

Isolation Times



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES



8th November 2020—Edition 25

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

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: “The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the

Aylsham and District Care Trust (ACT) are looking to extend their home cooked hot meal delivery service to Reepham, but would like to know if there are enough customers in town to make it viable. For just £7.50 you can enjoy a two course of roast dinner and a classic pudding, such as crumble or jam roly poly, delivered to your door. If you would like to use this service or would like further information, please contact Alison on 01263 733385.

For the next few weeks of lockdown, our church buildings will be closed for public worship, however we will be moving our services online again with recorded services in our ‘Virtual Church’ and Zoom services in our ‘Virtual Chapel’.

For the next few weeks our services will be:

Sunday 8th November: Recorded online Remembrance Service available on our website, Youtube and Facebook page from 10.30am

Sunday 15th November: Zoom Café Church at 10.30am.

Sunday 22nd November: Recorded Holy Communion Service available on our website, Youtube and Facebook from 10.30am. Zoom Coffee Social from 11am

We will also be having regular Morning and Evening Celtic Prayer as well as Midday Prayer and Compline on Wednesdays. Please see over for details.

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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

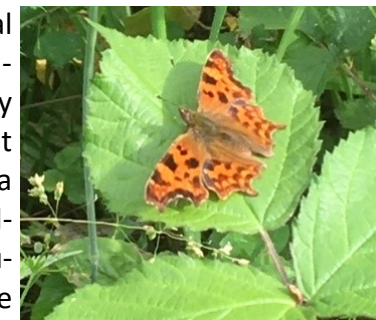
Wednesday—8am Celtic Morning Prayer, 12pm Midday Prayer, 6pm Celtic Evening Prayer & 8.45pm Compline

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.

From the kitchen window 6th November 2020

The warm weather in early November was moral boosting for us at this difficult time, but not necessarily good news for some creatures that had already gone into hibernation. Last week we spotted our first butterfly in the garden this October, when a Comma was sunning itself while taking nectar from Michaelmas Daisy flowers. Although butterflies are not unusual in October in a normal year, this one would have been hibernating in the dense ivy at the bottom of the garden through this year's very wet month and only woken up due to the sudden high temperatures. Fortunately there were plenty of suitable flowers for it to feed on and so replenish its reserves for the coming winter. With climate change causing insects to be on the wing earlier and later in the year than they used to be, for them to survive their periods of hibernation, they need year round sources of nectar.



Hedgehogs prepare by feeding up day and night in the autumn, as Frances found when she saw her regular visitor on the lawn, in broad daylight, a few weeks ago. Other creatures seek out a suitable spot for hibernation which remains at an even temperature despite the weather, such as the Hornet found on the floor of Elsing Church, which would have entered the building looking for a cool dry spot in which to spend the winter.



David found two Great Crested Newts hibernating under a large log, in woodland at Swannington Upgate, while looking for woodlice. They were torpid, so not disturbed by the rolling aside of their refuge, which was replaced with great care after we had admired their glossy black skin dimpled with white spots: they are amazingly beautiful amphibians! The smaller of the two had a golden line along its dorsal surface that will probably develop into a male's crest

next year. It was surprising how far they were from the nearest pond, given that a full grown adult is only about 14cm long. Do send any sightings of wildlife that you have, so we can all share them rachel.42rr@btinternet.com