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Christmas at Limpenhoe last year.

OUTLOOK

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From the Rectory

3.

Recent news of potential vaccines sent hopes (and stock markets) soaring. Responding to the understandable elation, scientists and politicians had to reach for metaphors (like the light at the end of the tunnel) that said it was good news ... but not just yet. There remain significant challenges of further testing, production and distribution: we'll need to stick with the measures and restrictions for some time yet.

I notice a somewhat desperate straining forwards towards Christmas this year, looking for solace in its familiar comforts – so many of them things which are currently restricted or denied: gathering with family and friends, around food or fireplaces; joining throngs in shopping precincts, theatres, football grounds and churches. There will be hopes of a relaxation of the restrictions – but, realistically, even if the November “lockdown” ends, I think we can expect another “not yet” from our leaders. We don't want to lose any ground that's been gained; nor should we wish to do anything which might give someone Coronavirus for Christmas.

Advent is a season of anticipation. But anticipation doesn't mean “having it all now”. Excitement builds as the doors of an Advent calendar are opened; but children also learn the “not yet”: it's just one door a day; and presents can't be opened until number 25. The anticipation of Advent involves patience and preparation; with an element of disturbance, too. One of the Advent prayers begins, *Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory*. During Advent, Christians look forward, not just to Christmas, but to the return of Jesus as king and judge. The fullness of that reign of peace and joy is still “not yet” – but we're to anticipate it in our lives today. We have to wait on God's timing – all the while mindful of the judgement to come. And how did Mary wait for that birth? A pregnancy can't be rushed; but the birth can be prepared for – although with a fair degree of uncertainty and even anxiety. Mary's child was not only her first: she had to wonder quite what he would be. But he was still worth waiting for.

As we face continuing disruption of the present and uncertainty about the future, we'll need that Advent patience; and to be prepared to celebrate Christmas somewhat differently. But celebrate it we will – because the message of Christmas is always good news.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Registers

Funerals

We commend to God:

Evelyn Clara Elliot, aged 89, at St Edmund's, Acle on 21st October

Acle Gift Day

Thank you very much to everybody in Acle who responded to the Gift Day appeal. Cash donations were just under £800 to date with direct giving to add – which is very encouraging. Thank you for making that extra effort to support the church. Thank also to everybody involved in distributing the letters – a great achievement that they all went out at this difficult time.

Martin

Reedham Station Adopters

4.

Hello everyone. This is just to let you know that the Adopters are continuing to do our best at the station. The majority of us are working hard planting, and cutting grass and hedges. We have had a few complications this year including a lot of work being done to modernise the station – new lights, CCTV, Ticket machines, PA system. Hope you are all managing a Happy Christmas and we all hope a better New Year.

The Station Adopters

Missing Link

Fit words into the central columns so that each one connects up with the word on either side (e.g. Second – Hand – Cuffed). Read down the initial letters to spell out a seasonal phrase.

Helping		Over
Gone		Game
Ring		Down
Take		Exchange
Next		Book
Post		Board
Happy		Glass
Acid		Bow
Steam		Ore
Shooting		Wars
Ring		Deaf
Water		Road
Marble		Deacon
Full		Watch

P.S. How good is your knowledge of four letter words? Each answer is a four letter word. ANSWER NEXT TIME.

Cantley School Association October 2020

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3rd L. Stokes 388

4th J Bunting 330

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St Edmunds, Acle – New Thatch.

7.

Thanks to several large grants and a number of very generous private donations St Edmunds Church now has its newly refurbished thatched roof to the North slope (with 'snazzy' new ridge detail – which adds a bit of style to the finish).

The work was completed, within budget, by a friendly team of workers who truly seemed to delight in their labours – and who, if anyone was fortunate enough to be passing at the time, could have been seen doing headstands on the newly-completed ridge at the conclusion of the project.

The conclusion of this project sees the end of a busy 12 months in the life of St Edmunds Church – which has seen the installation of a new boiler system, complete with new purpose-built housing and associated work to supplement drainage in the area around the tower base. This new boiler installation was possible through a very generous donation from someone who wished to remain anonymous.

The two projects were overseen, from a St Edmunds' perspective, by Mike Turner (boiler) and Rodney Edrich (thatch) and we owe a massive vote of thanks to both of these gentlemen for their care and commitment, on behalf of the Church, for the successful completion of both projects.

Do get to Acle, if you can, to see the new roof and, if you're able to get into the church for a service, or private prayer, to wallow in the warmth and the leak-free interior!
Enjoy –
Vic Walsham

Lockdown 2 / Winter Help

Reedham COVID19 Group

In the spring local people set up a group to help their neighbours should help be required. We are still here.

If you are (or know of someone who is) self-isolating or unwell & need help with shopping/dog walking/picking up prescriptions etc. or would just like to have a friendly chat with someone on the phone every day, we will try to put you in touch with a volunteer.

We have a **Facebook group** where you can get up to date information (reedhamcovid19team) or you can **contact** Diana (07799 506809), Mary (01493 701388), Lesley (07843 248865) or Tina (07976 275032) for more information. **Acle Foodbank** is also close at hand (07507 397277).

If help is needed, ask

Acle Foodbank

This bank is available for local people who are struggling a bit at this time. If you, or someone you know, needs help, there is a dedicated phone number 07507 397227 You will be phoned back. Foodboxes can be delivered to your home.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: The Fishermen's Mission

THESE EVENTS MAY HAVE TO BE CHANGED IF COVID RESTRICTIONS CHANGE

SUNDAY 6th 2nd of ADVENT

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

9.30am Morning Worship – Limpenhoe

9.30am Holy Communion – Wickhampton

11.00am Morning Worship – Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Halvergate

4.00pm Zoom Village Carols - Freethorpe

Saturday 12th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

9am – 12 noon Farmer's Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 13th 3rd of ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion - Acle

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

3.00pm Carols – Wickhampton

Saturday 19th 2.00pm Carol Service – Reedham

SUNDAY 20th 4th of ADVENT

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

10.00am Morning Worship - Freethorpe

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

2.30pm Carols – Limpenhoe

Monday 21st 5.30pm Carols - Halvergate

Tuesday 22nd 3.00pm Carols – Beighton

Thursday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30pm Readings & Carols – Limpenhoe

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion - Acle

Friday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Acle

10.00am Family Service – Freethorpe

11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

SUNDAY 27th JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

11.00am Holy Communion - Beighton

Advent & Christmas 2020

Christmas is going to be different this year. Some of our normal services won't be possible; but we are hoping that easing of the restrictions will enable the following to go ahead. Due to reduced capacity in our churches through social distancing, most require

you to **book beforehand** to secure a place and provide a contact for *NHS Test & Trace*. Face-coverings are required in churches (unless exempt). To protect others, do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have been instructed to isolate.

If singing together is forbidden (as at present) a choir or recordings will be used. But on our on-line services (live on *Zoom* or streamed via *You-Tube*) you can sing along to your heart's content! You will also find links on our website to worship provided by others, e.g. an on-line Christingle: www.abychurches.co.uk/Christmas/

Date	Location	Time	Service	How to participate
Sun 6 th	Freethorpe	4.00pm	Village Carol Service by Zoom	Get the link at www.abychurches.co.uk/Christmas/
Sun 13 th	Wickhampton Church	3.00pm	Outdoor Christmas Service	Book with Peter on 700008
Sat 19 th	Reedham Church	2.00pm	Carol Service	Book with Diana on 07799 506809
Sun 20 th	Limpenhoe Church	2.30pm	Outdoor Christmas Service	Book with Chris on 700107 or email chrisfiskl@outlook.com
From Sunday 20 th	Anywhere	Up to you!	Family You-Tube Christmas Service	Follow the link at www.abychurches.co.uk/Christmas/
Mon 21 st	Halvergate Church	5.30pm	Readings & Carols	Book with Sally on 700858
Tue 22 nd	Beighton Church	3.00pm	Readings & Carols	Book with Ann on 700414
Christmas Eve	St. Edmund, Acle	11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Book with Vic on 752273
Christmas Eve	Limpenhoe Church	11.30pm	Midnight Readings & Carols	Book with Chris on 700107 or email chrisfiskl@outlook.com
Christmas Day	St. Edmund, Acle	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	Book with the Rector on 750393
Christmas Day	All Saints, Freethorpe	10.00am	Christmas Family Service	Book with Graham 700256
Christmas Day	Reedham Church	11.00am	Holy Communion	Book with Kati on 700915
Sun 27 th Dec	Beighton Church	11.00am	Holy Communion	Book with Ann on 700414

Videos

10.

Mindful that many people would not be able to attend a Remembrance Service this year (how right we were!) we rose to the challenge of producing an on-line video, involving local people and with footage of all our war memorials (including the complete lists of names). We received over 150 viewings and many positive comments – those involved in its production are to be congratulated. If you didn't see it it's currently still available via www.abychurches.co.uk/prayer/lest-we-forget.php

Watch our **CHRISTMAS VIDEO**, produced by people from our Benefice. (Suitable for adults and children!)

Go to abychurches.co.uk/christmas/ and click on the link.

The video will be available from Sunday 20th December.

Freethorpe Village Carols will go out live using the Zoom platform – so we'll be able to see each other on screen and extend greetings before and after the service (but don't worry: we won't broadcast you singing the carols!)

Halvergate Church- Service of Lessons and Carols.

We are hoping to hold a Service of Lessons and Carols in the Church (following and subject to Government Policy) on Monday December 21st at 5-30pm. There will be live organ Christmas Music, Recorded Carols and live Bible and other Readings. We also are hoping that the Benefice Handbell ringers will be in attendance. A warm welcome - sorry we can't offer a warm glass of mulled wine. Booking is essential and this can be done through Sally More on 01493 700858.

St. Botolph's Limpenhoe - December Services

Sunday 6th December at 9.30am a service will be led by our AWA's Sarah & Simon. It will comply with whatever regulations are in force on the day.

Sunday 20th December at 2.30pm a short outdoor service will take place and Mulled wine & mince pies will be served. This is a ticketed event (FREE) please contact Christine Fisk on 01493 700107 or chrisfisk1@outlook.com to book.

Thursday 24th December at 11.30 pm our AWA's will lead a Midnight service to welcome in Christmas Day.

Reedham Carol Service

Come and hear the traditional Christmas readings and listen to a real live choir!

Reedham Church, Saturday 19th December at 2pm

Entry is by booking only. Please contact Diana Gilder 07799 506809 (text preferred) to reserve your seats. She will phone you back to confirm your booking.

Wickhampton News

St Andrews Church has been open daily since the restrictions were lifted earlier in the year to allow for private prayer and reflection We have welcomed a great number of visitors from near and far,ramblers,cyclists,horse-riders,and dog-walkers!Well worth the tremendous effort put in by Owen Woodgate for opening-up and Peter Ledward for sanitizing daily Thanks to them

We are planning to hold an open-air carol service on Sunday December 13th at 3pm socially distanced, under gazebos, around a brazier and with handbell ringers - something different - rather like modern Victorian Carol Singers!

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Hopefully the weather will be kind to us if not we will have to move inside So please **12.** wrap -up warmly -perhaps with a hot water bottle and a hip flask and bring lanterns or torches.

Looking into the New Year 2021 on Sunday January 10th at 10:30am we plan to hold our Plough Sunday Worship when we Bless Alfie Dunthornes tractor and plough and seed ready for the Spring Sowing and drier conditions!!

REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2020 online via Zoom

There were 7 Councillors present, the Clerk, County Councillor Brian Iles, and District Councillor Grant Nurden. 3 members of the public were in attendance. The meeting commenced at 7.35pm

County Councillor Brian Iles there is a current £15m deficit in the County Council budget. Access to various Government schemes is being sought. Children's education is reported as doing well. The Council Tax increase is currently scheduled for 1.99% with an additional 2% for Adult Social Care.

County Farms is going through a difficult period under transition to a new lead officer. The interim appointment is doing well. Several barns and similar were sold for £6.5m this year, with more sales expected in the coming year.

Highways have done extremely well under difficult circumstances. CCllr Iles urged everyone to report any issues so that Highways knows there is a problem.

District Councillor Grant Nurden reported that the Community at Heart Lottery is being launched later this week, with the first tickets being sold in January 2021.

Broadland based clubs, charities and not-for-profit organisations looking for a reliable free way to raise funds can register their interest on the BDC website.

Broadland's meetings are now livestreamed on YouTube, where they have their own channel.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report: The play equipment safety inspection for November has not yet been completed. In line with the Government latest guidance, the playground will remain open, the situation will be kept under review.

From this Thursday once again the village hall entrance gate will be kept closed, as soon as the government regulations relaxes the gate will be reopened.

The new government guidelines restrictions mean our film showing planned for this Friday of "Military Wives" will not take place, we had already postponed our Christmas Fayre arranged for 22nd November to 16th May next year.

The Halloween Quiz last Wednesday was well supported with 8 tables. Our next quiz night will be a Christmas Quiz on Wednesday 16th December, depending there are no more government restrictions.

2 planning applications were considered:

- reconsultation for amended plans - demolition of garage, construction of 2 storey dwelling to side garden at 9 Middle Hiill, NR13 3TW. The Council had no further comments.

- two storey rear extension, demolition and erection of new garage & creation of new vehicular site access from Station Road at Willow Cottage, 17 Station Road, NR13 3TA. The Council had no objections. **13.**
- The Red Mill, Ferry Road, NR13 3HA is now called Wherrymans Mill.

The Parish Council will be gifted a disease resistant elm by The Tree Council in recognition of the work of the Reedham Tree Warden Jo Parmenter. It will be planted on the playing field once a suitable position can be identified.

During October the speed sensor was located on Pottles Lane in the 40mph limit. The 85th percentile speed was 34.4mph with a maximum of 55mph during the month, 9 vehicles were registered doing between 50-55mph. It appears to be still doing the job of making drivers think about their speed. This month the sensor is at Newtown.

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.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 7th December 2020 at 7.30pm. Details of whether the meeting will be online via Zoom or in the Village Hall 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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www.reedhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

The Clerk's contact details are: reedhampc@outlook.com, 01493 750254 or 07769 972902

The next Parish Council Meeting dates:

7th December 4th January 2021 no meeting in February 1st March

Reedham Permissive Path

The Permissive Path has now reopened. The Parish Council would like to thank the following people and organisations for their hard work, determination and donations which have all contributed to this happening:

Chris Mutton

Mike Fiske

Lewis Treloar, Waterways and Recreation Officer at the Broads Authority

Brian Iles, Acle Ward County Councillor for Norfolk County Council

Grant Nurden, Marshes Ward District Councillor for Broadland District Council

Broadland District Council

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and, last, but by no means least, to the late Chris Ward who spent a great deal of time and energy driving the project forward to ensure its successful conclusion. The path is a great asset to the village of Reedham and we hope it will be enjoyed for many years to come.

Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in children's education? Would you like to help to ensure local children continue to receive an excellent in a school with Christian values at its core? If so Acle St. Edmund Primary School is looking for a new Foundation Governor. If you are interested to learn more about the role please contact the school for more information.

(01493 750322 or office@acleprimary.norfolk.sch.uk)

Chris Ward - Reedham

The Ward family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, flowers, cards and delicious cakes left to us at the sad passing of Chris on 30th September, a sudden and untimely death at the age of 67. Chris has lived in Reedham for 37 years, married there and bought up three children. Chris embraced village life whole heartedly having been a school governor to Reedham Primary School, Chair to the Village Hall Committee and contributing to the building of the new hall, Treasurer to the local branch of the British legion and Councillor to the Parish Council, where in recent years he worked hard for four years to reinstate the footpath between Reedham Ferry and Station Road. He will be missed by many.

December – Reedham Gardening Club

Protect terracotta pots from cracking in freezing weather by bringing them indoors or wrap in bubble plastic. Plant plant bare rooted roses and other deciduous shrubs, plus ornamental trees. Alpines need all the light they can get over winter, so regularly remove fallen leaves from around the crowns of these tiny gems.

Prune blackcurrants once dormant, removing about a quarter of the old stems. With kale, winter cabbages and other brassica remove yellowed leaves so fungal diseases such as grey mould and downy mildew don't take hold. Keep covered with netting to protect from pigeons. Prune large fruit trees to control their shape and size, and to increase their productivity.

Put out fresh water for birds every day during frosty weather. Clear out your shed, and organise and clean your tools.

Then go inside and have a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine because you deserve it.

Merry Christmas to all from the Garden Club.

Reedham Ringers

15.

Most frustratingly, our new handbell group is not able to practise at the moment due to Lockdown2. However, we hope to be back ringing together for Christmas and already have a couple of “bookings” to ring carols at a number of the churches in the benefice. We may even wander the streets of Reedham with our bells, if 6 people are allowed to congregate together at a social distance. Unfortunately, all tower ringing is suspended, so the big bells are silent again.

Mary Jones

Christmas Day Meal - Reedham

Due to the current situation some elderly and vulnerable people may find it difficult to prepare a Christmas Dinner. I will be providing a meal for anyone that should want one. The meal will be prepared and delivered to the doorstep. I can take care of any dietary requirements. We can share a YuleTide Greeting and a wonderful Cracker Joke. Please contact Amanda on 01493 701685 or ajhampton63@gmail.com to order or to assist with deliveries.

Amanda Hampton

Reedham Village Hall

The following will take place if the lockdown has ended and subject to government guidelines

Wednesday 16th December 7.00pm £2.00 each Come along to the Christmas Quiz in your Christmas outfit a prize will be given to the one judged the best. Tables must be booked in advance on tel 701 107 and there is a max of 6 per table.

There will be table service and payment can be made by card. Please wear a mask when entering the hall which can be removed when you are seated

Please check www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk as this event is subject to change

We hope that everyone keeps safe and well this Christmas and that we will all be able to soon meet up again in 2021

Best Wishes

Reedham Community Association Committee

Cantley & District W.I.

The Lockdown should be coming to a close about now (unless there has been an extension) and we can begin to look forward to Christmas and hopefully a brighter New Year .

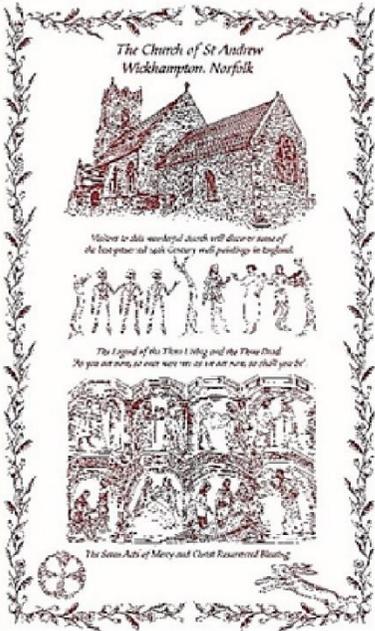
It will be some time before our W.I. meetings can be resumed but meanwhile we can try and keep in touch and perhaps brighten up someone's day by sending a Christmas Card. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas.

Jane

Outlook

We wish you all as Merry a Christmas as possible and a Happy New Year. Copy Date is early – 12th December - the printers need Christmas off as well. You may be getting this copy late, and of course, events may have overtaken some of the content, because of the Covid 19 restrictions, but we just have to hope that we can still all celebrate.

The Editors



Top Left: Wickhampton's new Tea towel

Top Right: Reedham's new Carpet - courtesy of Sir Julian Berney



Left: The Remembrance Video is still available to watch - on www.abychurches.co.uk/prayer/lest-we-forget.php



Bottom: A still from the Christmas Video - available on abychurches.co.uk/christmas/

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