

Isolation Times



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES



15th November 2020—Edition 26

Attlebridge/Alderford ♦ Bylaugh ♦ Elsing ♦ Gt & Lt Witchingham ♦ Lyng ♦ Reepham ♦ Salle ♦ Sparham ♦ Swannington ♦ Thurning ♦
Weston Longville ♦ Wood Dalling

Each year our Foodbanks create Christmas hampers full of seasonal goodies for those families and individuals that have used their service over the year.



The hampers are made up in the early part of December so if you are thinking of donating to the Foodbank and would like to make someone's Christmas that little bit more special, please donate any of the following items:

* Christmas Puddings – no alcohol	* Tinned Potatoes	Everyday items also needed: Fruit Juice Squash Toilet Rolls Drop off at Diane's Pantry, Reepham, Lyng Stores, Lyng or Pam Smith, 4 Broad Lane, Swannington.
* Christmas Cake – no alcohol	* Christmas Crackers	
* Mince Pies – no alcohol	* Boxes of biscuits	
* Tinned Ham	* Crisps nuts etc	
* Tinned Salmon	* Chocolate treats	
	* Sponge Pudding	
	* Custard	

Zoom Art Café

Due to lockdown, our regulars at Art Café are no longer able to meet up on a Tuesday morning in St Michael's.

However, we are looking to open Art Café on Zoom for anyone who would like to join us. Everyone is welcome and over the next few weeks we hope to have some practical sessions which you can join in with, as well as an opportunity to socialise and relax with a friendly group of people.

You do not need to be a master crafter or artist, but if you would like an hour of relaxation to allow your creativity to run free, please join us.

Art Café will be held on Zoom between **2pm and 3pm each Tuesday during lockdown.**

Zoom Meeting ID: **825 0887 5273** Password: **374589**

In Our Prayers:

- This week we pray for our Alpha course; as we make preparations to hold courses in our community help us find those who may be seeking answers about life and faith and give us courage to invite and welcome them to us.
- We prayer for all those within our communities who may be in need, lonely or isolated. Help us to see them and hear them; to help and support them.



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GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

From the kitchen window 13th November 2020

Leaf fall is going on apace, with the Ash trees completely bare, making it much easier to see any birds perched in them. On a walk to Whitwell Common, we could hear a Bullfinch 'peeping', finally tracking it to the very top of a naked Ash tree. It was a cock bird sitting in the sun, showing off his bright red front, black cap and ash grey back. These shy, bulky birds are more often heard than seen, and very rarely come to garden feeders, although they do take seed from



feeding trays on some nature reserves, such as Sculthorpe Moor near Fakenham, where there are plenty of protective bushes. Beneath woodland trees, the thick layer of leaves is being slowly decomposed by fungi and other microscopic organisms. The fungi spread by means of mycelia; fungal threads that penetrate the soil and cover surprisingly large areas. For some species, the mycelia spread out in a ring, producing the so called 'fairy rings' of mushrooms; for others, there will be a ribbon of fruiting bodies, as there has been along the banks of the Marriott's Way recently. Some fungi will appear in approximately the same place every year, while others will fruit one year and then not be seen again for some considerable time, making it very exciting to see them when they do reappear. One such is the



Field Bird's Nest. This doesn't even look like a fungus, in that there is what at first glance appears to be a very small piece of pottery, within which nestle several 'eggs' containing the spores. When these are ripe, they burst, and rain drops falling into the cup, waft the spores away. Another is the White Saddle, which we found along Kerdiston Road several years ago but not since, although we did find it near Whitwell Station this year. Again, it does not look like a conventional fungus, but a strange white growth with a stalk like a well-used candle, which branches into two 'horns', with the saddle between them. Fungi are very weird and wonderful.

It was good to hear that Hedgehogs have been visiting several gardens in Smugglers Lane and that they are well provided for. Do send any sightings of wildlife that you have, so we can all share them rachel.42rr@btinternet.com

Our churches are open for private prayer at the following times:

Private Prayer	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Alderford	Currently Closed						
Attlebridge	9-5			9-5			
Bylaugh	Open By Appointment						
Elsing				9-5			9-5
Gt Witchingham			10-4				
Lyng			10-4				10-4
Reepham			12-5			9-5	
Salle	9-4				9-4		
Sparham							9-5
Swannington	10-1				2-5		
Thurning			10-4			10-4	
Weston Longville			10-4				
Wood Dalling	Currently closed due to planned building works						

Prayer for the Nation

During the next month we will be focussing on prayer; moving our morning and evening prayer onto Zoom as well as having a weekly Day of Prayer on Wednesdays. Services are as follows:

Monday—8am Celtic Morning prayer

Tuesday—8am Celtic Morning Prayer & 6pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Wednesday—8am Celtic Morning Prayer, 12pm Midday Prayer, 6pm Celtic Evening Prayer & 8.45pm Compline

Thursday—8am Celtic Morning Prayer & 6pm Celtic Evening Prayer

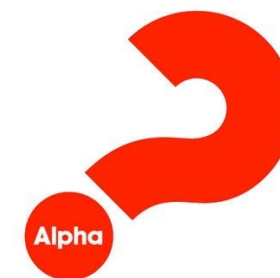
Our Zoom Meeting ID is 825 0887 5273 and our Zoom password is 374589. Everyone is welcome.

The Alpha Course: Discover and Debate Christianity for those with curious minds and wandering hearts.

We are planning to hold a 10 week Alpha Course, from 13th January to 24th March (with a 1 week break for February half term), where we will cover lots of interesting topics about Christianity.

Normally these courses would be held in person over a shared meal, however as we are in no position to know whether we will be able to meet in person in January we will be holding the course over Zoom.

Those interested in attending can contact Annabel (Parishofficerwv@gmail.com) for further information, but we would also like to hear from those of you who already attend church. If you have any experiences that you would like to share or be prepared to talk about, please let us know. As we are unable to share a meal, we will be delivering “hospitality treats” to those taking part so any help with making food such as scones, cake, biscuits etc would be greatly appreciated. Please do contact us if you would like to help.



Future Services:

Sunday 22nd November:	10am Pre recorded Holy Communion (see website)
	11am Zoom Coffee Social Join us online for a cuppa and a catch up (Zoom details as left)
Sunday 29th November:	10am Pre-recorded Holy Communion (See website)
	10.30am Zoom Whole Benefice Service (Zoom details as left)

As this lockdown period comes to an end we will look to see what we are able to do as a benefice and in our parishes for Advent and Christmas. We’ve all become used to information and restrictions changing quickly, so for the most up to date information, please check our benefice website: <https://www.reepham-and-wensum-valley-team-churches.org.uk/> Information will also be put up in church porches or via the mailing list. If you would like to join our E-newsletter list, please contact Annabel.