

OUTLOOK

January 2017



ACLE & BURE TO YARE BENEFICE

*Parishes of Reedham, Freethorpe, Wickhampton, Cantley,
Limpenhoe with Southwood & Halvergate with Tunstall
together with Acle & Beighton with Moulton*

From the (Reedham) Rectory

It does not seem so very long since I was writing about the Carol Services and all that was happening at Christmas in 2015 but here we are again and, as I write this, I am in the middle of all the Christmas activities. The first thing we did was the Christingle at Reedham, then Peter and I attended the Reedham Senior Residents Christmas Party which was a lot of fun. There was another Christingle at Freethorpe Church and I have just been at my third school carol service – this one at Acle with the Academy year 7's.

At the school events I always appreciate the enormous talent we have hidden in our village families. There are so many excellent musicians and young people who write poetry and plays. At the Reedham School Christmas play in the village hall every child in the school had a part to play and it made for a grand evening for all of us.

It's not surprising that Christmas centres around children. After all, we are celebrating the birth of the Christ child. But this year it was especially poignant as, whilst we celebrated with our lovely young people we were also aware of the plight of the children in Aleppo and in the Yemen. So many children were injured, starving and losing out on an ordinary peaceful life. I have a feeling of great thankfulness today as I sit down to write this article because the news is that there is finally an evacuation of the families in east Aleppo and they can escape at last.

I believe we all hope for a new year that brings peace in the areas which have been at war for years. We are glad at Christmas to welcome the Prince of Peace and I pray that his peace will begin to reign over the world in 2017.

And, as we look toward next year here at home, there are many things to look forward to. There is a whole new year of Open the Book (OtB) for our team. We go into the schools regularly and act out bible stories for and with the children. Our team is strong but if any parent feels they would like to join us – or want to find out more about what

we do, please let me know. The commitment is a light one and can be as little as one or two sessions a month between 8.30am and 10.00am. I promise you that, if you become an OtB team member you will really enjoy it – we have a lot of fun.

Another event we are looking forward to is the Reedham Passion Play on Good Friday afternoon. We are performing it at outdoor locations in Reedham and raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. We still need one or two young men to act as disciples but, apart from that, we have a great production team and we look forward to an excellent event which we hope you will all enjoy.

I wish you all a peaceful, happy, healthy and fulfilling New Year. God Bless. Lorna

Parish Registers

Funerals

On 21st December -Russell ROXBY, aged 90, of Acle, at St Faith's Crematorium.

On 30th December – Dennis BICKERDIKE, aged 91, of Moulton St. Mary, at Gorleston Crematorium.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr Roxby and Mr Bickerdike.

Reedham Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016 at Reedham Village Hall - There were 11 Councillors present and the Clerk. Also present was County Councillor Iles. 9 members of the public were in attendance. The Council meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

The Vice Chairman Derek Mills tendered his resignation from the Council as he will be moving out of the village shortly. This will leave a vacancy on the Council. If anyone is interested in applying please contact the Chairman David Hale or Clerk Claudia Dickson.

County Councillor Iles informed the meeting a decision on Devolution will be taken by Norfolk County Council on 21st November. The Government is insisting that Norfolk and Suffolk have a Mayor, which Norfolk do not want.

He also reported that the Broads Authority will reinstall the steps and bridge if a way can be found for the permissive path to be reinstated.

The closure of the permissive path was again discussed. The Council are working hard with the landowner, Norfolk County Council and the Broads Authority to try to find a way to get it reopened.

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

There are no issues with the play equipment following the inspection in November. They are still waiting for the installation of fibre optic broadband from BT. Unfortunately the underground wiring duct is blocked but they do have permission to dig up the car park to hopefully clear it.

A new BBQ was purchased in time for Bonfire Night.

A caravan club used the field in half term week and had use of the Hall for a Halloween Party.

The AGM is on Monday 28th November and all are welcome.

Fund raising:

The October bingo jackpot was not won and therefore now stands at £250 in 55 numbers or less.

The new Jungle Book, shown on 26th October, was only attended by 18 people, and Absolutely Fabulous has had to be cancelled as they could not get the film for the right night.

The psychic medium evening with Steve Gill made a £110 profit and he has been rebooked for April 2017.

A Christmas Quiz is being held on Wednesday 14th December.

Bonfire Night was well attended. The bonfire was able to be lit this year as the wind was in the right direction. The band Power House played music outside before and after the fireworks, which was very popular. Thanks were given to the James boys for another spectacular display.

Further comments:

Several objections were raised to the planning application at 12 New Road on over development grounds but a majority of the Councillors had no objections.

The Council is to buy 2 round picnic tables for the play area.

BT are consulting on the closure of underused phone boxes, including the one on Riverside. The Council will object on the grounds of poor mobile coverage.

Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016 at Reedham Village Hall

- There were 9 Councillors present and the Clerk. Also present were County Councillor Iles and District Councillor Nurden. 2 members of the public were in attendance. The Council meeting commenced at 7.30 pm. County Councillor Iles informed the meeting the Devolution deal has been withdrawn. The Broads Authority will reinstate the steps and bridge to the permissive path if and when an agreement can be reached with the landowner.

District Councillor Nurden let the Council know the garden waste renewal has been extended as the service has gone out to tender. They are looking to procure a new contractor in conjunction with another authority.

The closure of the permissive path was again discussed. Mr Chris Mutten, the landowner, attended the meeting to give the Council a detailed history of the permissive path and his views on a way forward.

Further comments:

There were no planning permission applications for consideration.

Concern was raised about the state of the water hole at the allotments.

Councillor Chris Ward was elected as the new Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Council is to replace the steps along the Woodland Walk, with tenders being sought for the work.

It was agreed to maintain the Precept at the current rate.

BT have withdrawn their proposal to close the phone box on Riverside.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 2nd January 2017 at 7.30pm, although this may change as there were several objections to a meeting being held on a Bank Holiday. A notice will be posted on the Parish Council notice board, and on the website if necessary.

**DOG FOULING IS AN OFFENCE. PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG.
IF NO BIN NEARBY PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU**

Parish Council Meeting dates for next year:

January - to be confirmed: February - no meeting: March - 6th : April - 3rd:

May - to be confirmed : June - 5th: July - 3rd: August - no meeting :

September - 4th: October - 2nd: November - 6th: December - 4th

JANUARY CALENDAR

Reedham Charity: Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind

SUNDAY 1st Naming and Circumcision of Christ

9.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion – Freethorpe

Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm Reedham W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 4th 10.30am Coffee Morning – Halvergate Village Hall

Friday 6th 9.30am First Friday Morning Prayer - Freethorpe

7.30pm **Ephiphany Carol Service - Halvergate**

SUNDAY 8th Baptism of Christ/Plough Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Benefice Plough Sunday Service –

Wickhampton

Thursday 12th 7.00pm Table Tennis resumes, Reedham Church

SUNDAY 15th 2nd of Epiphany

9.30am Holy Communion – Beighton

11.00am Holy Communion - Acle

11.00am Covenant Service – Freethorpe Methodist

Chapel

11.00am Morning Prayer BCP – Reedham

Monday 16th **OUTLOOK COPY DATE**

2.00pm RBL(W.S) – Glover Lounge, RVH.

7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 17th **MOBILE LIBRARY DAY**

Wednesday 18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins – to 25th

10.30am Coffee Morning – Halvergate Village Hall

7.30pm Cantley W.I. in Cantley Village Hall

SUNDAY 22nd 3rd of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 9.30am Morning Prayer – Halvergate
- 9.30am Holy Communion - Limpenhoe
- 11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham
- 11.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 11.00am Morning Prayer – Freethorpe

Tuesday 24th 10.00am Christian Unity Service with Acle Methodists
– Acle

Wednesday 25th 2.00pm Whist Drive – Reedham Village Hall.

SUNDAY 29th Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 10.30am Benefice Service – Acle

Tuesday 31st **1.30pm** Senior Residents restarts –
Glover Lounge RVH

Looking forward into February :-

Wednesday 1st 7.00pm Film Night – Bridget Jones' Baby –
Reedham Village Hall

Friday 3rd 9.30am First Friday Morning Prayer - Acle

SUNDAY 5th 4th before Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 9.30am Holy Communion – Beighton
- 9.30am Matins - Halvergate
- 11.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe
- 11.00am Morning Prayer (said) – Reedham
- 4.00pm First@4/Messy Church for families - Reedham

Weekly - Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am Music group in Reedham Village hall
 Wednesday 10.30am -12.30 noon - New Age Kurling in Reedham Village hall.
 Thursday 10am – 12 noon – Badminton Club, Reedham Village Hall
 7pm – 9pm – Table Tennis, Reedham Church (from 12th)
 Fridays 9.30am – 11.30 am – Stay and Play Reedham Village Hall
 Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am - Aerobics, Reedham Village Hall
 Sundays 6.30pm Meeting Reedham Gospel Hall

Gt. Yarmouth Mercury Correspondent – Reedham

I would like to wish all a Happy and Healthy 2017. Thank you to those who give me items for the Yarmouth Mercury – this keeps Reedham on the map.

Diane Rushbrook

Reedham Gardening Club

We wish to all our readers a happy and fruitful New Year. We now have Winter Jasmine, with its bright yellow bloom and Viburnum and Evergreen Honeysuckle with their perfume, attracting bees that are still flying when the sun shines. Violas and Pansies make a splash of colour soon to be joined by Snowdrops and Daffodils.

Although pigeons seem to be hungrily attacking brassicas (netting or black threads will deter them), it is still important to provide food and water for our garden birds.

Reedham Village Show – Sunday 20th August 2017.

A meeting will be arranged in February as soon as work commitments allow.

Janet

Answer to Last Month's Pathfinder Puzzle

1. How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room, Lit by a star?
2. Can we see the little child, Is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch May we go in?
3. May we stroke the creatures there, Ox, ass or sheep?
May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?
4. If we touch his little hand Will he awake?
Will he know we've come so far, Just for his sake?

Lyndsay Fisher

Cantley and District W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr Ireland, a local doctor, who will be telling us all about his exciting travels in Peru. New members always very welcome. For more information call Connie on 01493 700396

Reedham Senior Residents' Club

The club has seen another year draw to a close. We have this year attracted new members and hopefully in 2017 we can attract a few more.

After our Christmas Lunch on December 13th we will have our winter break, and will re-open again on JANUARY 31st 2017 at 1.30PM, earlier than normal, but it will be yearly subscription time, and we will have a short meeting before we start our afternoon's entertainment for our AGM.

If you know anyone who would like to join, do bring them along, if they need a lift please let me know and we will pick them up.

Our lottery is still paying out good cash prizes, and again if you have a friend who would like to join they can, they do not have to be a member. Thank you to everyone that supports this, it helps to keep our club open

This only leaves us to wish everyone a Happy Christmas & a Happy & Healthy 2017 from all members of the Senior Residents Club.

We would like to thank all our members for their support in 2016 and are looking forward to seeing you all again in January 2017. Take care, look after yourselves and KEEP WARM!!!

The Committee - Reedham Senior Residents Club.

CSA Lottery November 2016

1st C Gordon (184)

2nd K. Endall (273)

3rd C Gordon (185)

4th S Platten (236)

Congratulations to all winners.

The next draw will be on January 6th during school assembly

Barbara Tuck

Table Tennis

Table Tennis at Reedham Church resumes on Thursday January 12th at

7p.m. All welcome.

Peter Allies

Passion Play

One or two young men still needed for Disciples! No lines to learn and you won't have to wear a 'nightie'! (Modern dress)

Nature Notes

A reminder that the Big Garden Birdwatch is from 28th – 30th January. If you haven't yet taken part, this is great fun. You just need to spend one hour over that weekend seeing how many different birds come to your garden (or park or green space) and how many of each kind you can see at one time; and then send in your results. For further details see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch> or in the papers or TV guides. This makes an invaluable contribution to knowledge about our bit of Planet Earth!

To get the most out of it, start feeding your birds now, so they want to come to your garden. What they will most appreciate are seeds, chopped apples, cereal, cake and biscuit crumbs, raisins, meal worms, bacon rind, nuts and cooked potato. They will love fat balls too – but please don't use the ones in mesh – little feet can get caught in the mesh, and the plastic just adds to increasing mess and pollution as it won't rot down. Niger seeds are also very popular around here with goldfinches. Bread is not such a good idea, as it contains little nutrition and tends to attract rats and mice. (Sadly, this applies to feeding our local ducks*) Don't put out salted foods, soft fats (e.g. from roasted chicken), or, during spring and summer, loose peanuts (the young ones may choke!). They also need water for drinking and bathing.

Keep your feeders clean by washing them (outside) in warm soapy water and mild disinfectant, and letting them air dry before refilling – best done every few weeks to stop the spread of bird diseases. And wash your own hands well after handling the feeders!!

* Try instead corn (canned, frozen or fresh), duck pellets (sold online and at pet stores), lettuce, other greens (torn into small pieces), frozen peas (defrosted), oats (rolled or instant) or seeds (including birdseed or other varieties).

Kati Cowen

God's plan for Ageing

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things, thus doing more walking.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach and stretch.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise.

So if you find as you age you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interests, even though you mutter under your breath.

(Submitted by Brenda Pawsey)

Books for Sale!

Biblethon booklets are now available in each church. They are free, but donations to the Wickhampton Tower Restoration project (using the inserted Gift Aid envelope) will be welcome. Copies can also be obtained directly from Peter Allies.

Also Joan Fisher has produced another book of Poems – 'A Country Garden in 2015', illustrated by Christine Fisher. These are on sale in Reedham Church or from the Fishers, proceeds to Church Funds.

Epiphany Carol Service

Carols and Readings
to Celebrate Christ's Revelation
to the Whole World

Friday 6th January 7.30pm at
Halvergate Church

with the Acle and Bure to Yare Choir,
led by Dr Michael Nicholas.

*Travel with the Wise Men
to worship the Christ Child.*

ACLE & BURE TO YARE BENEFICE

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