



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Isolation Times



28th February 2021— Second Sunday of Lent

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

Words of Light and Hope from Sue Page

Jesus said

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for my sheep.” **John 10:14-15**

Prayer

”Lord, May I See You more clearly, Follow You more nearly, and Love You more dearly day by day. As I sit here,the beating of my heart, the ebb and flow of my breathing, the movements of my mind.....are all signs of God’s ongoing creation of me! I pause for a moment, and become aware of this presence of God within me.

‘Drop Thy Still Dew of Quietness
till all our strivings cease;
take from our Souls the Strain and Stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the Beauty of The Peace

“Of God Himself no man can think! He may be reached and held close by means of Love, ...
.....but by thought never!”

From ‘The Cloud of the Unknowing’, 14th century monk.

Each of us has our own personal role to play in the great story of transformation. ‘Transformation’, we might well think, is not for us little people. Saints and heroes do transformation, not humble pilgrims on a rocky road. Actually the very opposite is the truth. Transformation happens, one pilgrim at a time, step by painful step, precisely on the rocky roads of life. The Gospel gives us both a vision and a map for this journey.

Mysterious God
Whose silence speaks
louder than words
and whose darkness
guides us more surely
than our light,
May we trust you in cloud
And in sunlight,
In the interplay of word
And Silence,

Help me to remember that mine are the hands with which God is to Bless us now! **Teresa of Avila**

This week’s Services

9am Pre-recorded Holy Communion service on Youtube, RWV website or Facebook.

10.15am Informal Sunday Worship on Zoom with Coffee Social afterwards from 11.15am.
Everyone is welcome to either of both of our Zoom sessions

Zoom Meeting ID: **825 0887 5273**
Password: **374589**

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

“But when can we worship together in our churches?”

Further to the Government’s announcement of plans to ease lock down, it feels like we are getting closer to moving towards regular worshipping together in our churches.

However, we are waiting for official guidance from the Church of England and the Bishop to ensure that can open safely. As with the last lockdown we will look to open our churches “slowly, steadily and safely”.

Once we have received official guidance we will share our plans with you for services in our churches. We have every hope and cautious optimism that we will be able to come together at Easter, but it will be dependent on the guidance we are given whilst ensuring the safety of all those in our community.



Thinking of and holding in our prayers... Please light a candle as we pray and remember:

Peggy Pearce of Lyng and Sheila Matthews of Lyng

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this time.

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From the kitchen window 26th February 2021

Suddenly we have warm spring weather: the birds are singing, the crocuses flowering and things begin to seem more hopeful. We have even seen our first butterfly, a beautiful yellow Brimstone! On a long walk round Kerdiston, we were delighted to hear Skylarks singing for the first time this year. Their wonderfully uplifting song is the sound of farmland in spring, rippling down from amazing heights as they circle their chosen field, pouring out their liquid song, until at last they drop down to earth, the music stops, and they become just ordinary small brown birds. A flock of finches were feeding on a field of stubble and flying up into an adjacent line of trees at any potential threat. Most were Chaffinches but we also located four Yellowhammers with them by their ‘chink-ing’ calls. A few days later, I heard a cock Yellowhammer singing his ‘little-bit-of-bread-and-no-cheese’ song from a hedge in Booton, which was a very early date. Yellowhammers are one of many species of farmland bird which have been in decline in recent years, so having one on territory in February is a hopeful sign that numbers may be on the increase again. Many farmers now sow awkward corners of fields with bird seed mix



which helps them survive the winter. Various plants were also beginning to flower in the hedge banks: Red and White Dead Nettle; the first Celandines in shady, damp spots and near a cottage, some blue Periwinkle, which had escaped from the garden. Following my note last week about the Otter prints, Mark T sent a photo he took on Friday, of an Otter looking straight at the camera while floating on the Wensum at Sparham! Then on Tuesday he sent another photo, taken from his garden, of a Red Kite drifting overhead with a Crow in attendance, showing the Kite’s long wings and deeply forked tail which it uses as a rudder, allowing it to change direction without needing to flap its wings. Following a re-introduction programme in the Chilterns, Red Kites are now widespread in East Anglia but it is still a thrill to watch their effortless mastery of the air. Do send any sightings of wildlife that you have, so we can all share them rachel.42rr@btinternet.com

