

Isolation Times



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES



20th September 2020—Edition 24

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

Teams of cyclists from across our Benefice joined the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike and Ride on Saturday 12th September.

Rupert Birtles, who helps organise the Reepham Team, shared his experience of this year's event. *"The weather was set fair outside the three Reepham churches on Saturday morning, 12th September, for the annual Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Walk. It was not possible to offer the usual rest and recuperation facilities in St Michael's this year owing to the Covid restrictions, but we still attracted riders and walkers, albeit in reduced numbers. The fair weather lasted all day, sunny but not too hot. The Trust is hoping to beat last year's total raised of £94,390 and last year's total of 567 participants; we shall find out in due course."*

Pam Smith, of the Swannington Team, tells us why she has taken part year after year.

"The Norfolk Churches Bike Ride. Do you know, it is actually one of the high-points of our year? Few things are pleasanter than whizzing around country lanes in early autumn, visiting beautiful buildings that have been used by worshippers for hundreds of years. This year we had ideal cycling weather. The Swannington Team signed in at 13 churches; the more intrepid Weston Longville Team clocked up a few more! Many thanks to all our sponsors who have so generously helped us to raise money not just for our local churches but also the wider work of the Norfolk Churches Trust. Why not join us next year?"



Left and Below: Members of the Swannington and Weston Longville Teams



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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			9-5				9-5
Reepham			12-5			9-5	
Salle	9-5				9-5		
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						

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Daily Morning and Evening Prayer—All Welcme!

Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday, 8am in St Michael's Chancel, Reepham.

Evening Prayer: Monday-Wednesday, 6pm in St Michael's Chancel, Reepham and on Zoom at 6pm on Thursday evenings.



We send our prayers and blessings to Helena Crockford who, after years of study and preparation, will become a licensed Reader at a licensing service on Saturday 19th September. The service will take place at 2.30pm at Norwich Cathedral. Many of us would love to be there in person to support Helena, but due to social distancing the numbers are limited.

However, the service will be live streamed from 2.30pm via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3UhCVv3Z-GC7SXHW1xJSdg> and will be recorded for those who wish to watch at a later time. Good luck Helena, we are blessed to have you as part of our ministry team.