in the Village Hall.

There were 8 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Grant Nurden, and 2 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

A minute's silence was held at the start of the meeting to respect the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils have completed the purchase of the Horizon Building at the Broadland Business Park. Savings have been made for both the running and capital costs. The accounts for last year are now on their website.

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

There were no issues with the play equipment safety inspection for October.

The tennis court root barrier has been put in the ground.

Fundraising: the escape the room weekend was very well attended, money raised goes to the upkeep of the village hall. The September Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won, the jackpot stands for October is at £330 in 58 numbers or less.

26th October there will be a Halloween quiz at 7:30pm.

Bonfire night is on 5th November, starts at 6pm.

2 planning applications were considered:

- a) 20221336 – Area of concrete hardstanding outside existing agricultural buildings at Holly Marsh Farm, Low Common, RN13 3UE. The Council had no comments or objections.
- b) BA/2022/0337/FUL – the erection of a public art sculpture at Land South West of Reedham Ferry Inn, Ferry Road. The Council had no comments or objections.

The Neighbourhood Plan is having its last few amendments and will then be submitted to Broadland for comment. It is hoped the final consultation and referendum will be completed by the Spring. A copy of the plan can be found on the website and all residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

All financial information can be found on the website, including quarterly Actuals vs Budget information.

The funds raised towards the Permissive Path a few years ago are to be spent on a defibrillator at the Ferry Inn.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and noticeboard by the Clerk nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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11th November 7:30pm Film Night – 'Downton Abbey - a new era.' The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa.

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Joan Fisher 1925 – 2022

On 26th September we said a final goodbye to that good friend of Reedham Church and village, Joan. Originally from Portsmouth, she had come to this area at the end of WWII with her husband, Les. Here they had 5 children, and when she died, she had 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. As well as her busy homelife, she was involved in the Older Residents' Club (as it then was), Monday Night at Eight, the Village Show, the Women's World Day of Prayer and Mothers' Union, being the Enrolling Member for many years. She also served as a PCC member and Church Warden, regularly attending Church until the very last few months of her life. The trumpets sound for her on the other side!

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If anyone would like to give Christmas carols on handbells a try, then please get in touch. Simple music-by-numbers is provided and we have a few practices before performances. Some rhythmic ability is required and knowing your right from your left hand helps, although one volunteer did just felt tip R and L on her hands and that seemed to work. Please get in touch if you would like to try. No obligation and if you do not enjoy it, then no harm done.

Mary Jones 01493 701388

Diana Gilder 07799 506809

OVER FIFTIES.

Well, another month of various birthday celebrations, Mick was 80, Jim was 70 and Audrey was 90, we also had various birthdays which were not major milestone birthdays.

Several members went on a free coach trip to Holt & Wells whilst the remaining members went to Acle Bridge for a lovely lunch.

At the end of October we have a Halloween party and members are invited to dress up; this will be on October 25th.

The next special afternoon will be at the beginning of November for Remembrance Day. In the middle of November there is a trip to Thursford Christmas Show.

Indra has been with her various gifts for Xmas which members could order and in November Carol will be bringing along her Xmas cards.

If you would like to join please come along Tuesdays at 1.30pm Reedham Village Hall to meet new friends and old.

OVER FIFTIES LOTTERY

The latest game was won by Bob Pochin, the jackpot was £240.00, and Bob kindly made a donation to the club.

This is £1.00 per week and is open to non-members too, it helps to support our club and we do a donation at Christmas to a charity.

Please ring me if you would like to join.

Women's Night Out

15.

The Women's Night Out meeting on 2nd November at 7 30pm Freethorpe Village Hall will be with Rachel Aitchison making Posey Soap.

Brenda Pawsey

The Year of Matthew

On 27th Nov we start a new church year. In the lectionary (which sets out the weekly Bible readings) this is Year A, when we read principally the Gospel according to Matthew. So, what does he have to say?

A good place to start is at the end (28¹⁸⁻²⁰)! Jesus has been given authority by God the Father; he commissions his disciples, who kneel in acknowledgement. Back at the beginning the Magi also knelt: they came in search of a king – Herod and all earthly powers take note! The Magi were Gentiles; the commission is to *all nations*: Matthew's Gospel is for Gentiles, as well as Jews. But Jesus is the Jewish Messiah: the *Son of David*, to whom the Scriptures point: there is continuity. In fact, Matthew is often very Jewish in his use of the Scriptures as he highlights their fulfilment in Jesus.

Jesus' authority is demonstrated by his teaching: like the giving of the Law of Moses, Jesus speaks from the Mount (5¹). Again, there is continuity: while the commandments Jesus brings go beyond that Law, they fulfil it without abolishing it (5¹⁷). The first Law formed God's people Israel; Jesus forms a new community: the Church (16¹⁸). Disciples baptised into this community are to be taught to follow Jesus' commands (28²⁰) for they teach the way his *little ones* are to live and pray, to love and forgive, to care for one another and conduct themselves in the world, until the coming of the Son of Man. There is material relating to discipline within the Church. Matthew's Gospel is thus concerned with morality, *righteousness*: religious people are to be judged by it, hypocrisy is to be exposed (Chapters 6, 23).

Those outside the church are judged not only on their morality, but on their behaviour towards its members (Ch 25). Here we meet the hard edge (or centre?) to Matthew: on Jesus' lips is often the threat of final judgement and destruction (25^{30, 46}). For the scribes and Pharisees this future judgement means a present lambasting (Ch 23). There is a theory that this Gospel was shaped by the experience of expulsion from the synagogue, as Judaism and Christianity parted company after the destruction of the temple. This most Jewish Gospel is, regrettably, with John, somewhat anti-semitic (27²⁵).

Possibly Matthew's church had suffered at the hands of both secular and religious authorities. As they endure trials and tribulations for his sake, Jesus promises his followers his everlasting presence (28²⁰). From beginning to end, Jesus is *Emmanuel, God with us* (1²²).

Martin Greenland

Readers/Lay Ministers

The sharp eyed among you may have noticed that Vic Walsham and Nicholas Cowen are now described in the 'Who's Who' as 'Lay Ministers' rather than 'Readers'. This is not because their duties have changed – just that it is a bit more self-explanatory. They have been authorised by the Church after 3 years of training to lead services, preach and conduct funerals. They are not, however, ordained as priests – hope this helps.

K.C.

HARVEST FESTIVALS



Above: Limpenhoe Festival, Sunday 2nd October



Above: Bighton Festival, Sunday 25th September



Above: Reedham, Sunday 2nd October



Above: The Revd. James Gilder (right) after his Licensing as Priest-in-Charge at Wanstead Parish on 6th October with the Bishop of Barking (centre) and the Archdeacon of West Ham (left).

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