

Acle: Beighton with Moulton: Freethorpe: Halvergate with Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley: Reedham: Wickhampton

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November Sunset over the Yare Reedbeds at Reedham

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Having been in Acle for 15 years, I was reflecting how the make-up of the congregation has changed in that time: only just over half of the current membership were here when I came. In the intervening years people have arrived and departed. Some have done both: passing through within that period. But Acle is that kind of place: although proud to be a village, it has many of the characteristics of a small town, like facilities and transport, attracting people to move in, or move on. It's a rather different picture at Beighton with Moulton, the other parish I have had cure of since 2008: although people do move in and out of the villages, the turnover in the church congregation has been minimal. When I gained the parishes of the former Freethorpe/Reedham benefice in 2014-15 I found similar stability, soon learning that there are some very well-established local families and many residents haven't migrated far in their lives – it's a dimension of rural ministry I appreciate. Not that it's a uniquely rural attribute: I came across urban areas in South Yorkshire that are equally well-rooted. Just substitute the Working Men's Club for the village hall or pub and mining or steel-working for farming.

Life is sometimes likened to cloth woven on a loom. A loom has two kinds of thread: the fixed warp, and the perpendicular weft which is threaded through them. It seems to me our lives and communities are made up of warp and weft. The warp is the rooted part: family, ancestry, traditions, institutions. Village football, cricket and bowls clubs. Bonfire Night. The Social Club. For many people (not just regular attenders) church is part of the warp: a custodian of tradition; something to go back to at key times; the resting place of cherished members of the family. If the thread of faith runs through our life, it is anchored at the beginning and end in God; he is our source, our ground, our stay and our fulfilment. We are entering a period in the church year when the warp is very much to the fore: All Saints, Remembrance, Christmas.

But warp alone doesn't make a fabric. Running across it is the weft. For us as individuals, the journey to new places; the exploration of new things; the unexpected encounters; the shifting experiences. In our communities, the incomers who bring new perspectives; the new initiatives; the changes forced upon us. The weft brings colour; changes the pattern; makes new connections. The Holy Spirit is the weft in the Trinity: the bringer of new life and direction.

But weft without warp would be no more than a pile of loose threads. Areas of new housing begin as weft: with no centre or history and full of unconnected people (or people whose connections are elsewhere). They need weaving into the local community – where they will influence the pattern as a result. For Swallowtail Place in Acle (with the help of Sista Barrista!) it's likely to happen rapidly; in other cases it may take much longer.

Jesus came from a rural area: he walked the fields with local fishermen. But in his ministry he was rejected at the outset in his home town and at the end in the big city: as an itinerant preacher he pointed people towards their home in the kingdom of God. Yet he welcomed the support of rooted people, like Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany; just as Paul needed the likes of Lydia in Philippi and the church which began in her home.

We need to value both the warp and the weft in our lives and our communities; and the rich patterns they produce.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Registers Holy Matrimony

Caroline Sarah Davies and Graham Jeffrey Woodcock on 23rd September at St Edmund's, Acle.

Holy Baptism

Faye Fisher on 1st October at All Saints', Freethorpe.

Funeral

We commit to God's keeping:

Teresa Trueman on 6th October at All Saints' Beighton.

Parish Notes.

The Rector will be receiving donations for St. Edmund's Church **Gift Day** at the Farmers' Market in the church hall: 9.00am – 12 noon, Saturday 11th November. Because it is Armistice Day, we will be marking the Silence at 11.00 am.

Sunday 12th November is **Remembrance Sunday**. There will be Acts of Remembrance at the war memorials in Limpenhoe (10.45am, followed by a service in the adjacent church), Halvergate (10.50am, followed by a service in church), Freethorpe (10.50am, followed by a service in the adjacent Methodist Church), Reedham (10.55am) and Moulton St. Mary (12.30pm). Acle Churches Together Service of Remembrance will be in St. Edmund's Church at 3.00pm. Cantley Primary School will mark Remembrance in St. Margaret's Church on Friday 10th.

St. Edmund, Acle will mark its Patronal Festival on Sunday 19th November, with an 11.00am service attended by our friends from Acle Methodist Church.

Many people were shocked and saddened to learn during October of the death of Brian Bemment. Brian was organist (and, notably, pianist) at St. Edmund's Church: the professionalism, colour and humour which were a feature of and accompanied his playing will be very much missed. He had also played at a number of other local churches (including Reedham) during his career. He also contributed his financial skills to the running of a number of local organisations over the years, including Acle Voluntary Aid. His funeral was held at St. Edmund's on 26th October; our prayers are with Janet and the rest of Brian's family.

That means that St. Edmund's is currently not only looking for a new **Treasurer** (could you help with that?) but also an **organist** (or for anyone who could play until we get one; there is also a grand piano which would work for some services).

Acle & District Royal British Legion.

The Speaker on the 4th November will be Keith Minns, on Highway Maintenance. It will be in the Bure Room.

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Rehearsals are underway for Wind in the Willows. Rehearsals are every Friday night in Cantley or Reedham Village Hall and we welcome new members throughout the year. We are an inclusive group, with no experience required.

We are performing Wind in the Willows on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th January 2024 at Reedham Village Hall.

If you'd like to be involved with helping behind the scenes or on the stage, please contact us via Facebook or contact our chairperson, Kerri-Anne, on 07824468242.

We have also enjoyed extra quiz nights over the summer and our last quiz on 8th October raised £102.50. Thank you to The Ship for hosting us again.

Our upcoming quiz dates are on Sunday 12th November, 10th December, 14th January, 11th February 10th March and 14th April. at The Ship in Reedham. They start at 7:30pm and are £1.50 per person with teams of up to 6 people.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday November 15th at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Last month our D.I.Y meeting took the form of a very enjoyable quiz. For our next meeting our speaker, Jan Davis, will be talking to us about local politics. Could be quite an eye-opener! For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

Thanks

We wish to thank the Reedham bell ringers for their kindness by ringing a solemn peel for our grandson at St. Edmund's who died tragically and suddenly last week in the USA.

It was a great comfort to us and to our family in America that we were able to record it and send it for his funeral. It was our tribute to him as we were unable to be with our family and there is nothing similar in their area of the US.

Damien Christopher Andrew Morris 10 May 2000 - 3 October 2023

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thank you again and bless you all.

Diane and David Wynne-Fitzgerald

Women's Night Out

Wednesday November 1st 7:30pm - Freethorpe Village Hall

All are welcome to Women's Night Out on Wednesday November 1st at 7:30pm in Freethorpe Village Hall when Andy Carty will talk about The Walled Garden at Little Plumstead.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: RNLI

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church
I.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall
Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Wednesday Ist 7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Thursday 3rd 3.30pm Open Afternoon – Reedham School

Saturday 4th 6.20pm Bonfire & Fireworks – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 5th ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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

II.00am Morning Worship - FreethorpeII.00am Holy Communion - Reedham

Monday 6th Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

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

Friday 10th 7.30pm Film Night – What's Love Got to Do with It?

- Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 11th 9am - Noon Farmers' Market and

St Edmund's Church Gift Day

SUNDAY 12th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.45am Act of Remembrance – Limpenhoe, Memorial then Church
 10.50am Act of Remembrance – Halvergate, Memorial then Church
 10.50am Act of Remembrance – Freethorpe Methodist Churchyard

10.55am Act of Remembrance – Reedham War Memorial

12.30pm Act of Remembrance – Moulton St Mary 3.00pm Act of Remembrance – Acle Church

7.30pm Nomads Quiz Night – The Ship, Reedham

Monday 13th MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

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

Thursday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

SUNDAY 19th 2nd before ADVENT

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate9.30am Morning Worship – Limpenhoe

11.00am Patronal Holy Communion, with Methodists – Acle

I I.00am Morning Prayer – ReedhamI I.00am Morning Worship - Freethorpe

Monday 20th 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 22nd 6.30pm Bingo Evening for Acle Churches Together,

Bure Room

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SUNDAY 26th CHRIST THE KING

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

9.30am Matins – Halvergate

10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton11.00am Holy Communion - Reedham

Looking forward into **DECEMBER**:-

Saturday 2nd I0am – 2pm Acle Christmas Bazaar – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 3rd 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate
9.30am Morning Worship - Limpenhoe
11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

10.30am Village Hall Carols – Freethorpe Village Hall

4.00pm Christingle – Reedham

Reedham Ringers

We continue to practice every Monday at Reedham church and this month have also rung at Acle on 2 consecutive Mondays. On 10th October we rang to mark the introduction of Loss Certificates for babies lost before 24 weeks gestation. Up until now such babies received no official recognition. Campaigners have fought for a change in the law and from October an official certificate can be issued to families that would like one. This has been partly due to the work of the Mariposa Trust, which supports families that suffer the loss of a child. One of their main activities is organising Saying Goodbye Services for anyone who has lost a child at any stage of pregnancy, birth or infancy, whether the loss is recent or happened 80 years ago. The services are held at cathedrals throughout the UK and are open to those of any faith and none. It provides the space to say goodbye supported by others who have experienced the same sadness. Details of their work can be found at www.mariposatrust.org

Mary Jones

(We also rang 'Diminishing Rounds' at Acle on Monday 8^{th} in memory of Damien Morris and on Monday 16^{th} in memory of Brian Bemment. KC)

Family, friends and villagers gathered at the village hall last Friday evening to celebrate lanet's lifetime of involvement and achievements in her home village of Freethorpe.

Nick Spencer chairman of Freethorpe Parish Council welcomed all present and spoke of her knowledge of everyone and everything concerning the village and its history over many years as a Parish Councillor. He said, "If you needed an answer - just ask Janet"

John Fleetwood, the Tree Warden, planted a flowering almond tree surrounded by spring flowering bulbs in her memory on the village hall green.

David Grint, chairman of Freethorpe Village Hall Trustees, dedicated a picnic bench in the play area which was unveiled by Richard Church. David spoke of having known Janet all his life, also like her, growing up in the village and her long service (since 1973) as secretary, then trustee and finally chairman herself of the village hall. He said, "If you wanted something done - just ask Janet"

A plaque was unveiled on the bowls pavilion wall and Jill Finein, secretary of Freethorpe Bowls Club spoke of Janet's lifetime love of the sport and how she encouraged many into the game.

Reverend Martin Greenland gave the vote of thanks and explained the proposal to fundraise and install new oak doors to the porch of All Saints Parish Church using money raised from Janet's funeral memorial fund. Janet known locally as " Mrs Freethorpe "had been involved in all aspects of village life, clubs, activities, organisations and local churches all her life, volunteering willingly and always with a smile.

Afterwards everyone was able to share memories together in the social club bar and hall. A Raffle raised £445 for village hall funds.

It was a fitting evening's tribute to a lifetime of dedication and hard work - Janet is greatly missed by all.

Brenda Pawsey

Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers)

The winner of the British Sugar Cup for the Best Cookery Item was presented to Jane Crossley for her Lemon Drizzle Cake. All the trophies were presented by Lucy Daisley-Cramp (Head of Cantley School) and Robert Beadle (Chair of Cantley Flower Show Committee).

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Show on 7th September 2024. Further details at www.cantley.org/flowershow.

Robert Beadle

Acle Church Bazaar

There will be a Bazaar at Acle Church Hall on Saturday 2nd December – craft stalls etc.

Reedham Church Stall

This is now planned for the Farmer's Market of 9th December. If you have any goods or crafts we could sell, please bring them along or give to Kati Cowen 01493 700915

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Reedham Village Hall

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Cash bingo Monday 20th November at 7:30pm. Please check posters for jackpot details.

Film Night 10th November: 'What's love got to do with it?' Tickets cost £5 which can be booked either online at www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 01493 701107.

Bonfire night and fireworks Saturday 4th November.

Bonfire to be lit at 6:20pm approximately and Fireworks display at 7pm. BBQ with Vegetarian/vegan/Gluten Free options. Refreshments and Glow sticks. Card payments accepted

Items for the bonfire to be placed on the 3rd of November.

Free entry, donations for the fireworks welcome.

We shall be having the bonfire on the playing field and in order to have control on the size and what goes onto the bonfire it will be stringently supervised. Burnable materials will be accepted on the 3rd of November; after this, we will not allow anything else to be placed on the bonfire and it will then be barricaded off. This is necessary for preparations for the evening event. The bonfire and firework display could be cancelled on the night, if strong winds or adverse weather condition, you will be advised of another date in the Mercury, Facebook, on notices boards and on the village halls WEB site www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk

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Christmas Disco and carols round the tree on 2nd December 5-10pm. Carols round the tree to begin at 6pm. Free entry, Santas grotto and performance from magician Jake Ace.

RCA stage school present The Heist before Christmas on 21st 22nd December at 7:30pm and 23rd December at 2:30pm. Tickets cost £3.50 under 16 and £6 for 16 and over. Tickets can be booked online or call 01493 701107.

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

13.

Our November meeting will be our AGM, but there are other events held throughout the month from lunches out, museum and gallery visits, theatre trips, local walks, a visit to the dog racing at Great Yarmouth to name but a few recent activities. New members are always welcome and if you want to come along to see what we do, then you are allowed to attend 3 events free of charge. Try before you buy!

Mary Jones reedhamwi@btinternet.com

OVER FIFTIES CLUB & LOTTERY

Another successful month saw us gain another member and we welcomed Ann Thompson back into the club.

This month we are very busy, we have a coach day trip, and at the end of the month we have our Halloween buffet coupled with the October birthdays.

If you have been thinking of joining then do come along. It costs £3.00 per meeting at Reedham Village Hall every Tuesday, just come along at 1.30pm., this includes a free raffle and refreshments. Our yearly subscription is £7.00.

I have just completed the club calendars for 2024.

Next month we have our Christmas party at the end of the month with our grand raffle, then in December we have our Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge. All these items are free to club members.

Our lottery was won by Peggy Clutten, the jackpot was £231.00 and Peggy very kindly gave the club a donation.

Don't be alone come and join us.

Angie Woolsey Secretary/Treasurer

November in the Garden

Send off for seed and plant catalogues and start planning what to grow next year. Continue planting spring bulbs for next year.

Lift Dahlia tubers after the first frost, clean them off and store in dry compost in a cool, frost-proof place.

Plant bare-root hedging, roses, trees and shrubs, before the weather turns really cold.

Check stored crops for signs of rot or deterioration.

Remove pond pumps and fountains to prevent ice damage when temperatures fall below freezing.

Harvest Supper

Thanks to those who attended or contributed to the Harvest Supper on Sunday 15th October. About 21 of us attended, our numbers being depleted by a nasty cold which seems to be going around. It was good to get together and share some fellowship with some delicious food. There was a collection for the Christian Aid Middle East Appeal amounting to £30.

REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2023 in the Village Hall

There were 9 Councillors present, the Clerk, and 6 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report: The October play equipment safety inspection has not yet been carried out.

The September Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won therefore the jackpot for October stood at £240 in 58 numbers or less.

This year's Bonfire Night is on the 4th November, at 6pm, with fireworks at 7pm. See our website for more details.

There were no planning applications for consideration.

I application was received for the Parish Councillor vacancies. Mr Richard Endall was coopted on to the Council. There remains I vacancies on the Parish Council. If you have lived or worked in Reedham for at least the last I2 months and think you could contribute to the village please get in contact the Clerk for further details on the role and responsibilities of a Parish Councillor.

The railings around the War Memorial are beginning to corrode in places. The Parish Council is investigating the best way to repair or replace them.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 6th November 2023 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 Clerk's contact details are: reedhampc@outlook.com or 07769 972902

Christmas Card Sale

We would like to thank those who attended the card sale for Save the Children on 7th October. We banked £446.50. The Original Charity Christmas Card Shop is now open at Peter Mancroft from 10-45am to 3-30pm with all the sales going to the Charities.

Nick and Pam Butcher

Revd. Damon Rogers Some of you may remember Damon from his time as Rector of the Reedham, Freethorpe etc. Benefice. He has been made an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral at an Evensong in Norwich Cathedral on 15th October.

Reedham Primary School



We would like to invite families with children, aged between 2 and 4 years to join us for our September 2024 intake open afternoon. Please come along to our Halloween celebration on Thursday 2nd November 2023, from 3.30pm and take part in some spooky activities. We hope we don't scare you off!



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Janet Church
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Dedication of
the Picnic Bench
Left: Planting of
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Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers)

Above: Jane Crossley is presented with the British Sugar Cup for the Best Cookery item.

Left: The winning cake.









ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BEIGHTON

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SAT 25 November

2:00pm - 4:00pm

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