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From the Rectory

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September means “Back to School”. This year the phrase takes on a whole new significance: the Government is making the reopening of schools for all pupils a priority. If this increases the spread of Coronavirus, we’ve been warned that other forms of activity may need to be curtailed. As with so much these days, we’ll just have to see.

In a wider sense, this pandemic has sent all of us “back to school”. Many of us have learnt new skills, mostly relating to technology (cashless payments; video calls; on-line shopping; virtual meetings). That’s not always easy. Although the practicalities can be challenging, especially to those who’ve not grown up with them, often the greatest hurdle is an internal resistance – “I’ve got this far in life without x – why should I have to learn it now?” The answer, of course, is changed circumstances. Once you get over the inner hurdle and grasp the basics, things become possible which weren’t before and life can be the richer for it.

Not only have we been learning new things; we’ve had to relearn things we thought we already knew. After years of ministry, I thought I knew how to conduct a funeral. But the challenges of lockdown, with no visit beforehand, restricted attendances and even graveside services, made me feel like a beginner again. We’ve all been having to relearn how to do basic tasks with the restrictions of social distancing, face coverings and the like.

One of the commonest titles for Jesus during his ministry was “Teacher”. In Christian thought it tends to get supplanted by other, weightier titles, like Saviour, Christ and Lord. Yet we still learn from his teaching as we read the Gospels – particularly through these Sundays after Trinity. Jesus’ teaching isn’t about imparting a body of knowledge: it’s rather about transformation: changing our perspective on life, ourselves, others, and the things of God. Like all good teachers, he asks as many questions as he answers: he wants us to work things out for ourselves. In the words of Mary’s song, Jesus brought down the mighty and exalted the lowly. He set about opening eyes – metaphorically as much as physically. Those who thought they already knew it all were often given short shrift, and told there were lessons they needed to relearn. Like this present time, Jesus’ teaching is often challenging; but the witness of Christians through the ages is that our lives are the richer for it.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Churches and Services

The Government has now made the wearing of face-coverings in places of worship mandatory (with the usual exemptions). Most church buildings are now open to visitors at least one day per week:- Cantley & Freethorpe: Sundays; Limpenhoe: Wednesdays; Reedham: Saturdays; Acle (days vary – see the

Calendar on the website); Wickhampton: daily; Halvergate (from 26th August): 4. Wednesdays.

Weekly Sunday services in churches are currently being planned from month to month (see the website); worship by Zoom continues at 9.30am.

Roman Catholic Mass continues fortnightly at St. Edmund, Acle (next 5.00pm Sat 5th September).

Best wishes to former Acle Rector David Casson and wife Helen, who have moved away to be closer to family. We are grateful for the support David continued to extend in retirement to St. Edmund's and the wider Benefice (especially Reedham and Limpenhoe) and Deanery.

Parish Registers

Funerals

We commend to God's keeping:-

Rosemary Ann Hanton at St Margaret's, Cantley, on 28th July

Peggy Hersey Wright aged 94 at St Edmund's, Acle followed by committal at All Saints', Beighton, on 5th August.

John Bucklee aged 82 at St Edmund's, Acle, on 11th August.

Gordon Frederick Goodson at All Saints', Freethorpe, on 14th August (Burial of Ashes).

All Saints Church Beighton Restoration & Improvements

After 12 long months and 2 weeks, the PCC is extremely pleased to announce the project to restore and improve All Saints has finally been completed. Hallelujah! There were some anxious days when it was feared the mains water would not be connected until 18 November! However, any confusion Anglian Water may have had that the road outside the church would need to be closed was cleared up and the connection work should commence on Wednesday 9th September and take a couple of days (we hope ...). They will bore under the road and it will not need closing. Phew! To celebrate completion we shall be holding an Open Weekend on 26th and 27th September from 9:30am - 4:00pm. As previously announced, refreshments will be served at pre-booked tables and entrance to the church will be controlled by a one-way system to maintain social distancing and to meet COVID-19 guidelines. Facemasks must be worn inside the church and hand sanitising (plus spare masks) will be available if visitors do not have their own. For further information and bookings contact: Kate Ashcroft on 01493 751637 or email kashcroft58@gmail.com . We very much look forward to welcoming you to All Saints Beighton.

Kate Ashcroft

Thanks – Michael Brook

Ann and Rachel would like to thank all who have shown so much kindness and support since Michael's death. We have been touched by the lovely things people have said about Michael and it has done much to help us.

Ann Brook

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15th August marked the 75th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of the Second World War. The Reedham Ringers rang at 11.10am, following the nation's 2 minutes silence to commemorate the occasion. We chimed 75 times at Acle, Reedham

and Limpenhoe churches, joining with hundreds, if not thousands, of churches around the world. We look forward to the day when social distancing rules are relaxed and that we can get back in to our towers and resume our more usual ringing programme. Let us pray that it is in time for Advent and the "ringing season".

Mary Jones, Reedham Ringers

Halvergate Church

The building work is completed and so the Church is now open for business. The Church will be open on a Wednesday from 10am to 4pm. This will allow time for cleaning etc. ready for the Sundays when we have a Service. There will be a service of Holy Communion (BCP) on Sunday 30th August. at 11am. Other dates are to be arranged and hopefully will be arranged in time for Outlook Copy Date but they will be advertised in the Yarmouth Mercury, on the Church Noticeboard and the Benefice weekly sheet (abychurches.co.uk)

Reedham Gardening Club

September is usually a gustier and cooler month than August and the days become noticeably shorter. Start planning and planting spring bulbs, herbaceous perennials can still be divided, also continue to feed and deadhead hanging baskets and containers. Continue to harvest fruit and vegetables. Cut back spent french beans, pea & runner bean plants at ground level as they will release nitrogen back into the ground. To stop pumpkins and gourds from rotting place them onto an old tile or a piece of wood.

Create a new lawn by using turf or seed.

Ken

New Governors needed for Reedham Primary.

Reedham Primary School is seeking co-opted Governors to assist in setting the direction of the school. The school takes a proactive approach to ensuring appropriate resources from our balanced budget are applied to the benefit of the pupils and indirectly the wider school community.

What will you be doing?

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Governing bodies are responsible for the strategic management of a school and will make decisions about a wide range of issues, taking into account the individual qualities of the school.

The core responsibilities involved are:

- Ensuring accountability
- Acting as a 'critical friend' to the Head Teacher
- Monitoring and evaluating the school's progress
- Budgetary allocation and control
- Shaping plans for school improvement and overseeing the implementation
- Setting the school's aims and values
- Appointing senior members of staff including the Head Teacher

A school governing body is made up of representatives from the school, the parents, the local authority and the local community.

The Governing Body at Reedham operates as an open forum for all Governors to have an input on the collective decisions. There is currently only one permanent sub-committee (Finance and Premises) for which the successful new Governor may be elected to dependent on their relevant skills. Ad-hoc additional committees are formed as appropriate to the expertise required on specific projects.

What are we looking for?

Essential skills are ability to work as part of team, commitment to 'collective responsibility' and the ability to think strategically. An interest to make a difference to local children's education is also key. Other skills such as finance, legal, HR and general business skills can be very valuable additions to a governing body.

What difference will you make?

Governors perform the most important voluntary role in education and a full and diverse governing body can be a source of enormous strength to a school.

Governors provide an external perspective and an ability to challenge assumptions and look for the best solutions. They bring enthusiasm, experience and expertise from other areas of life and can act together as a well balanced group of people to effectively support the Head Teacher and staff to drive the school forward.

What is in it for the volunteer?

Volunteering as a governor is a great way to contribute to your local community, meet new people and improve the lives of local children. You will develop transferable skills and learn more about the education system whilst putting existing skills and experience to good use. Full training is available and no direct experience is required. However an enthusiasm and commitment to make a difference to our local community will definitely help.

The next move?

If this volunteer role is of interest to you then please let the school know with your relevant details via the school office at the following e-mail address:

office@reedham.norfolk.sch.uk

We would like to confirm the positions by no later than the end of September 2020 and therefore expressions of interest would be appreciated by **14th September 2020**.

Note that the academic year begins 7th September 2020 with the school office being fully resourced from that date.

AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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(Subject to change – please check Website if at all possible!)

Reedham Charity: Freethorpe 1st Responders

SUNDAY 30th August 12th after Trinity

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

11.00am Holy Communion – Halvergate

Saturday 5th September

5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle church.

SUNDAY 6th September 13th after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

11.00am Holy Communion – Beighton

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Monday 7th 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Zoom.

Thursday 10th 10.00am Reedham Churchyard Day

Saturday 12th 9am – 5pm Historic Churches Bike Ride

9am – 12 noon Acle Farmers' Market – Recreation Car Park.

SUNDAY 13th 14th after Trinity

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

10.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle?

Wednesday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Saturday 19th 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle church.

SUNDAY 20th 15th after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

SUNDAY 27th 16th after Trinity

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

10.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

11.00am Holy Communion – Limpenhoe?

Looking forward into October:-

SUNDAY 4th 17th after Trinity

11.00am Dedication Service with Bishop Alan - Beighton

If you are hoping to go to a service at a Church you do not normally attend, please check with a Church Warden/ the Rector that there will be space.

Cantley & District W.I.

9.

If our next meeting were to take place it would be on Wednesday September 16th at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. At the moment our speaker Georgette Vale, whose subject is 3D Fabric Flowers, remains booked.

However these are very uncertain times and our meetings will not resume until the village hall opens and most importantly our members wish it. The Village Hall Committee would allow 21 in the hall and no guests, to ensure social distancing.

W.I. guidance allows food and drink to be consumed at meetings, especially cakes!

At the end of August/ beginning of September, our committee will be reviewing the situation and consulting members as to how we feel about the meetings, and if the September meeting should go ahead.

For more information ring Barbara on 07789845050 or email

barbara_tuck@hotmail.co.uk

Meanwhile take care and enjoy these summer days

Jane Crossley

Freethorpe

After morning service on Sunday 2nd August I travelled to the Norfolk Show Ground to a special drive in Church service to celebrate all that local churches and communities have been doing over the past months. The Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association offered one of its 3 screens free to the Diocese. It was all well organised with 100 cars all 2 meters apart. You tune your car radio in and wait for one o'clock. The Ven Ian Bentley Archdeacon introduced the Songs of Praise, pre-recorded music by Norwich Cathedral Choir, with video clips from Kings Lynn area. The Very Revd Jane Hedges interviewed Bishop Graham on the screen asking about how his time in Norfolk has been. We also had songs, with words on the screen of 4 hymns which we could sing with car windows open; just wonderful.

The Revd. Canon Aiden Platten, Norwich Cathedral's Canon Precentor, said the Diocese hope to have more events like this.

Do keep watching the Diocese website.

Jean Thompson

Reedham and District WI

Although formal meetings have not yet resumed, we continue to meet regularly on Zoom. In August we met up outdoors for a socially distanced chat and Norfolk themed quiz, each supplying our own chairs and refreshments. The quiz was won by someone with insider local knowledge! We plan to do the same in September and then very much hope that the Reedham village hall will reopen and that there will be a more normal programme of activities. In the meantime, should you wish to find out more about what we do, you can check out our facebook page @ Reedham and District WI.

Mary Jones

Reedham Churchyard Group – and Rabbits!

We plan to meet up around 10am in the churchyard on Thursday 10th September (will be rescheduled if weather bad), to keep things neat and try to tidy up the mess that the rabbits have made. Any ideas on how to discourage them, short of a massacre??? Please bring your own tools, own flask, own cake etc. I am sure we can all manage to socially distance. Pity the rabbits can't.

Kati Cowen and Mary Jones



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Left: Limpenhoe Village Hall in bloom
....and blooming hard work keeping it watered in the heatwave!

Below Left: One big gust of wind and the patio trolley is firmly wedged in the solar panels.

Below Right: Time to wash all the dog toys. AJ was not amused to find them smelling horrible (by her standards!)

Photos by Chris Fisk



Left: The newly installed plaques in the Berney Chapel, Reedham Church, commemorating the current Baronet's father (killed before Sir Julian was born) and Great Grandfather, who also died before his own father.

Right: Red Kite over Reedham.

Photos by Kati Cowen



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