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The Benefice of Acle and Bure to Yare

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# OUTLOOK

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We may not witness it, but one of the agricultural events of the coming season is the turning out of livestock after the winter, to exalt in rediscovered freedom and fresh grass. Hopefully we will enjoying something of that feeling as Coronavirus restrictions are eased, lockdown is lifted and businesses reopen.

The prophet Malachi, speaking of the coming Day of the Lord, presents the faithful with just that image: The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. In the New Testament (especially Acts 3.8, drawing on a similar image in Isaiah 35.6) it is the walking and leaping of people who were previously lame which is a sign of the freedom of the kingdom of God, now dawning through Jesus Christ..

But the unbridled exercise of freedom is not necessarily a good thing. The Government is emphasising caution, even with the rapid rollout of vaccines: vaccination doesn't guarantee the recipient 100% protection; and doesn't protect anyone else until enough of us have received it to produce "herd immunity" (we hope). If activities are resumed too rapidly, or people decide to abandon their observation of the safeguards, we risk infection rates rising again. We voluntarily suspended Sunday worship in our church buildings back in January: only gradually will we be resuming them through March and April; and we will continue to provide for worship on-line. All of us need to exercise patience and restraint if the experience of freedom is to be a lasting one.

Writing to the Christians in Corinth, St. Paul has to warn some of them that their interpretation of freedom was leading them into risky territory and demonstrating a lack of consideration for others. Everything is permissible, he writes, — but not everything is beneficial. Diet provides us with an illustration: we may be able to eat anything — but not everything is good for us!

When Paul speaks about *fruits of the Spirit* in his letter to the Galatians, along with "apple pie" attributes like *love*, *joy* and *peace*, he also lists *self-control* – less appealing, perhaps, but no less desirable.

In the liberating love of God,

Martin Greenland

### Parish Registers

We commend to God:-

Jennifer Mary Knights, aged 76, of Freethorpe at Gorleston Crematorium on  $4^{\rm th}$  February

Gordon William Steer, aged 74, of Acle at St Faith Crematorium on 8th February

Anthony Stewart John (Tony) Hartley, aged 83, at St Edmund's, Acle on 16<sup>th</sup> **4.** February

Betty Daisy Hubbard, aged 82, at St Edmund's, Acle on 17th February

Owen Ernest Woodgate, aged 83, at St Andrew's, Wickhampton on  $19^{\text{th}}$  February

Sheila Margaret Guymer, aged 88, at St Edmund's, Acle on 23rd February

Dorothy Daisy (Betty) Borrett, aged 86, at All Saints', Beighton on 24th February

Please remember the family and friends of the following, whose funerals are to happen shortly:-

Rosemary (Liz) Ferguson on 15th March at Gorleston Crematorium.

Audrey Maud Harris on 18th March at St Andrew's, Wickhampton.

(Covid restrictions will of course apply on the number who can attend these funerals, so please respect that.)

### Women's World Day of Prayer

The national committee have made a number of suggestions about this year's Service and Freethorpe have made the decision to postpone the service until later in the year. Acle have postponed until Friday  $3^{\rm rd}$  September.

There will possibly be some services streamed nationally and if anyone would like a copy of the service to follow please let Corinne or Janet know. Details of the re-arranged service will be in Outlook when it can be held.

Janet Church

### Outlook

We hope we will be able to produce a paper copy of Outlook next month (April) so Copy Date will be on 16th March. Many thanks to those who have contributed to our rather thin editions over the past few months. I dare say soon we will be bursting at the seams again!

K.C.

### **Easter Lilies**

As it is very uncertain whether we would be able to get our usual Easter Lilies, it looks as if meetings inside will still be banned so arranging would be difficult, and it hasn't been decided at time of going to press what Church Services there will be by the beginning of April, we will not be having our usual sponsoring of lilies at Reedham Church. Wickhampton and Freethorpe Churches are inviting families to bring their own already arranged flowers and put them in their churches if they wish on Easter Saturday, when the churches will be open.

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### **Pathfinder** Puzzle

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Starting at the  $7^{th}$  letter across on the  $9^{th}$  row down, move up, down or sideways (but NOT diagonally) to find the path through the words of a hymn.

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Answer next month.

Lyndsay Fisher



'Birds in the Snow' by Elisabeth Kosmian

During the snowy weather in February, our oil was stolen whist the school was closed. In response to this sad event, our community rallied around us and showed their support.

This is to say a huge thank you to Mrs Mallet, one of our parents, for setting up a 'Just Giving' Page so that parents and friends of the school were able to give generous donations. Thank you to all of the marvellous and kind members of our community who showed their support for our school.

The page and some cheque donations raised an incredible £2025! This amount would more than cover the replacement oil. A local company has also kindly donated 500 litres of oil; and parents have offered advice on CCTV installation. The funds will be spent to install CCTV to prevent theft and to keep our children safe in the future.



This picture is a screenshot from our Google Meet Super Star Assembly – we asked the children to make thank you posters and hold them up. The real super stars of that week were all the lovely people who donated to support us.

### **Reedham Ringers**

It is almost exactly a year since we last held a bell ringing practice at Reedham. The Reedham Ringers have been able to offer very limited ringing on and off throughout this time, and some of us have taken to handbells. We are all looking forward to returning to the tower, although I hope that the handbells will continue to run alongside the big bells.

Once society opens up again, a number of local towers are likely to be in desperate need of ringers, since many of the older generation are not likely to return and we have not been able to train up any replacements during 2020. If you have ever thought, "I wonder how they do that?" or "I would love to have a try on those bells....", please get in touch. Although we cannot offer to train volunteers at present, we can introduce you to the theory and culture of

bell ringing through on-line platforms. It is an opportunity to see what we do and to experience, albeit virtually, a fascinating and sociable hobby.

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### **MARCH CALENDAR**

Reedham Charity: St Martins Trust

Diocesan Lent Appeal / Together in Unity:-

Online – visit our JustGiving page to donate online

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Note: It is still uncertain which Churches will be having Services in their buildings in March and when — please look on the Website Calendar and the Weekly News letter for up to date information. When there are Services, please contact a Church Warden to ask if there is room if it not the usual church you attend.

SUNDAY 7th 3rd Sunday in Lent

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

11.00am Holy Communion at Beighton

NO FARMERS' MARKET

SUNDAY 14th 4th Sunday in Lent

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

Tuesday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

SUNDAY 21st 5th Sunday in Lent

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for details

SUNDAY 28th PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Zoom service – contact Rector for

details

Looking forward into APRIL:-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> GOOD FRIDAY SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY

### Reedham and District WI

As lockdown continues, opportunities for members to meet up, even for a socially distanced walk, have been removed. We still convene on-line for a zoom chat from time to time and we are all looking forward to the day when we will be able to resume our normal



programme of monthly meetings and regular outings. We stay in touch via a 10. lively Whats App group, a non-newsletter newsletter and our facebook page @ Reedham and District WI. Our recent "competition" to grow the most outstanding amaryllis, proved a hit! Mary Jones

### Covid Vaccines - donations.

### King's Lynn vicar, the Revd Becca Rogers has been inspired to set up a fundraising campaign to help people in low-income countries access the COVID-19 vaccine

It is estimated that only 10 per cent of people in low-income countries will receive the vaccine this year. Many will have to wait until 2024. The inequality in our world is desperate, but there are things we can do.

The Astra-Zeneca vaccine costs between £5 and £10 for two doses. Would you consider donating this much to enable someone, somewhere else in the world, to have the vaccine? You might like to donate this once your own vaccine letter comes through, or even in the knowledge that you'll be getting it soon. It could also be a gesture of thanks for a loved one's treatment. 'Gavi', the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, was set up in 2000, for the purpose of vaccinating people in low- and middle-income countries. The money raised on this page will be given to Gavi for the COVAX roll-out.

Currently, the fund has raised over £2,000 and Becca will be leaving it open to raise as much as possible. "People are feeling blessed to be getting the vaccine, and they want to share that with others. Please share, spread the word, and donate if you can."

You can donate to Becca's page here or go to

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/donatethecostofyourvaccine

### National Day of Reflection 2021

On 23 March 2021, it'll be one year since the first UK lockdown. Since then, millions of people have been bereaved, both as a result of Covid-19 and due to other causes. The restrictions we've all been living under have meant that many people have had to grieve without the comfort of having friends and family around them.

Marie Curie, a charity which supports people around the event of a terminal diagnosis, has organised a National Day of Reflection to acknowledge grief and loss over the last year. The national Church of England is one of several organisations supporting it.

### WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING ON THE DAY OF REFLECTION?

There will be a minute's silence at 12 noon on 23 March to create a moment that shows support for the millions of people who've been bereaved. We are hoping this will be marked in Reedham by the tolling of a bell just before noon. It might also be a day to connect with someone who is grieving. This might be in simple ways such as having a chat with them, sending a card, a message, or giving them some spring flowers.







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KC



Sunset over Tunstall

K.C.



Wickhampton Marshes - Elisabeth Kozmian-Ledward





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