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Christmas Eve 2019 at 11pm Photo by Rodney Turner

OUTLOOK

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*Behold: I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

So the Lord, speaking through the prophecy of Isaiah, attempted to open the minds of his exiled people to the possibility of a return to their homeland. The exiles, presumably, hadn't perceived it. It's the task of a prophet to enable people to see what they don't readily see.

When Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine, most people probably thought that the country would soon be overrun. The Ukrainians, under Volodymyr Zelensky, saw things differently.

A Roman Catholic commentator was advocating the place of religious representatives at the recent COP 27 climate change conference. She said there was too much emphasis on the use of facts to try to persuade people to act. If humans were completely rational beings, facts would be enough: an algorithm designed to produce a rational response to climate change would have acted long ago. But we are not: we are driven (or not) by a range of attitudes, beliefs and emotions. Faith operates in just such a zone.

The 8th prophet Isaiah of Jerusalem, from whom the book takes its name, tried to get people to see that their corrupt ways were at odds with the holiness of the God whose favour and protection they relied on; seeing from a distance the ultimate fall of the kingdom of Judah. When that occurred, another prophet (or prophets) took up the mantle of Isaiah to persuade the exiles that God had not deserted them and would restore them. The book deploys imagery, poetry, symbolic action and significant names to open minds and kindle imagination; to see the consequences and possibilities which open up when you realise that *God is with us* (= the name *Emmanuel*).

The power and (sometimes disturbing) beauty of these words were not just for their own time. God remained with his people: many prophecies gained a new significance in the coming of Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the Branch of Jesse, the Righteous Lord, the Suffering Servant. Handel's *Messiah* draws heavily on them; there are a few in the service of *Nine Lessons and Carols* from King's College; but our abbreviated parish versions cut most of them out. This year the Benefice Choir Carol Service (22nd Dec at Beighton) is set up as a dialogue between the prophecies of Isaiah and the nativity in Luke's Gospel: I hope it's a stimulating and attractive pairing.

But it's not only in hearing the Christmas story that we need to have our minds opened to see the realities and possibilities which come when we realise that God is with us still. In the face of climate change, pandemic, recession, God can still do a new thing with us. Will we not perceive it?

Wishing you a joyful Christmas,

Parish Registers

4.

Funeral

We commit to God's keeping:-

Joan Jones aged 82 on 25th October at St Margaret's, Cantley

Thank You

Our grateful thanks to all friends and family who gave in memory of our mother, JOAN FISHER. We have been able to send cheques for £155 each to:

Tear Fund

The Mothers' Union (for the Overseas Development Fund)

The Leprosy Mission and

The Children's Society.

Thank you.

Terry, Lyndsay and Christine Fisher.

Marking Advent

Once again there is an invitation to mark Advent with the Diocese of Norwich **Advent Calendar** and Acle Churches Together. This year the focus is on stories and themes around living pastorally. Sign up at www.dioceseofnorwich.org/resource/advent-calendar-2022/ to receive a daily posting in your inbox. And then join us for an hour at Acle Methodist Church at 4.00pm on Thursdays 8th and 22nd December to reflect on what we've read.

Acle Churches Together **Carols on the Green** with Broadland Band is back on the Green this year (unless the weather is bad, in which case we will relocate to St. Edmund's Church): 7.00pm Thu 8th Dec.

There is space for 50+ members of the community when St. Edmund's Primary School celebrates Christmas in St. Edmund's Church: Key Stage 2 (older children): Mon 12th Dec, 1.30 for 1.45pm; Key Stage 1 (younger children): Thu 15th Dec, 10am. School services in our other churches (Cantley, Halvergate, Reedham) will be publicised by the schools concerned.

The **Benefice Services** which we hold on some second and all fifth Sundays in the month will move to the earlier time of **10.30am** from January. The first of these will actually be on January 1st (rather than 29th) at St. Edmund, Acle (it's the festival of The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus, as well as New Year's Day). Our normal pattern of services will then run a week later for the rest of that month: e.g. we will treat Sun 8th Jan as the first Sunday in January. See January Outlook for the full schedule, including joint Covenant Services hosted by our Methodist brothers and sisters; and the annual Plough Sunday service at Wickhampton (Sun 15th).



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Beginning at the 6th letter across on the 7th line down, move up, down or sideways (but not diagonally) to find the path through a verse of a Christmas Carol.

Answer in next month's magazine.

Lyndsay Fisher

You and your family are warmly invited to
CHRISTINGLE

Reedham Church * 4pm * Sunday 4th December
darkness * oranges * candles * light

FOOD *for* CHRISTMAS

A Reedham Village collection for Acle Foodbank.

From 1st - 12th December, various village establishments, (PO, shops, school, pubs, clubs etc) have kindly agreed to have boxes for villagers to leave non-perishable food items. These will then be distributed, through Acle Foodbank, to local folk in time for Christmas.

Reedham Vikings Social Club

- Nov 25th & 29th – watch England play.
- Nov 26th – Bingo 7pm for eyes down 7.30pm £10 for 10 games
- Dec 2nd – Pool tournament
- Dec 3rd – Quiz night £1 entry per person max. 6 in a team
- Dec 9th – Race night 50p bets
- Dec 10th – Bullseye
- Dec 16th – Grand Draw 25p a square
- Dec 17th – Bingo. Eyes down 7.30pm, £10 for 10 games
- Dec 24th – Xmas Eve Xmas jumper night
- Dec 31st – New Year's Eve Disco Party

DECEMBER CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: RNLI

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th – Noon – 5pm Open Weekend at Humpty Dumpty Brewery

SUNDAY 4th 2nd of ADVENT

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

9.30am Holy Communion – Limpenhoe

10.30am Freethorpe Village Hall Carols

11.00am Morning Prayer - Beighton

11.00am Readings and Carols - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

4.00pm Christingle Service – Reedham

Monday 5th Reedham Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 6th 7.00pm Wreath Making at Limpenhoe Village Hall

Wednesday 7th 7.00pm Women's Night Out Xmas meal – Cantley Cock

Thursday 8th 4.00pm Marking Advent meeting – Acle Methodist Church

7.00pm

Carols on the Green – Acle Green

Friday 9th 7.30pm 'The Railway Children Return' – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 10th 9am – Noon Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 11th 3rd of ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe

4.00pm Carol Service with Handbell Ringers - Wickhampton

Monday 12th MOBILE LIBRARY VAN DAY

Wednesday 14th OUTLOOK COPY DATE (12th for Photos, please)

Thursday 15th 6.00pm Lessons and Carols - Halvergate

Friday 16th 7.30pm 'Christmas Star' – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 17th 7.30pm 'Christmas Star' – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 18th 4th of ADVENT

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

10.30am Carol Service - Limpenhoe

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

4.00pm Christingle – Freethorpe

2.30pm 'Christmas Star' – Reedham Village Hall

Monday 19 th	7.30pm	Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall	9.
Wednesday 21 st	7.30pm	Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall	
	7.30pm	Christmas Quiz – Reedham Village Hall	
Thursday 22 nd	4.00pm	Marking Advent meeting – Acle Methodist Church	
	7.30pm	Carols & Lessons with ABY Choir - Beighton	

Saturday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

Looking forward into JANUARY 2023:-

10.30am* Benefice Holy Communion - Acle

Parking for Carols at Beighton (22nd December)

'On the 22nd December, I've also asked the farmer if we can use the brick barn on the corner of Cox Hill Rd and Acle Rd for parking. It's a short walk up the hill to the church so best for those able to walk well. This will leave more space on the green triangle for the congregation and less-abled choir members to park. The church path will be lit but torches will be useful for those parked at the barn – not much street lighting in the wilds of Beighton.

Kate Ashcroft

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday the 21st December at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. This will be our usual Christmas party consisting of games, carols and party food provided by our members. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

Advent & Christmas 2022

Sunday 4 th Dec	Freethorpe Village Hall	10.30am	Carol Service
Sunday 4 th Dec	St. Edmund, Acle	11.00am	Readings & Carols
Sunday 4 th Dec	Reedham Church	4.00pm	Christingle
Thursday 8 th	Acle, The Green	7.00pm	Carols on the Green with Broadland Band
Sunday 11 th	Wickhampton Church	4.00pm	Carol Service
Monday 12 th	St. Edmund, Acle	1.30/1.45pm	St. Edmund's Primary School (older children)
Thursday 15 th	St. Edmund, Acle	10.00am	St. Edmund's Primary Sch. (younger children)
Thursday 15 th	Halvergate Church	6.00pm	Lessons & Carols
Sunday 18 th	Limpenhoe Church	10.30am	Carol Service
Sunday 18 th	All Saints, Freethorpe	4.00pm	Christingle & Carol Service
Thursday 22 nd	Bighton Church	7.30pm	Carol Service with the Benefice Choir
Christmas Eve	St. Edmund, Acle	4.00pm	Christingle
Christmas Eve	Reedham Church	4.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Eve	St. Edmund, Acle	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Eve	Halvergate Church	11.30pm	Midnight Service with Communion
Christmas Eve	Limpenhoe Church	11.30pm	Midnight Readings & Carols
Christmas Day	St. Edmund, Acle	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Christmas Day	St. Edmund, Acle	9.30am	Roman Catholic Mass
Christmas Day	All Saints, Freethorpe	10.00am	Christmas Family Service
Christmas Day	Reedham Church	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 st Jan	St. Edmund, Acle	10.30am	Holy Communion

Reedham Village Hall

RCA stage school proudly presents, Search for the Christmas Star, a comedy mystery. The infamous Chameleon is on the loose stealing valuable jewels from the rich. It's Christmas eve at Bedside Manner and Lady Gwendoline's jewel the Christmas Star is stolen. Only Ideal Homes and Dr What's on TV can solve the case.

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16th and 17th December at 7:30pm, 18th December at 2:30pm

19th December Christmas cash and prize bingo at 7:30pm. Please check posters for jackpot details.

Film night 9th December 7:30pm The Railway Children Return. Tickets cost £5 which can be booked online or by calling 01493 701107.

Christmas quiz 21st December at 7:30pm. £2 entry per person maximum of 6 per team. Raffle and refreshments.



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Sister Elizabeth Pio and Heidi – see back cover for photo. 13.

On 24th October Heidi was formally admitted into the Sisters of Bethany as a Postulant. This is the second stage of discerning a vocation to be a Sister within the community. The ceremony took place at the main convent in Southsea. Some of you will have seen us out and about, and at various churches within the Benefice. Heidi and I are living together as Sisters of Bethany, exploring God's call here. Our main ministry at present is prayer so if you would like us to pray for you, your pet, or someone you know, then please ask us. Our email address is sistersofbethany.norfolk@gmail.com. We are also on Facebook www.facebook.com/sisters.ofbethany.

Elizabeth Pio SSB and Heidi, p.SSB

Reedham Gardening Club - Jobs to do in the garden for December

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. 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.

Order summer flowering bulbs.

Then retreat to the fireplace and finish writing your letter to Santa.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all from the Garden Club.

Ken Tungate

OVER FIFTIES CLUB

Well here we are again another month round. Members enjoyed a Halloween afternoon and some dressed up to get into the spirit of things (see back cover). We have had quite a number of birthdays so it was decided to have the birthday buffets on our Remembrance Day. Before members started the afternoon, we had the Last Post and all members stood in silence. Music for the afternoon was wartime songs and was provided by Karl. Club calendars for 2023 were handed out to those who had ordered one.

We have had 3 new members join this last month.

Members are now looking forward to our Christmas party and Christmas lunch after which we have our Christmas break.

LOTTERY NEWS

The lottery was won on November 5th by Marion Smith. The jackpot was £284.40. We start a new game on Saturday November 12th so hopefully there will be another lucky winner before Christmas. If you would like to join, please contact me. This lottery helps to support our club and various charities.

Angie Woolsey Secretary/Treasurer

Reedham and District WI

14.

This month we held our AGM but were also entertained and educated by members of the Dialect and Heritage Project. In 1956, Reedham was one of 300 locations nationwide selected to take part in a survey of how dialects differ across the UK. The researchers interviewed 3 older gentlemen, George Browne, Ernest Newman and Bob Ewles, whom no doubt some of you will remember. They recorded their speech patterns, analysed how they pronounced certain words, and compared different dialect words. Now the project is back and wants to learn about dialect words in our village. Obviously, there are more incomers in 2022 than there were in 1956, but they are interested in **all** words – which words newcomers adopt, which words newcomers share and how language evolves and changes as we are exposed to different people, different cultures and different backgrounds. There is an on-line survey for those that are interested. Is your picture “on the huh”, “skew whiff” or “cob-wobbly”? Do you say scone to rhyme with bone or scone to rhyme with gone?

There are other ways to get involved so check out their website.

<https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/get-involved/>

December's meeting is our Christmas meal and there is no formal meeting in January, although we are bound to get together for a chat, a local walk or some craft work/knitting/cake eating etc. Our February meeting (7th Feb) is a talk by Peter Lawrence – The Policeman's Lot : a social view of policing from the Krays to The Crown. 7pm for 7.30pm at Reedham Village Hall.

You are welcome to come along and meet our group.

Mary Jones reedhamwi@btinternet.com

NOMADS THEATRE COMPANY

Date for the diary!

Friday 27th & Saturday 28th January will be the next pantomime of Dick Whittington.

Dick Whittington travels to London to find his fortune, but ends up falling in love and working on a market stall selling fruit & veg instead. Before he knows it, he and his friends are on a journey to the distant and improbable land of Morocco! It is very much a family friendly show.

Tickets are £7 adults and £5 children/concessions and can be purchased from Reedham PO in advance or on the door. (First come first served.) Shows start at 7:30pm on both days with a matinee on Saturday at 2:30pm.

If you would like to learn about what goes on behind the scenes, we would love to have more members and no experience required at all. All ages welcome. We all learn and have fun together, plus membership is only £10 for the entire year.

We meet on Friday evenings at 7:30pm in either Reedham or Cantley Village Hall. You can keep up to date on our locations via our Facebook page. Alternatively, you can call/text Kerri-Anne on 07824468242 or email on kerriannewatson@hotmail.com.

Also, I would like to thank Christopher Woollands for organising the Nomads quiz on Sunday 13th November at The Ship in Reedham to raise money for the Nomads. The had 6 teams and raised a total of £72 for the Poppy Appeal.

The next quiz will take place at The Ship on Sunday 4th December at 7:30pm. Teams of 4-6 and it is £1 per person. The monthly quizzes usually take place on the first Sunday of

every month until the spring and usually raise money for the Nomads Theatre Company. Also, special thank you to The Ship for their continued support.

Kerri-Anne, Nomads Theatre Company.

15.

Christmas Wreath Making Evening

Limpenhoe Village Hall
Church Road . Limpenhoe . NR13 3JB

Tuesday 6th December
7.00 p.m.

A Christmas wreath making workshop is being held and we would love you to come along and join us. Make a beautiful fresh wreath for your door or use with a candle as a central table decoration

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Blister Packs

Some of you may know already that we have had some problems with getting Superdrug to accept the bags of medical blister packs we have been collecting in the churches. This is partly because Superdrug have changed from using Terracycle to another company to recycle them, but also because some of the branches were overwhelmed. Diana Gilder has contacted Superdrug direct and they are trying to sort the problem out. Today (18th Nov) we went to the branch in Gorleston and were told that they could only accept a carrier bag full at a time – so anyone who fancies a trip to the seaside, perhaps they would take a bag with them from their church when they go?

KC & NC

Outlook

How many of you spotted that I got the wrong year on November's cover? Doh! Many apologies for the confusion.

Copy Date is as usual early for the January edition – 12th December for pictures for the cover and 14th for inside copy. Many thanks to all who contribute – by sending in copy; by folding and stapling and distributing (Wendy Gitsham, Christine Crossman, Vic and Christine Walsham and Brenda Pawsey to my knowledge); our valiant band of deliverers; to those who contribute financially; and to Nicholas, who stands patiently by the printer as it churns it all out and sorts out the paper jams.

To you and all our Readers, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Kati and John

Reedham Village Hall

RCA Stage School

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A Christmas mystery

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(bring a torch)

Right: Heidi being admitted into the Sisters of Bethany as a Postulant at the Southsea Convent - see article inside.



Left: Reedham Over Fifties Club celebrates Halloween - Four photos combined by Digital Witchcraft.