

Isolation Times



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES



28th June 2020—Edition 14

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

Across our benefice we are slowly, steadily and safely reopening our church buildings for private prayer. From the 4th July churches will be allowed to reopen for public worship.

As we return to church for public worship, there will be certain social distancing measures in place to keep everyone safe. Everyone will be asked to use hand sanitiser when entering the church. Masks and face coverings are not mandatory, but you can wear one if you wish. Families will be allowed to sit in “bubbles” but should ensure social distancing is observed to people from other households. Currently we are unable to sing during our services. We look forward to welcoming you back to **St Mary’s for public worship at 10.30am on 12th, 19th and 26th July.** (Our Holy Communion services from St Mary’s Reepham will be recorded and uploaded to all the usual places after the service for all those who wish to worship from home or are continuing to shield /self isolate.)

Across the Benefice—Private Prayer

St Mary’s, Reepham is open on Tuesday and Saturday, 9am-5pm.

St Margaret’s, Swannington is open on Monday, 10am-1pm and Friday 2pm-5pm

Also, we have had news that the **Methodist Chapel in Reepham** is reopening on 8th July each Wednesday from 9.30am-11.30am for private reflection. Sunday services start on 5th July and will be held weekly at 10.30am. All welcome.

Announcements

With news that from 4th July we are able to return to our church buildings for weddings we are looking forward to celebration the marriage of **George and Samantha at St Peter and St Paul, Salle on 4th July.** *May God grant you all of life's blessings and love's joys.*

Thinking of and holding in our prayers...

We are unable to join together for funerals, so please light a candle as we pray and remember:

Beryl Kemp whose funeral is on 9th July. Our thoughts are with Janet and family.



0800 804 8044

DailyHOPE

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

*The **Daily Hope 24/7** phone line is for those who are unable to access online church services.*

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GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride 2020

The date for this year's sponsored Bike Ride has been set for **Saturday 12th September**. At a time when churches across the county are seeing a reduction in donations, it is a brilliant opportunity to raise money for your church as well as visiting wonderful places of worship and enjoying the glorious Norfolk countryside.

There are a few groups from our benefice who cycle each year, however you can also walk or drive between churches too. For more information, please see the website <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/taking-part/> or contact Rupert Birtles— Rupert@birtles.me.uk

*There is still time to sponsor Rev'd Helen or make a donation. So far she has raised £600 for all 12 of our churches by walking 37 miles from Norwich to Walsingham. Cheques should be made payable to **Reepham & Wensum Valley Team Account** and sent to The Rectory, 26 Station Road, Reepham NR10 4LJ. Alternatively, electronic payments can be made to Account 30007676 Sort Code: 40 38 34 marked **WALK2020**.*

From the kitchen window 26th June 2020

As we have become more aware of wildlife during the lockdown, some wildlife has become more tolerant of our presence, and on occasion positively encouraging it. Peter's parents now have a blackbird which will come and knock on the window, asking for its mealworms, when it hears their voices! Jays are normally very shy woodland birds but we have one which will happily come to the fat ball feeder, even though it is right by the kitchen window. Isobel has been enjoying the sparrows which are back in her garden after many years absence, and also hearing tawny owls hooting at night. Pauline has actually had a tawny owl sitting on her lawn roller in the deep dusk! Unlike the barn owl, tawnies hunt by sitting and watching the ground, ready to pounce on anything which moves.



More young birds are coming into our gardens, having learnt that they are easy places to find food: such as the juvenile great-spotted woodpecker that Ian photographed. The number and types of insects are building up too. Frances took a photo of a hoverfly attracted to her beautiful big poppy flowers. There are over 250 species of hoverfly in the UK, most of them very welcome in our gardens, as both the larvae and adults eat green and blackfly. The summer butterflies are emerging as well. We have had meadow brown and large skipper visiting our small patch of phacelia. This is often found in conservation mixes sown in awkward corners of fields and when in flower, it is a sea of blue. Salle estate has several of these which are a magnet for all sorts of creatures.

The highlight of our week was the walk down the Moor to the wych elm tree in search of White-letter Hairstreaks. These are small dark butterflies have a white 'hairstreak' on the underside of the wing, an orange flash in the bottom corner and delicate little tails. They live at the top of the elm but we saw them dashing about over a nearby ash, where they will have gone to take aphid honeydew. Finally, one came to sip nectar from the bramble flowers so we could admire its beauty at close range. Do send any sightings of wildlife that you have, so we can all share them rachel.42rr@btinternet.com **RMR**



What's on....

Although our Church buildings are locked, the doors to our virtual church are open. This week we have added the following to our website

- [Holy Communion for Third Sunday after Trinity](#)
- [Reopening our Churches—Minutes from the Meeting on 18.06.20](#)
- [St Mary's Reepham, reopen for Private Prayer](#)
- [Parish Share Update](#)

We have regular Zoom services each week, please do join us you are most welcome.

- Zoom Evening Prayer — Every Thursday , 6pm with Celtic Prayer on 3rd Thursday.
- Zoom Mothers Prayers— First Thursday of the month, 11am

Meeting ID for all services is 825 0887 5273, password 374589

[Click on this link to join our Zoom Meetings and Services](#)

Weekly recorded Sunday services will be available on the website and Facebook from 9am and also via the E-newsletter.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email Annabel at parishofficerwv@gmail.com

Parish Share Update The Rural Dean, Rev'd Keith to you and I, has sent a letter detailing the financial position the Diocese finds itself in after 3 months of lockdown. [You can read the letter here.](#) If the current reduction in income continues, the Diocese stands to be £3million in debt by the end of the year. As well as paying as much parish share as we can we need to consider different ways that we can fundraise. There are many ideas that can include the whole benefice, parishes or individuals. Rev'd Helen's Sponsored walk has helped to raise money for all our churches. There are also an idea to create a 'Benefice Bakes' cookbook which will not only include recipes from our parishes but also celebrate the people and parishes that make up the Reepham & Wensum Valley Team. Online raffles, paper quizzes with paid entries, benefice art work, jigsaws, tea towels, calendars – you don't have to walk 37 miles — everyone reading this has a talent and an ability to help. If you have an idea or would like to get involved don't forget to contact Annabel (parishofficerwv@gmail.com) for help in publicising it across the benefice and beyond! Together we can help each other.



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Online Services for June – July 2020

Date	What's on?	Where?
Sunday 28th June	9am Recorded Holy Communion	Virtual Church Page / Youtube
	11am Zoom Coffee Social	Zoom (Details on the Virtual Chapel Page)
Thursday 2nd July	11am Mothers Prayers	Zoom—Contact Rev'd Helen for details
	6pm Evening Prayer	Zoom (Details on the Virtual Chapel Page)
Sunday 5th July	9am Recorded Holy Communion	Virtual Church Page / Youtube
	10.30am Café Church	Zoom (Details on the Virtual Chapel Page)
Thursday 9th July	6pm Evening Prayer	Zoom (Details on the Virtual Chapel Page)
Sunday 12th July	10.30am Holy Communion*	St Mary's Reepham with social distancing
Thursday 16th July	6pm Evening Prayer	Zoom (Details on the Virtual Chapel Page)
Sunday 19th July	10.30am Holy Communion*	St Mary's Reepham with social distancing
Thursday 23rd July	6pm Evening Prayer	Zoom (Details on the Virtual Chapel Page)
Sunday 26th July	10.30am Holy Communion*	St Mary's Reepham with social distancing
Thursday 30th July	6pm Evening Prayer	Zoom (Details on the Virtual Chapel Page)

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