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Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley : Reedham :
Wickhamton

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Barn Owl near Brickstone Carr, Reedham

Photo: Kati Cowen

OUTLOOK

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It's January: PCC treasurers will be closing the books on 2021 and starting to prepare and reconcile the accounts. The deadline for on-line tax returns is approaching, stirring some into last minute action. It is a time of reckoning.

Such times crop up frequently in the Bible (remember Belshazzar, who was weighted in the scales and found wanting?) and feature in the parables of Jesus. In that of the talents (Matt 25) the master returns and settles accounts with the servants he has left in charge of his assets; in the parable of the tenants (Mark 12) the vineyard-owner sends a servant at harvest time to collect his share of the produce.

Taking stock can be informative. In January parishes are asked to compile and report statistics on the year which has ended: sometimes the figures reveal trends we may not have been aware of at the time, or correct our defective memories. Elsewhere in this magazine there is a piece asking whether our giving has kept up with inflation: when we take a look we may find we are no longer being as generous as we thought!

Reckoning isn't meant to be an academic or paper exercise: it's there to inform the present and shape the future. Following the excesses of Christmas, January urges some to do something to adjust their weight or alcohol consumption. In the troublesome parable of the dishonest steward (Luke 16) the steward is commended for his swift and effective action when his employment is terminated and he is called to produce his accounts. It's not yet too late for us to take action, Jesus implies, before each of us is called to give an account of our life.

Each parable stands alone; yet together they point us in certain directions. Those of the talents, the rich fool who built himself bigger barns (Luke 12) and the sheep and the goats (Matt 25) imply that God isn't interested in our self-preservation: what we have is to be put to work, with a particular emphasis on the benefit of others. When God looks at a set of accounts, he is more interested in the "payments" section than the "receipts" or balance sheet!

At the same time, Jesus took pains to dissolve any image of God as some kind of austere, heavenly book-keeper: the times of reckoning include the cancelling of debt (Matt 18, Luke 7), a stay of execution for an unproductive fig tree (Luke 6) and a generous rewarding of labour in the vineyard, irrespective of its duration (Matt 20). There is grace here, too.

Wishing you a fruitful New Year,

Martin Greenland

Special Services in January

On Sunday 2nd we will celebrate **The Epiphany**; Freethorpe, Halvergate and Reedham churches will participate in a joint **Covenant Service** at 11.00am at Freethorpe Methodist Church.

Sunday 9th we will once again mark **Plough Sunday** with a benefice service at **4.**
Wickhampton - this year at 11.00am.

On Sunday 16th it's Acle's turn to gather at the Methodist Church for a **Covenant Service** - this year at 11.00am (possibly with coffee from 10.30am).

On Sunday 30th we will mark the **Presentation of Christ in the Temple** (Candlemas) with an 11.00am Benefice Service at Halvergate.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th-25th January) will be marked by a service on Tue 25th at 10am at Acle Methodist Church.

Good Stewards

At a recent PCC meeting our diligent treasurer drew our attention to a new initiative from the Diocese aimed at encouraging us to index-link our planned giving. 'The Parish Giving Scheme' is a diocese-administered one which could allow existing (and new) regular standing order givers to index-link their giving.

Whilst I 'get' their thinking it's not something I would particularly want to take advantage of BUT it did get me thinking that it was about time I reviewed my monthly contribution to the wellbeing of the church finances!

George, our treasurer, said that he'd looked back over the last six years and that the value of Standing Orders had hardly altered in that time.

It did start me thinking that an item in Outlook, highlighting the proposed scheme, (even though I didn't want, personally, to take advantage) might be a timely reminder to others to make a 'health-check' on their church giving, too. I suggested as much and Martin, our Rector, was quick to suggest that I should write it!!

So, here it is – and if you would like more details of the scheme, they're to be found at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/parishes/how-it-works>.

Of course you could, like me, just make an adjustment now and make a note to review each year – perhaps the annual Patronal Festival of your church might be an appropriate date to use?

Inflation's been at around 2% p.a. in recent years (I think!)

So to put the fall in value, to the church, of a standing order made just 5 years ago: A standing order of £10 per month would need to be £11:28 to keep up (£15/year less to the church – more than another month's contribution!). Food for thought – at Christmas (the time for giving)?

Happy Giving & Happy Christmas.

Vic Walsham

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Two Continents

7.

The little one looks up to the skies,
Shivering in the evening chill.
Trembling in anticipation,
A rosy glow colours each cheek
And, ever so softly, in wonder and awe,
She whispers simple, clear entreaties:
Warmth, gifts, smiles, a treat?
And - she has been so good for so long -
A pure, white blanketing of snow.

The little one looks up, and cries.
Shivering, she is tired and ill,
Trembling, drained of all emotion,
Pallid; hunger has made her weak.
Stumbling ahead, bare-footed, sore,
She whispers simple, earnest pleas:
Company, comfort, a morsel to eat?
And - she has done nothing wrong -
A drop of water to make crops grow.
Jamie McRobert

Question Time

The Bishop of Norwich will be visiting the deanery for a **Question Time with Bishop Graham**: 7.30pm (coffee from 7.00pm) on Tue 18th Jan at Holy Trinity Church, Salhouse Road, Rackheath NR13 6QH. It will be possible to ask questions on the night; but you are encouraged to submit them beforehand to me at dean@aclechurch.plus.com so that they can be grouped into subject areas. The meeting is organised by Blofield Deanery Synod, but is open to non-members, with space for about 20 people from each benefice.

Martin Greenland (Rural Dean)

Reedham and District WI

The Reedham and District WI have returned to their regular programme, enjoying guest speakers, local walks, trips into Norwich for exhibitions and cocktails, informal pub lunches etc. We held our AGM in November and learnt how to make scented Christmas candles. We also ran a successful Jolly Jar stall at the Christmas Fair to raise funds towards future activities. There will be no January meeting, although we plan to visit the textile exhibition at Norwich Castle on the 14th January, followed by lunch in town. We will resume meeting on the first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm at Reedham Village Hall. Our February entertainment will be a social catch up, an auction of unwanted Christmas gifts, and, if we are feeling sufficiently energetic, perhaps a spot of indoor kurling. You are welcome to join us!
mpcjones@hotmail.co.uk

Lorraine Mallett

Thanks to those whose who donated the money which was raised at the funeral of Mrs Lorraine Mallett. Just over £600 will be divided between The British Heart Foundation and Diabetes Research.

Diane Rushbrook

JANUARY 2022 CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

SUNDAY 2nd THE EPIPHANY

- 9.30am Morning Worship – Limpenhoe
- 11.00am Morning Worship - Acle
- 11.00am Morning Prayer – Beighton
- 11.00am Covenant Service – Freethorpe Methodist Church

Tuesday 4th 1.30pm Over Fifties Club resumes – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 5th 7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Saturday 8th Note: No Farmers' Market

SUNDAY 9th THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 11.00am Plough Sunday Service – Wickhampton

Monday 10th MOBILE LIBRARY DAY
7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 16th 2nd of EPIPHANY

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- 9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate
- 11.00am Covenant Service – Acle Methodist Church
- 11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe
- 11.00am Morning Prayer - Reedham

Monday 17th 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 19th
Cantley and District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

SUNDAY 23rd 3rd of EPIPHANY

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 9.30am Matins – Halvergate
- 11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

Tuesday 25th 10am Prayer for Christian Unity – Acle Methodist Church

SUNDAY 30th PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
- 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion - Halvergate

Looking forward into February:-

SUNDAY 6th 4th before LENT/ THE ACCESSION

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

Reedham Village Hall

Monday 17th January Cash Bingo eyes down 7.30pm look out for posters with jackpot details.

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Clubs on in the Village Hall in the new year

Monday- Zumba 9:30am - 10:45am
 Tuesday - Music Group 9:30am - 11am
 Over 50s 1:30pm -3:30pm
 WI - First Tuesday of the month 7:30pm-10pm
 RCA Theatre Company 7:30pm-9:30pm
 Wednesday - Kurling 10:30am-12:30pm
 RCA Stage School 6-9 yr olds,
 6-7:30pm 10-16 yr olds 7:30-9pm.
 Thursday - Badminton 10am - 12pm
 Friday - Zumbini 11:30am -12:15pm
 Nomads 7:30pm - 9:30pm
 Saturday - Keep Fit 9am - 10am

WICKHAMPTON CHURCH CAFÉ

The Café was open at weekends during December 2021, and we were pleased to welcome folks from near and far to enjoy tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cakes and festive mince pies. The Christmas Craft Stall also proved popular for last-minute Christmas gifts. Our thanks to everyone for their support, and the Café will be open for business again in spring 2022.

The Friends of Wickhampton Church.

Reedham Ringers

10.

As always we tolled a single muffled bell at Reedham church leading up to the 11am service at the Reedham war memorial on Remembrance Sunday . This is the 3rd year that we have undertaken this solemn duty and it is always a moving occasion for the ringers who volunteer. Later in the day we rang the bells at Acle church for their Remembrance Day service and in October we rang Halvergate to celebrate a wedding – so all the benefice bells have had a swing recently!

Advent is the traditional Ringing Season, when bells ring out to prepare the world for the coming festival. The ringers, with the help of a few church members, have formed a handbell ringing band so that we can take our bells to places where tower bells are not available. This month we plan to ring carols for services at Limpenhoe, Beighton, Halvergate and Wickhampton, as well as for the Reedham school carol service, so look out for us. If anyone is interested in learning to ring, either big bells or little bells, then please get in touch. We welcome new ringers of whatever age, although you do have to be tall enough to reach the ropes on the big bells!

Mary Jones (mary.jones@bellringing.org)

Plough Sunday

All are invited to St Andrews Church on Sunday January 9th at 11am to bless the Plough and corn seed ready for spring sowing.

Local farmer Alfie Dunthorne will bring his John Deere tractor and Plough for blessing by Rev d Martin Greenland on the Church Green.

This age old tradition within our farming community has been observed in our village for many years.

Please wrap up warmly as part of the service is held outside. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

Brenda Pawsey

Wickhampton Carol Service

St Andrew's Church looked amazingly magical in candlelight during our Carol Service, when the theme was "O Come All Ye Faithful". Revd. Martin led us through the well-known carol explaining the words of each verse, interspersed with other carols and lessons telling the story of Christ's Birth.

The Handbell Ringers, led by Diana Gilder, delighted everyone with their ringing of traditional carols. The congregation hung prayer cards on the Christmas Tree and lit candles from the Pascal Candle in memory of lost loved ones. Afterwards all enjoyed refreshments including hot punch and mince pies.

Thanks to all who took part and attended.

Brenda Pawsey

WICKHAMPTON BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange is now up and running in the old telephone box at Wickhampton, which has been refurbished and redecorated by villagers. Thanks to everyone who so kindly donated funds for this project (including a generous grant from Broadland District Council), and to those who have worked so hard to return it to its former glory!



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Acle Churches Together (ACT) Annual Christmas Carol Concert

On Saturday December 11th at 6pm at the Methodist church a cross-section of Acle's Catholic, Methodist and Church of England communities under the leadership of Roman Catholic Deacon, the Revd. Peter Glanville, Methodist minister the Revd. Andrew King and Church of England Rector, the Revd. Martin Greenland held its traditional Christmas Carol Concert.

Music was provided by Elaine Brown and Broadland Band. Carols ranging from 'Once in Royal David's City' to 'O Come All Ye Faithful' were heartily sung by the packed congregation with prayers recited by Martin Greenland, Peter Glanville and Andrew King at appropriate intervals.

A collection was taken at the end of the concert in aid of the homeless charity 'Emmaus, Norfolk and Waveney'.

Freethorpe Women's Night Out

7 30pm Wednesday January 5th at Freethorpe Village Hall

Nibbles and Natter and bring a poem.

Brenda Pawsey

We had two get togethers in December- an enjoyable Christmas meal and a week later our annual Christmas party.

Our next meeting will take place on January 19th at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall when our speaker, Tony Brown, will be telling us all about Scottish Wildlife.

For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome. In the meantime we would like to wish everybody a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

OVER FIFTIES CLUB

What a month we have had! Firstly we had our Christmas party at Reedham Village hall at the end of November. We started our party with a serious moment remembering past members and 4 members that we lost this year; then the party commenced.

We had pass-the-parcel and as various members unwrapped each layer they discovered funny hats and glasses which they had to wear. Then the food was served by our permanent helpers Sally & Wendy whilst Ken was rapidly keeping the tables clear whilst having a sneaky dance!! The music was provided by Karl.

Three members were given special birthday cards and a birthday cake was provided for them - Sue who was 60, Pam who was 70 and Violet who will be 90.

We had our Grand Christmas Draw with 61 prizes. The first prize of a food and drink hamper donated by Jane & Mick Ryan was won by Matt Thompson. All prizes were Christmas fayre and donated by members.

Angie gave the Committee and Helpers presents from the members. Then the winner of the bingo lottery was announced. On November 27th Eunice Cherry won the jackpot £468.00. The new game started on Dec 4th.

On December 7th members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge. The afternoon was filled with laughter and a lovely way to finish our year before we close until January. There was a raffle and all prizes were donated by Ray & Angie Woolsey. The first prize a hamper was won by Penny McQuillan.

After an excellent meal Beryl presented Angie with a gift from the members for all her efforts. Angie then thanked the committee and helpers for all their help during 2021, and the members for prizes and donations given to the club. Angie said that we are a team and we all work together to make the club a success, and hopefully in 2022 we will gain even more new members.

We are looking forward to re-opening on January 4th at 1.30pm when yearly memberships will be due, so come along and join us. We now have members from Reedham, Freethorpe, Lingwood, Acle, Wickhampton, Gorleston & Lowestoft.

Happy Christmas and a healthy 2022 to you all. Keep warm!!!!

Angie Woolsey
Secretary/Treasurer

Reedham Gardening Club - Jobs in January

14.

Check on stored dahlias and begonias as well as Cannas for rot.

sweet peas can be sown this month, any autumn sown sweet peas can be potted on.

Continue to lift and divide perennials if weather permits.

Plan and purchase summer bulbs that can be planted into your border for a stunning summer display.

Prune apple and pear trees, along with currants and gooseberries.

Start forcing rhubarb with an upturned bucket.

Plan your vegetable crop rotation for this coming year.

Keep putting out food and water for the birds.

Recycle your Xmas tree by shredding it for mulch.

Ken

Nomads Theatre Company – IT'S PANTO TIME! ...

...Oh yes it is! Dick Whittington will be performed at Reedham Village Hall on Friday 11th February at 7:30pm and Saturday 12th February at 2:30pm and 7:30pm. This year's pantomime promises to bring plenty of traditional pantomime humour as we follow Dick Whittington on his adventures through London and then to the distant and improbable land of Morocco!

Nomads Theatre Company has been running for over 20 years from Reedham and the surrounding villages. We have performed plays, sing-a-longs, children's performances and pantomimes. We are a charity with a small committee and membership who dedicate our Friday evenings to having fun and rehearsing our shows.

Tickets for Dick Whittington can be purchased by calling the chairperson Kerri-Anne on [07824468242](tel:07824468242), emailing kerriannewatson@hotmail.com or via the Nomads Theatre Company Facebook page.

Tickets: £7 adults and £5 students/concessions.

Whilst we have enough cast members to put this performance together, we are always open to new members (no experience required!). There are many ways to get involved with our amateur dramatics group without getting up onto the stage itself. We would be most grateful for any extra support or help with things such as costumes, set painting, lighting, live music and prompt.

Come and watch!

Also, on the second Sunday of every month there's a Quiz Night at The Ship in Reedham to help raise funds for Nomads Theatre Company. Next one is 9th January at 7:30pm

Acle Versus Arthritis

Acle Versus Arthritis Support Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 until 12 Noon at Acle Library. Meetings include a cuppa and a chat, peer support, information booklets and tips on self-management if you would like any further details please email: c.preston@versusarthritis.org or Tel: 0783 4418472.

Abide with me	Eventide
Come let us join our cheerful songs	Nativity
Eternal Father, strong to save	Melita
Hark the glad sound	Bristol
Immortal, invisible	St Denio
Morning has broken	Bunessan
My God how wonderful Thou art	Westminster
Rejoice the Lord is King	Gopsal
Ride on ride on in majesty	Winchester New
Rock of ages	Petra
Soldiers of Christ arise	From strength to strength
Songs of praise the angels sang	Northampton
Through all the changing scenes of life	Wiltshire
Ye holy angels bright	Darwall's 148th

Lyndsay Fisher



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Left: Over Fifties' Christmas Lunch at Acle Bridge

Below: Reedham Christmas Fayre - Santa's Grotto



Below: Reedham Handbell Ringers at Wickhampton
Carol Service



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