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OUTLOOK

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## From the Sisters,

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Happy New Year!

January can seem a tricky month for many. With the festivities of Christmas over, the dark cold days, and what can feel like a long month financially for many who received early pay in December.

It is also the month of New Year's resolutions when many people think back on things they might like to change or do differently in the coming year. On 6<sup>th</sup> January we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, when the three wise men visited Jesus. We then keep the season of Epiphany until Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to be presented in the temple.

The season of Epiphany is perhaps one of my favourites. It is a time to think about that moment of three kings encountering a new king, a tiny baby, unlike any king they were expecting. The encounter with Jesus was so profound that it changed things for them when they left. We are told in Matthew's Gospel that they left 'by a different route'. I remember a very poignant Epiphany service when I lived in Canterbury. At the end of the service the choir and clergy left the service by a completely different route. It was something so subtle but yet so profound because it symbolised that moment of encounter with Jesus when everything changed. Nothing going forward was quite the same again.

Epiphany is a moment of realisation and revelation – it's the moment that the three kings, who had searched, followed and then found Jesus Christ, understood something anew. It's the 'Aha' moment of life!

So, this new year, this season of Epiphany, this time of encounter, I wonder what 'Aha' moments may come our way.

May the revelation of God in the birth of Jesus Christ be realised afresh in our hearts this Epiphany-tide.

Blessings to you all for 2024,

Heidi Marie, Novice of Sisters of Bethany

## Parish Registers

### Funerals

We commit to God's keeping:-

John Charles Boyle, aged 87, on 5<sup>th</sup> December at All Saints', Freethorpe

John Albert Wilson, aged 87, on 15<sup>th</sup> December at St Edmund's, Acle

As usual, the first month of the New Year brings a number of special services. The annual **Blessing of the Plough** will be at Wickhampton Church at 10.30am on Sun 14<sup>th</sup> (Benefice Holy Communion). We are invited to join with our local Methodist sisters and brothers in renewing our **Covenant** with God: at 11.00am, at Freethorpe Methodist Church on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> (so no services at Halvergate, Reedham or Freethorpe, All Saints, that day) and at Acle Methodist Church on Sun 21<sup>st</sup>. That falls within the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan): we will mark that with a special service on Sun 21<sup>st</sup> at All Saints, Freethorpe at 3.00pm; and, at Acle, at our monthly ecumenical service at Swallowtail Place: 10.30am, Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> – this time in the bar area. **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple** ('Candlemas') which marks the end of the season of Epiphany will be celebrated in our normal scheduled services on Sun 28<sup>th</sup>.

Acle Farmers' Market takes a break in January, resuming on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you very much to everyone who participated in Acle St. Edmund's Annual **Gift Day**: it raised £2,358 – an increase on last year's £1,906 – although there are likely to be one or two further gifts. It is especially encouraging when we receive donations from people who are not members of the congregation – please do continue to support your parish church!

The **Stone Pine** *Pinus pinea* growing in Acle Rectory garden is now the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. PCC member Rodney Edrich remembers the tree being mature 70 years ago, when he attempted to garden underneath it as a pupil of the village primary school! Researching the introduced species, he discovered that its seeds were prized by the Romans to eat: they have been found in archaeological remains on Hadrian's Wall, although the tree couldn't grow that far north. The Rectory specimen is valuable for wildlife principally because of its age: cracks and dead wood providing niches not found in younger trees. Birds (and Grey squirrels!) are the most obvious beneficiaries: nesting species have included Chaffinch, Long-tailed tit and Collared dove; sadly Woodpigeons drive away a male Stock dove whenever it attempts to display. A Kestrel has used it as a hunting perch and one day it played host to an escaped Eagle owl! But there will also be a host of smaller creatures: a longhorn beetle in the Rectory dining room one day will have emerged from a pine log on the hearth. Most notably, the tree hosts a colony of an officially scarce micro moth, the Small Pine Shoot *Clavigesta sylvestrana* – currently recorded from only two other locations in Norfolk (and only a handful of sites in the other southern counties where it occurs).

## MEDICINE BLISTER PACKS – UPDATE

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, I received an email from Terracycle telling me that the recycling scheme has been put on hold. This is due to the scheme being too popular and exceeding expectations.

Terracycle is working with Aldi to look for ways to resume it.

Watch this space!

Diana Gilder



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## Reedham Village Hall

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Film night 12th January. A Haunting in Venice. Tickets cost £5 which can be booked either online at [www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk) or call 01493 701107.

Cash Bingo Monday 15th January at 7:30pm. Please check posters for jackpot details.

RCA stage school will be performing a comedy 'The Heist before Christmas' from the 21st & 22nd December at 7:30pm and 23rd at 2:30pm. To book tickets call 01493 701107 or online at [www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk).

Thank you to everyone who attended any of our shows in 2023. We are looking forward to seeing you at our 2024 productions and the first will be RCA Theatre Company performing Agatha Christie's 'And Then There Were None' in March 2024.

### OVER FIFTIES CLUB AND LOTTERY NEWS

Well, we have had a very busy month with our Christmas party at the end of November and then the first week in December members enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge, and as usual Vanessa & Phil (The Managers) did us proud.

At our Christmas party we had our grand Christmas raffle which had 68 prizes, it was amazing. A buffet was provided by Acle Bakes & Cakes & the Committee.

We now have a Christmas break and re-open on Tuesday January 9th at 1.15pm. We open early the first week as yearly memberships of £7.00 per member are due as well as normal £3.00 subs. If you want to join then come along at 1.15pm on the 9th to Reedham Village Hall. We meet every Tuesday, so if you are alone and want company come and join us. We are looking for Whist players but if you don't play cards then you can play bingo.

We are starting from scratch again with bingo and raffle prizes so any members that can bring a prize it will be appreciated.

At the time of writing this the lottery has not been won so the jackpot is growing, this is open to non members as well at £1.00 per week. If you would like to join give me a ring on 07585504199.

It just remains to wish all members a wonderful Christmas and a happy but above all a healthy new year.

See you on January 9th 2024 at 1.15pm !!!!!!! Looking forward to seeing you all and any new members that would like to join us.

Angie Woolsey Secretary /Treasurer

### Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th January at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Angela Bishop will be coming to entertain us with her talk on Street Sellers. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

**NOTE: The Carol Service on 21<sup>st</sup> December is now at ACLE at 7.45pm, not Reedham – sorry, roof problems, so some of the nave roped off. Crib Service etc. still at Reedham.**

**NOTE: There will be a Roman Catholic Mass at 9.30am at Acle on Christmas Day.** 8.

## **JANUARY CALENDAR**

Reedham Charity: **St Martin's Trust**

### **Weekly**

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (**except when there is a morning service at Swallowtail Place**)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

### **SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> EPIPHANY**

9.30am Holy Communion - Limpenhoe

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Covenant Service – Freethorpe Methodists Church

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm 'A Haunting in Venice' – Film at Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Note: No Farmers' Market this month

### **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of EPIPHANY**

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Plough Sunday Service - Wickhampton

7.30pm Nomads Quiz – The Ship, Reedham

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> **OUTLOOK COPY DATE**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 9am – Noon Limpenhoe Breakfast Café

### **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of EPIPHANY** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

9.30am Morning Worship – Limpenhoe

11.00am Covenant Service – Acle Methodist Church

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

3.00pm Service of Prayer for Christian Unity - Freethorpe

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Ecumenical Service – Swallowtail Place

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm 'Wind in the Willows' – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm & 7.30pm 'Wind in the Willows' -

Reedham Village Hall



## **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

9.

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle  
9.30am Matins – Halvergate  
10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton  
11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

Looking forward into February:-

### **SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> before LENT**

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

### **Answer to last month's Pathfinder Puzzle**

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
For his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, Angels singing,  
Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Lyndsay Fisher

### **Reedham Stall at Acle Farmers' Market**

Many thanks to those who donated items and bought items on a horribly wet Saturday morning. Especial thanks to Lyndsay Fisher for both helping on the stall and providing an impressive array of knitted soft toys for sale. We made a profit (including donations) of £73.80.

Kati Cowen

### **Reedham Jumble Sale Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

After a highly successful bargain run last year we have decided to run this event again. All villagers will receive a collection bag that they can fill with unwanted items such as clothing, books, bric-a-brac, white elephant goods, small household goods, shoes and bags. The bag will be delivered with the February Outlook, It will be collected from your door/driveway on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. You can bring your donations to the Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> between 8am and 2pm. Come down and grab a bargain. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall. Surrounding villages can drop donations to 5a Church Rd in Reedham from the beginning of February.

Please have a wonderful New Year clear-out.

Many thanks to you all.

Amanda Hampton

## Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

10.

Our December meeting was a Christmas meal and Secret Santa at The Boathouse, Ormesby Broad which was much enjoyed by members. We also met at the village hall on 11th December to make Christmas wreaths – not just foliage stuck in Oasis but foliage wired on to a moss covered frame like proper florists. They were remarkably successful. It is good to keep learning new skills and between members we have a lot of skills to share. Currently, a group of WI ladies are sharing their crafting skills with the children at Reedham school by running a weekly craft club.

We also met on a freezing Saturday evening to sing carols around the Christmas tree with children from the RCA stage school during the Reedham Christmas party which was held at the village hall.

Our January meeting will be a week later than usual on 9<sup>th</sup> January, when we will hold our traditional Christmas present amnesty and finish up any nibbles that require finishing up.

If you want to get more involved in your local community, then why not give the WI a try? It is not just jam and Jerusalem!

Mary Jones

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## January Garden jobs

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Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch.

Prune Apple and Pear fruit trees and Blackcurrant and Gooseberry fruit bushes.

Start forcing Rhubarb by covering with a large bucket.

Plant bare root Roses, shrubs and hedging as long as the ground is not frozen.

Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds.

Ken Tungate

## Future of Outlook

Despite the rumours, Outlook will continue to be published. However, free distribution to Reedham will end with the March edition. We are hoping that with support from the Parish Council, we might be able to afford to distribute free copies for the June edition (with the Village Show schedule) and December edition. It will also be available (free) through <https://www.abychurches.co.uk/magazine/current-year/> or by a 'blind' emailing each month. (This means that your email address is not seen by the other recipients.) Next month's magazine will contain a flyer with details of how to subscribe if you wish to receive a paper copy.

Kati Cowen

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Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in the Village Hall

There were 11 Councillors present, the Clerk, and 5 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

New Parish Councillor Rob Allen was welcomed on to the Council.

The Council will be applying for a grant from the Broadland Clean Up and Bloom fund to purchase and install a new planter next to the public toilets. It will match the ones on Riverside.

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report:

The December play equipment safety inspection has not yet been carried out.

Fundraising: the November Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won therefore the jackpot on the 18<sup>th</sup> December is £260 in 60 numbers or less.

The RCA Stage School proudly presents "The Heist Before Christmas", a comedy set in a museum. Join the Clause family as they attempt to pull off their biggest heist yet. Performances will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.30pm.

Our next Film Night is Agatha Christie's "A Haunting in Venice" on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 each and can be booked through the website.

The Christmas Party on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December went very well. The magic show was excellent, and the DJ did a very good job of keeping the children entertained throughout the evening. My thanks to the WI ladies, and the RCA stage school children who, with their best singing voices, put on a great performance around the outside Christmas Tree on a very cold night.

The meeting dates for 2024 will be:

January - Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

February - no meeting

March - Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

April - Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>

Annual Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

June - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

July - Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

August - no meeting

September - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

October - Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

November - Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

December - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

However, they may be subject to change so please check the website for up to date information.

There were no planning applications received for consideration.

In October the sensor was on Station Road looking north towards the station. The average number of cars was 458 per day, which equates to about 27 per hour, with the busiest periods being around school drop off and pick up. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 27.5mph.

Work on the Woodland Walk steps handrail will start soon. A working party will also clear some of the undergrowth.

The Council received artwork by children at Reedham Primary and Nursery school **13**. to be turned into safety posters to inform motorists of the dangers of speeding past the school. 4 were chosen and will be installed in the New Year.

Organisation of the 80<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the downing of the two B17 bombers over the marshes on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 is progressing well with several events planned. Details will be confirmed early in the New Year. If anyone would like to assist in this please contact the Clerk.

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

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and the noticeboard by the Doctors' nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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## **Reedham Music Group**

Toddler and Baby group from 0-5 year olds every Tuesday morning 9:30-11:30am during term time at Reedham Village Hall. Wonderful toys including a trampoline, puzzles, trikes and a baby area. There's also light refreshments and 20 minutes of singing with musical instruments and sometimes a parachute!

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## **WICKHAMPTON NEWS**

### **Carol Service: Sunday 10 December 2023**

There was a medieval theme running through our service this year, with certain carols dating back to the Middle Ages, and a brief history of how Christmas would have been celebrated by rich and poor alike. It seems there was much feasting, drinking, merrymaking and mischief during the two-week holiday, so not much has changed over the centuries! The church looked beautiful, with holly, ivy and candlelight, and the congregation of over 30 hung prayer cards on the Christmas tree and lit candles, to remember loved ones. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church, provided festive fare of punch, sausage rolls, mince pies and more, and to all who came to the service. Happy New Year!

### **Blessing the Plough Service at St Andrew's, Wickhampton Sunday 14 January 2024 at 10.30am (with Holy Communion)**

Our service will commence inside the church at 10.30am, and we will then move outside for the annual blessing of the plough and seed.

Wrap up warm to enjoy the event, and join us for hot drinks afterwards!

## HMS GLOUCESTER TALK – see cover pictures

14.

On a snowy night on 1<sup>st</sup> December we heard a fascinating talk in St Botolph's Church in Limpenhoe on the discovery of HMS Gloucester which hit a sandbank and capsized off the Norfolk coast in 1682. Julian Barnwell and his brother are divers and they discovered the wreck in 2007. Julian very kindly gave up his time to come and talk to us about how he and his brother had made this discovery and how they have since retrieved multiple artefacts from the wreck. Many of these items are intact and surprisingly well preserved; for example, there are corked bottles containing wine which can be analysed to determine its origin. The ship's bell is a major find and was brought to the surface in 2012, thereby confirming the ship's identity as the HMS Gloucester. There is a lot of work still to be done to bring more precious items to the surface. The artefacts retrieved so far have already increased our knowledge of contemporary life in Restoration Britain and no doubt in the years to come this will increase further as more artefacts are raised and analysed. The Gloucester Trust is fundraising for this and further information about the discovery and the ongoing work can be found on the website <https://www.gloucester1682trust.org/> The Gloucester project has also been nominated for an archaeological award and you can support them by voting on <https://archaeology.co.uk/vote>

We are very grateful to Julian for giving up his valuable time to come and talk to us. The talk in the church was followed by cheese and wine in the Village Hall and many thanks are due to all those in the Friends' Group and the Village Hall Committee who made the event possible. Despite the winter conditions we had a great turnout with nearly 80 people attending.

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## Nomads Theatre Company

It's here!! January is the month for the Nomads' production of 'Wind in the Willows' at Reedham Village Hall!

We are performing our family friendly production of Wind in the Willows on **Friday 26th (7:30pm)** and **Saturday 27th January (2:30pm & 7:30pm)** at Reedham Village Hall. Tickets are £7 adults and £5 students/concessions. Please either call Kerri-Anne on 07824468242, message us on Facebook, visit Julia at Reedham Post Office or ask for Sarah at The Ship in Reedham for ticket enquiries.

Interested in finding out more about how to get involved for other shows?

Rehearsals are usually Friday nights in Cantley or Reedham Village Hall and we **15.** welcome new members throughout the year. We are an inclusive group, with no experience required. If you'd like to be involved with helping behind the scenes or on the stage, please contact us via Facebook or contact our chairperson Kerri-Anne on 07824468242.

We are continuing to run monthly quizzes at The Ship in Reedham. Our November quiz was prepared by Wally and raised money for the British Legion. Our October quiz raised £102.50 for Nomads and our December quiz was also well attended. Thank you to Tony and Val for preparing our Christmas quiz.

Our upcoming quiz dates are on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> February 10<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> April. at The Ship in Reedham. They start at 7:30pm and is £1.50 per person with teams of up to 6 people. Thank you to The Ship for your continued support and for hosting us.

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**Friday 26th (7:30pm) and Saturday 27th January (2:30pm & 7:30pm) at Reedham Village Hall. Tickets are £7 adults and £5 students/concessions.**





*Above and Right:*  
The HMS Gloucester  
talk at Limpenhoe.



*Above right:* 'Happy' at  
Xmas - Limpenhoe.



*Left:* The Over Fifties Club Xmas  
Party.

*Below:* Reedham W.I.'s Xmas  
Wreath making session.



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