

## From the kitchen window 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The late summer sunshine has been most welcome as the days get noticeably shorter, but the weather across Europe this summer has caused changes to the wildlife coming into our gardens. Judith was able to photograph a Painted Lady butterfly in a friend's garden, which was a good sighting as there have been very few seen in Norfolk this year. Painted Ladies migrate annually from North Africa and in some years are very plentiful, but scarce in others, depending on the availability of caterpillar food in France and Spain. On Saturday we had a young Brambling on the back lawn picking up titbits under the bird feeders. On Tuesday there were two under the feeder at the front. Bramblings are closely related to our Chaffinch, but nest in Scandinavia. Normally we would expect to see the first ones by mid-October. Their early arrival probably means that the Beech nuts have failed to set seed on the continent, so they have crossed the North Sea earlier than usual, hoping that there is a good crop here. Unfortunately, because of the very dry conditions, few Beech trees have set seed here either, which is why they are coming into gardens in search of food. Do let me know if you see one in your garden.

The increasingly hot summers we have experienced in recent years have resulted in many insects dramatically expanding their range, such as the Ivy Bee. This is a small bee which is only seen at this time of year as it feeds exclusively on Ivy flowers. It is just over 1cm long and has a black abdomen with gold bands, and a yellowish-brown thorax. Ten years ago it was only found in southern counties bordering the English Channel, but this year I have seen it in several places in Norfolk for the first time, including Reepham, where there is an abundance of flowering Ivy. Ivy is such an important flower for late summer insects. While watching Ivy Bees, I have also seen wasps, hornets and hoverflies, as well as butterflies visiting this late food source. It is also a vital part of the life cycle of the Holly Blue Butterfly, in that the summer flying butterflies lay their eggs on Ivy and the caterpillars spend the winter inside Ivy berries, emerging as butterflies in spring, to lay their eggs on Holly. So if you have a sunny fence in your garden which you could encourage Ivy to grow over, you would be greatly helping our beleaguered insects. Do send any sightings of wildlife that you have, so we can all share them [rachel.42rr@btinternet.com](mailto:rachel.42rr@btinternet.com)



## Pew Notes



### Sunday 27th September (Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity)

9am	Bylaugh	Matins
10.30am	Swannington	Harvest Celebration

Join us for our various **Harvest Celebrations** over the next two weeks where we will giving thanks and celebrating creation together.

We will be supporting our local foodbanks, so please bring a donation with you. The Foodbank urgently needs:

- Long-life puddings/sweet treats
- Tinned meat
- Tinned carrots and peas
- Long-life Fruit Juice
- Nappies (Size 4-6)

Children are invited to dress as farmers, scarecrows or their favourite animal. Adults, please remember to bring your face coverings.

### Sunday 4th October (Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)

9am	Salle	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Harvest Celebration
10.30am	Weston Longville	Harvest Celebration
10.30am	Reepham	Harvest Café Church



Who has been visiting our gardens this fortnight? Find out in the latest edition of From the Kitchen Window!



### Genesis 3:8-19

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." <sup>11</sup> And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

<sup>17</sup> To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

We look forward to welcoming **Evie-Mae Wright** into the love and grace of God's family as she is baptized on Sunday 27th September at St Mary's Great Witchingham.



### Gospel Matthew 21:23-32 *Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

<sup>23</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup> John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup> "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' <sup>29</sup> "I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him."

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