

Isolation Times



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

Matthew 2:1-12 *Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Public Worship in January 2021

After much thought and discussion we have taken the decision that due to the virulent nature of the latest strain of Covid 19 and the fact that the vaccination program is still at an early stage, services in church buildings on Sundays will not take place throughout January 2021.

However, we will still be worshipping on Sundays via Zoom as well as with our pre-recorded videos which will be available on Youtube, the website and Facebook. Our daily prayer services will also move over to Zoom during January with Wednesdays being a prayerful day with Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline and our Alpha course starting on 13th January!

Our Zoom log in details can be found on the Virtual Church page of our [website](#) or if you don't have access to the internet you can phone in to listen and join in with the service.

Dial-in numbers (to join by telephone): 0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874 / 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240

Dial-in *calls cost between 2p-10p per minute depending on your provider, mobiles may be more. Please check before calling.*

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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						

Daily Prayer	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning Prayer	8am Zoom Online	8am Zoom Online	8am Zoom Online	8am Zoom Online
Midday Prayer			12noon Zoom Online	
Evening Prayer		6pm Zoom Online	6pm Zoom Online	6pm Zoom Online
Compline			8.45pm Zoom Online	

From the kitchen window 1st January 2021

A bright sunny morning enticed us out for a long walk to the far reaches of Kerdiston, via Salle Moor Hall. The bank of Winter Helitrope growing by the lodge cottages was in full flower and smelt wonderful! The avenue of Limes had a flock of Long-tailed Tits flitting from tree to tree, while a Jay swooped across the roadway complaining loudly. As we followed the public footpath across an arable field, Pied Wagtails were busily picking insects from the overwintering crop – environmental pest control in action. A small wood formed one side of an area sown with bird seed last the spring, which was now providing much needed winter feeding for a flock of mixed finches. Most of the birds were sitting in the tree tops and there was much trilling and twittering as they enjoyed the warmth of the sun. While there were a few Chaffinches, Goldfinches and Brambling, the majority were Linnets, which at this time of year are understated pale brown birds, about the size of a Chaffinch. In spring however, the cock birds develop a rosy glow to their breast feathers and a scarlet flash above their beaks, making them much more distinctive.

Nearby a large branch had fallen from an Oak tree and it was fascinating to see that there were at least four species of lichen growing over the surface. Lichens are amazing, they are made up of a fungus and an algae working together: the fungus provides the structure and the algae provides the food through photosynthesis! As we crossed more fields we stopped now and again to listen to the silence. There was no traffic noise at all, just the occasional 'chirup' of a Skylark or crunch of ice under our boots. On our way back, by Workhouse



Cottages a flock of Rooks were foraging on a cultivated field with one or two Common Gulls circling overhead. On sheltered banks near the orchard, the first wild Primroses of spring were unfurling their petals, while in the field beyond, a flock of Fieldfare were resting on the ground, until they were disturbed by the rapid passage of a Sparrowhawk overhead. Just before reaching Stony Lane Bridge, we noticed moss growing in spirals through old tree guards in the hedge. It looked very festive. Do send any sightings of wildlife that you have, so we can all share them rachel.42rr@btinternet.com



There's still time to register for our 10 week Alpha course which starts on Wednesday 13th January from 7pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Alpha is a place for curious minds and wandering hearts and somewhere to discuss and ask questions about Christianity and life. Please email Annie to register by 5th January for more information or registration details.