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OUTLOOK

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A phrase that's been coming into my head recently is 'not leaving anyone behind'. One of the heartening things about the national and local response to Coronavirus has been the sense that we are all in this together. Given that the virus and the associated restrictions affect people in different ways, this has involved recognising that some have needed particular support – and the authorities and local communities have responded. In the local church, as I've posted material on our website, as we've developed worship by *Zoom* and held some meetings that way, I've remained conscious that there remain those without the technology necessary to participate. The risks associated with distributing material on paper (including this magazine) have been a serious drawback; but I'm glad to say that everybody I've spoken to appears to have been linked-in in some way – usually through the thoughtfulness of a neighbour or another church member.

The two biblical stories which come to my mind are Mary and Joseph inadvertently leaving the boy Jesus behind in the temple; and the parable of the lost sheep. By today's standards, Jesus' parents appear negligent; but in those days of extended, rather than nuclear families, it would have been easy to believe he was safe in someone else's company – and with no way of checking by mobile! In the complexities of today's world and the current uncharted circumstances, it's very easy to see how the needs of some (whether individuals or organisations) could be overlooked. It's not generally commented on, but, in the parable of the lost sheep, it's perhaps remarkable that the shepherd, having one hundred sheep, actually notices that one is missing. What happens next is one of the significant points of the parable: the lost sheep is so important to the shepherd (= God / Jesus) that he leaves the ninety-nine to fend for themselves and goes in search of the one that is lost. Everybody would expect Mary and Joseph to rush back to Jerusalem in search of their son; but we might well question the wisdom of the shepherd in risking ninety-nine in order to try to save one. But our wisdom is not God's wisdom; and we are made to feel foolish when we see the joy of the shepherd in finding and restoring the sheep that was lost (the other point of the parable).

As we emerge from lockdown, we still need to guard against leaving some behind. There are people still shielding or for whom getting out remains difficult or risky. There are those without local family with whom they might form a 'bubble'. As some businesses restart, others cannot. As furlough winds down, not everybody will find they have a job to return to. Efforts are being made in education to see that different age groups of children and young people are not left behind. It can't be easy. And no doubt some economic judgements will be made for the good of the majority – governments have to apply that kind of

wisdom. But, Jesus' parable suggests, we are not bound by that way of thinking; and are free to respond otherwise.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

## Parish Registers

### Funerals

#### We commit to God:-

Frances Lilian Duncan, aged 88, at St Margaret's, Cantley on 15<sup>th</sup> May

Ella Mary Constance Hanton, at St Margaret's, Cantley on 28<sup>th</sup> May

Rosemary Ann Bedding, aged 70, at St John the Baptist's, Reedham on 29<sup>th</sup> May

Margaret Jones, aged 77, at Gorleston Crematorium on 12<sup>th</sup> June

John Francis Helm, aged 84, at Earlham Crematorium on 15<sup>th</sup> June

### Reedham & District Women's Institute

Reedham and District WI continue to meet virtually every week on Zoom. It is a chance to chat, support each other and keep in touch. We have gradually got to grips with the technology required, although usually someone will discover some new function every time that we meet – who would have thought that you could scroll across and see everyone in turn! We have recently discovered the chat button so no longer need to hold up signs reading “how do I get the sound to work” Our hairstyles are becoming more and more outlandish but we remain in good spirits and are looking forward to the day that we can finally meet up as a group of women backing women. We have a facebook page if you are interested to see who we are and what we do.

Mary Jones

Reedham and District WI

### Outlook Copy Date – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July

It is very likely that the August Outlook will again be only an e-edition on the Website, unless the official advice changes drastically. You are reminded that, for those who have difficulties reading it on-line, it can be printed off – but do be careful if doing this for someone else, as we understand the virus can linger for some time on paper. **And how about sending in a picture of your 'locked down' garden for the next edition?**

Kati Cowen

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## Dear Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Riders, 7.

What incredible spring weather we have had and how glorious Norfolk looks, though the recent rain has been a blessing. September seems a long way away but it will come quickly and let us hope that it will bring a dwindling in the occurrence of Covid-19 and a happier time with more freedom of movement. We do hope that you, your family and friends have

managed to remain well and positive in such an uncertain time.

Some good news is that, after much deliberation, the Bike Ride committee are planning to go ahead with this year's event on Saturday 12th of September. We feel that most of the permissions are already in place in terms of moving about the county by bike, foot or car and that we have been encouraged by the Prime Minister's announcement that places of worship will start being open from 15th June. The bike ride already complies with most social distancing measures but there may need to be some additional instructions to put in place, so please do keep an eye on the [website](#) and emails nearer the time. The paperwork is with the printers and we hope to get it posted out in early July. A copy of the paperwork will also be available on the website.

We are very aware that churches have sadly had to cancel their summer fundraising activities and so the Bike Ride could be an great opportunity to raise some much needed funds for churches and the Norfolk Churches Trust. The Trust has also had to cancel the Stately Car Boot Sale and its other fundraising events and so we are hoping that we can make this a record year to provide revenue to support their grant programme for parishes undertaking essential building works in the coming year.

The Bike Ride is an ideal event for such a time - an opportunity to get out and about in the fresh air on a bicycle, on foot or in a car. It has been noticeable that a huge number of people have enjoyed walking and cycling over the last few weeks and so we hope that they can join in the bike ride and add visiting and exploring our wonderful places of worship on the 12th of September and help raise some money at the same time. Your support and participation is needed more this year than any other.

So, with the sun shining and the trees in full glorious green we plan for September and hope that you will feel as positive about it as we do. We leave you with some highlights, statistics and results from last year's Bike Ride:

The Bike Ride raised an amazing £95,037 in 2019 which was an increase of £3,541 on 2018. The number of people taking part increased by 5% to 567 and the number of places of worship receiving cheques increased from 279 to 312.

- William O'Brien was the Winner of the **Prince of Wales Certificate** and raised £1,375

- Mary Truman won **£1000 for her nominated church** as it was the **8.** most improved on 2018
- Michael and Paula were the top cyclists on their tandem and visited 62 churches
- James Akehurst was the top walker and visited 51 churches
- Hempstead, All Saints raised £4,154 and was top church this year, and Burgh Castle, St Peter and Paul, came second. Paul Nicholls doing another outstanding fundraising effort.

### **The £50 Prizes for the pictures the judges liked the most are as follows**

David Nice. Bell Ringers St Michael's, Aylsham.

Lorne Inglis. Stained glass reflection at St Mary's, Burgh-next-Aylsham

Roger Peacock. Spectacular tea for Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride participants.

### **Highly Commended**

ER Hitchens Bicycle on a boat. St Mary's Wroxham

Sara Seaman Reflection of a tandem bicycle

David Nice St Michael's Aylsham

**With all best wishes to you all, The Bike Ride Team**

## **Opening of church buildings during the pandemic**

The opening of church buildings is being done gradually and carefully, following Church of England and Government requirements in order to protect all who use them and to remain within the law. Opening is subject to risk assessment. Be aware that, unlike most businesses, most of our churches are cared for and cleaned by people over 70 and therefore in the Government's vulnerable category. Not all churches will be open every day or straight away.

We will post details of when churches are due to open on the calendar. Note that sometimes (e.g. to accommodate a funeral service) we may need to close a church on additional days, until cleaning can take place or to be confident that any virus has died off.

Churches may now open to the public for individual prayer (only).

- Do not visit if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or if you are self-isolating or (following Government advice) shielding.
- Maintain social distancing (2 metres) and good hygiene (e.g. using disposable tissues).
- Use the hand sanitizer provided on entry and exit.
- Avoid touching surfaces, books, etc. or any leaflets unless you are taking them away with you.

- If doors are open please leave them open; if they are not open we will regularly clean the handles.
- Obey any notices (e.g. closing off parts of the church or restricting seating).
- Please leave any prayer requests for us on a piece of paper (use your own pen).

May you know the presence and peace of God as you visit and when you have left.

### **Wickhampton Church**

St Andrews Church Wickhampton is opened daily and closed early evening. The PCC decided as many people have been enjoying the local area for walking and cycling during the lockdown they may value the chance to have a place for quiet contemplation and private prayer, so do follow government guidelines and use the sanitizer in the porch before and after entering.

The toilet facility is available for use.

Thanks to Peter Ledward and Owen Woodgate

Any enquiries please contact Peter on 01493700008

### **Halvergate Church**

Halvergate Church is currently not open for Private Prayer. We are awaiting the builders to paint finish the walls which were replastered in the Autumn. Having workmen in the church would mean we could not restrict visitors to an area and therefore would mean daily cleaning of the whole of the building. We will post on the website when the status changes.

Pamela Butcher

### **Reedham Church**

St John the Baptist's is open each Saturday\* from 9.30am to 4.30pm for private prayer at present. However, it may be necessary to close if it is required for a funeral or for work by contractors. We have had to put away the information on the location of graves and historic registers, and, of course, our usual supplies of tea, coffee and biscuits.

Kati Cowen

\*This may change to Sunday if we start having Sunday services again.

Here is the current position with our church buildings:-

	Open for prayer?
Acle	Mondays & Thursdays
Beighton	no
Cantley	no
Freethorpe	not yet
Halvergate	not yet
Limpenhoe	no
Reedham	Saturday 9.30am – 4.30pm
Wickhampton	daily

## **Cantley & District W.I.**

10.

As to be expected our July meeting has had to be cancelled and the earliest we might be able to resume meetings is September. But that may be too optimistic and nothing is certain. On the bright side we have re-booked for next year the talk on Norfolk Hedge Baskets and the talk on Scarves and maybe some of the other talks we missed can be re-booked.

Meanwhile I am sure we are all very busy at home making jam. Just joking!

Take care and 'normal service will be resumed as soon as possible', when it is safe.  
Jane Crossley

## **From All Saints Church Freethorpe's News Letter**

Hello, it is Jean's turn to write the news letter.

Hope you are all keeping well and wondering what is happening to the Church. We, the PCC, had an unofficial meeting in Tony's garde. We each took a Chair and there were 6 of us - the official number plus Tony. We sat 2 metres apart.

We made plans for the opening - sanitizer at the door; remove all books and pack away, leaving just 3 bibles and prayer books, with a box near the door for them to be placed in if they have been touched; remove all tea and coffee and pack away; leaving 72 hours in between opening and closing.

Toilet to remain closed after all the years of not having one .

We do not feel we can do all this yet so we are waiting for the 4th July when some restrictions may be lifted.

The next day some of us received an email from the Bishop about opening the Church, he must have been listening to us as his ideas were just the same as ours.

Have you been enjoying "Prayer on a Page" via Zoom which Martin has been doing on Sunday? You do not have to have a computer for this as you can use your 'phone. All information is found on [abychurches.co.uk](http://abychurches.co.uk) Zoom on a Sunday is such a comfort - to see others from the other Churches in the benefice . For us living alone it is the highlight of the week, it is Sunday again, not just another day. Details from Martin on the website.

## **Cantley School Association May 2020**

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Barbara Tuck

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**REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 online via Zoom**

There were 10 Councillors present, the Clerk, County Councillor Brian Iles and District Councillor Grant Nurden. 6 members of the public were in attendance. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

This was the first Parish Council meeting to be held online via Zoom. It was held in the same manner as the ones held in the Village Hall using the agenda published in advance.

County Councillor Iles reported that Norfolk County Council is now mainly 9. working from home. If residents have difficulty contacting anyone at the Council please let Cllr Iles know and he will pursue it.

District Councillor Nurden reported that Broadland District Council has met virtually to agree an emergency committee which will enable to decision making process to continue as normal. Virtual planning and full Council meetings will take place in May. Help and advice for residents and businesses can be found on the BDC website.

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury provided the following report: no play equipment safety inspections were carried out in April or May. All the play equipment and the tennis court have been taken out of use and barred off due to the Coronavirus. All hall hire has been cancelled, also the much-needed fund-raising events, therefore there is no revenue income at present. It is uncertain when the village hall will be reopening, there will be no Dog Show in June and it is not known if the annual July Village Fete will take place.

The Village Hall Stage School Adult Drama group would have staged their show this Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> VE day - also disappointingly cancelled. In this unprecedented time we have used the opportunity to re-decorate the two dressing rooms near the stage, the Foyer, the Lounge and the kitchen. We have held 2 online virtual Quiz Nights on Facebook and YouTube, and tonight our second virtual bingo will take place to provide alternative entertainment in people's homes.

Our village hall is a community building and we are facing uncertain worrying **13** times ahead, but we remain strong and we wish everyone to do the same.

One planning application was considered:

- Erection of 4 detached dwellings at Thickthorns, 12 Church Road, NR13 3TY, permission in principle only. The Council supported the application
- Notification of approval of the flood bank works west of the Red Mill was received.
- The Council ratified the responses submitted for the GNLP consultation.

The Agreement for the Permissive Path has been verbally agreed by all 3 parties, the Parish Council, the Broads Authority and the Landowner. The solicitors for the Broads Authority and the Parish Council are finalising a bound copy. The Council agreed that the steps, boardwalk and bridge will be constructed from recycled materials.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan has had to cease due to the Coronavirus restrictions. The next stage, a questionnaire and consultation event, will be held as soon as Government guidelines allow.

The Parish Council now has a Facebook page to publicise the meetings, events and information to a wider audience - <https://www.facebook.com/Reedham-Parish-Council-104198464606828>

### **Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 online via Zoom**

There were 9 Councillors present, the Clerk, and District Councillor Grant Nurden. 5 members of the public were in attendance. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

District Councillor Nurden reported that Broadland has postponed charging for pre-application planning advice until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Residents are encouraged to contact the Early Help Hub if they are in need of urgent assistance. Further information can be found on the Broadland website. Broadland have also set up the Covid-19 Community Heroes which recognises and celebrates outstanding individuals who have gone above and beyond during the Coronavirus outbreak. Please nominate any Reedham resident you feel has provided incredible support for the village.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury provided the following report: there were no issues with the play equipment safety inspections for June. All the play equipment is still barriered off due to the Coronavirus outbreak as per the Government guidelines. However, some people have ignored the notice signs and removed the barrier tape from the play equipment. The signs and tape have now been restored. Unfortunately not everyone has been complying with the 2m social distancing rule on the playing field, the police have been notified.

The July Village Fete has now definitely been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Still in this unprecedented time we are taking this opportunity to redecorate parts of the hall.

We are still hosting online virtual Quiz Nights and Bingo on Facebook and YouTube, to provide alternative entertainment in people's homes.

2 planning applications were considered:

- A premises licence for the Berney Arms was discussed. The Council was concerned about the length of opening hours and that the application was for the whole year not just the tourist season but supported the principle of the Berney Arms reopening.
- A Temporary Road Order for the closure of Church Dam from the 21<sup>st</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June was received. This has now been extended to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The Council agreed to support tree conservation and management work at the Woodland Walk.

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. Due to the lockdown there has been lots of hard work on the allotments and all allotmenters are very grateful to Peter for keeping the water butts full.

Work on the Permissive Path Agreement is still ongoing. The Solicitors have been contacted with a final draft acceptable to all parties.

Network Rail will be undertaking a survey of the Swing Bridge in the Autumn. They will be looking to upgrade the electrics and mechanics of the bridge but have no plans to alter the appearance.

The Council will be replacing the noticeboard outside the Doctor's surgery with new wooden one.

A Complaints Procedure and Safeguarding Policy were agreed at the meeting. Both can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The Year End accounts were agreed; and also a grant to the Reedham Community Association for a historic agreement to help with running costs. Payment of the recycling credits from the bottle banks at the Village Hall was also agreed to the Community Association. Please continue to use the bottle banks at the Village Hall and on Riverside as these bring in much needed funds for the community.

## **Time and Date of Next Meeting.**

**15.**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm online via Zoom. Details will be published on the website, Facebook page and noticeboard by the Doctor. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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## **Reedham Surgery**

The Surgery is now closed on Wednesdays until further notice.

Diane Rushbrook

## **Reedham Village Show**

This year's show is now cancelled. Easing of the lock down is beginning but we have decided that it is not yet viable to bring members of our community together. We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces next year. Take good care of yourselves and loved ones.

Ken Tungate

## **July in the garden and allotment**

Plant your winter pansies in a seed bed into finely prepared soil and thin seedlings to 5cm apart before planting out to flowering positions. Sow Sweet Williams and Wallflowers for next year.

Dead head roses and flowers to ensure continued blooms. Pinch out side-shoots on tomatoes except bush varieties. Swede, turnips and carrots can still be sown this month.

'No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden.' ~ Thomas Jefferson

## **LATE NEWS**

Just as this edition was completed, the Prime Minister's announcement came through about being able to hold Church Services again from 4<sup>th</sup> July. Following this, advice came from Bishop Graham to move forward **slowly, steadily and safely**. It is likely that we will not be holding services in all the churches, if any, immediately – please refer to the Benefice Website for updates (or your Church friends if you don't have access yourself).

K.C.



Above: A Four-spotted Chaser Dragonfly on the Halvergate Marshes.

Left: 'Here is a picture of Limpenhoe Village Hall roof which was refurbished two days ago. So how about 'A Roof with a View'? Always bearing in mind that the heroine of the film (A Room with a View) was called Lucy Honeychurch!' *Chris Fisk 19/6/20*



The Yare near Buckenham, the Beauchamp Arms in the middle distance.

## **The Parish Magazine for the Churches of the Acle & Bure to Yare Benefice and Community Newsletter for Reedham and Area.**

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