

From the kitchen window 16th April 2021

April weather is nothing if not changeable: frost, fog, snow and sun, sometimes all within twenty four hours, but wildlife carries on regardless. Judith's Robins are in fact feeding young! Joan has had three Hedgehogs at their feeding station at the same time, which is very good to hear. They will have come through the winter due to being well fed before they went into hibernation. Ian sent some photos of birds that he took in his garden, including a beautiful close up shot of a Nuthatch on a feeder with its beak open: you can almost hear it calling! It was dull with a very cold north wind when we walked to Whitwell Common on Saturday. We had been hoping to hear our first Willow Warbler, but it was too cold for even the Chiffchaffs to be singing. Following the footpath through the woodland beside the stream, we did find some signs of spring. The Moschatel, or Town Hall Clock as I knew it when a child, was flowering, its four pale green flowers held back to back on top of a long stalk. We were also pleased to find a small patch of Wood Anemones just opening their white petals, the undersides of which were chequered a deep pink. In this part of the country they are plants of ancient woodland and old hedgerows, although they do grow on open hillsides in some upland areas. A sudden movement caught our attention as a medium sized bird with warm brown feathering shot out of a bramble clump beside the path and zigzagged silently away through the trees – a Woodcock! This was very good news since a Woodcock in April will be on territory. They are very secretive birds, feeding in open pasture at night and resting by day among low growing vegetation. The nest will be on the ground, often at the foot of a tree, in an area covered by dead leaves so the sitting bird is camouflaged by its cryptic patterning. Continental Woodcock migrate to this country in the autumn and several times, pre-pandemic, we have stood with other people in Titchwell RSPB car park looking into an area



of woodland, knowing that one was in view, if only we could spot it. Even with very careful instructions from those who knew exactly where it was, it was still difficult to see! Do send any sightings of wildlife that you have, so we can all share them rachel.42rr@btinternet.com



Pew Notes

Sunday 18th April (Third Sunday of Easter)

9am	Wood Dalling	Holy Communion
10.30am	Attlebridge	Holy Communion
10.30am	Lyng	Word and Praise
10.30am	Reepham	Café Church
10.30am	Sparham	Holy Communion
6pm	Salle	Evening Prayer

Holy Socks Lis Glen will be bringing pairs of "Holy Socks" to sell at the Whole Benefice service on Sunday 25th April in Swannington. Each pair costs £7.50 and are unisex. The socks are beautifully woven in Scotland and have a Bible verse and illustration with an accompanying card with the verse. If you would like a pair, please bring cash or a cheque on Sunday. All money raised will go towards the upkeep of St Mary's, Great Witchingham which is currently undergoing building works.



Sunday 25th April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

9am	Bylaugh	Matins
10.30am	Swannington	Whole Benefice Holy Communion

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**Words of Light and Hope
from Hon. Associate Priest,
Rev'd Judith Sweetman**

“See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God:
and that is what we are....
Beloved, we are God’s children.”
From 1 John 3

I belong to you

Encircling arms of the Creator Father
I belong to you
All embracing love of Jesus the Son
I belong to you
Empowering presence of the Holy Spirit
I belong to you



A quiet place

There is a space within all of us,
A quiet place reserved for God.
Here we can listen to his voice,
Receive his love
And bask in his presence,
God to that place now
And rest
And relax
And enjoy.

Beloved

Lord,
I find you
In that solitary place
Where heaven and earth kiss
And love’s dance begins

*From: Transformed by love: prayers
and reflections for all seasons, by Liz
Babbs.*

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

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

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Weekly On Wednesdays

We are holding a weekly "gathering" for those who wish to discuss and dig a little deeper into topics around Christianity. It will be a place for ideas and discussions and built upon the principles of participation, respect and encouragement.

The sessions are open to everyone with no need to book or attend every session. We will meet via Zoom on Wednesday nights from 7pm to 8pm.

21st April: Hope - Where have we noticed hope and how does it relate to our wellbeing.

28th April: Love - How do we demonstrate love through actions in our communities.

If there are any future topics you would like to discuss, please contact Rev'd Helen. **Zoom meeting ID: 825 0887 5273 Password: 374589**

W/C 12/4	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Morning Prayer	8am St Michael's Chancel, Reepham	8am St Michael's Chancel, Reepham	8am St Michael's Chancel, Reepham	8am Zoom
Holy Communion			10.30am St Mary's Reepham	
Midday Prayer			12noon Zoom	
Evening Prayer		6pm St Michael's Chancel, Reepham	6pm St Michael's Chancel, Reepham	6pm Zoom