

Saturday 26th June—Sparham Garden Party, 2pm next to St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome to join us for delicious homemade teas, games and sideshows, plants and cakes to buy - see RWV website for more details.

Sunday 4th July— We are having a Welcome Picnic in the green space of Reepham churchyard after the Sunday Service to welcome our new curate Richard Turk, his wife Laura and their children Hannah and Jacob to the Benefice. Please do pop along and say hello. We hold the family in our prayers and hope for a smooth transition as they move to Lyng this week.

Sunday 4th July –There will be a fundraising walk in Lyng to raise money for St Margaret's Church. The walk will start at 3pm (starting point TBC) and will last for about an hour and a half taking in the beautiful countryside surrounding Lyng. Dogs on leads welcome, sturdy footwear advised.

Save the date! Saturday 31st July—Elsing Fun Day! Car boot from 9am, dog show, fete, teas, evening entertainment & more! See RWV website for further details. Contact Di Skipper via email: tdskipper@btconnect.com for car boot pitches.

Save the date! Following our successful **Away Day** in 2018, we are planning our next one on Saturday 23rd October 2021. Venue TBC and dependent on Covid Restrictions.



Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. *PLUS you can join with others in your parish to win £1,000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation - find out more at norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride



Sunday 30th May (Trinity)

9am	Bylaugh	Matins
9am	Thurning	Matins
10.30am	Lyng	Word and Praise
10.30am	Reepham	Holy Communion

Pew Notes

'It's Your Move' booklets: The church gives this booklet to all year 6 pupils at Reepham Primary School at the end of the summer term to help them prepare for the transition to High School. If you would like to donate towards this, the booklets are £1.60 each and there are about 31 pupils in year 6. Donations to David Richmond, 42 Richmond Rise, Reepham. Any surplus will go into the Ann Munt Fund for children's work.

Sunday 6th June (1st Sunday after Trinity)

9am	Salle	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Reepham	Morning Worship
10.30am	Elsing	Holy Communion
10.30am	Sparham	OASIS
10.30am	Weston Longville	Holy Communion

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Pew Notes are available to download from the RWV website and the E-newsletter

**Words of Light and Hope from
+Tony Foottit**

Trinity

St. Patrick used the three-fold leaf of clover to teach his hearers about the Trinity. Belief in the Holy Trinity is not an obscure theory. It lies at the heart of our faith. It keeps us sane and helps us to live well-rounded lives.

Belief in the Trinity catches us up into the great love that exists within the heart of God. It is profoundly moving that whenever we give or receive love, we are in a tiny way reflecting the great love that unites the persons of God. It is lucky, they say, to find a four-leafed clover. Believers should talk about blessing rather than luck. Finding a four-leaf clover can open our eyes to the grace of God, which is never earned but always surprising. The more unexpected, the greater the blessing.

The Holy Trinity is not just a doctrine but an example for a rounded life.

The well-known diarist, Parson James Woodforde, was the Vicar of one of our parishes, Weston Longville in the 18th Century. Incidentally I think Parson is a very

good title, much better than Rector or Vicar or Rev. Parson means the person. Perhaps we should call our clergy Parson Keith and Parson Helen!

James Woodforde records with equal enthusiasm his pleasure in a peacock spreading its tail, his hope that the price of wheat would soon fall for the sake of the poor, and his enjoyment of dinners, frolics, and cards. Evidently, he lived a fulfilled and rounded life.

In the amazing insight into his nature that we know as the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, God has shown us that he is both one and three. He is both alone and a social being.

This should prompt us to rejoice not only in the individuality that he has given each one of us, but also our capacity for friendship and cooperation. We fulfil this gift in our family, in our Church and in society. Through this gift we can welcome people into the fellowship of the Church, and into our homes and circles of friendship.

As we emerge from lockdown, our ministry of welcome into our churches will be all the more important.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Coffee Mornings in St Michael's, Reepham will hopefully return in the next few weeks, initially outside until Covid restrictions are lifted. We need volunteers to work in teams of two to serve drinks and biscuits. If you are interested please contact Ron 01603871726 or pop in to the Spar shop for more information. Posts are subject to DBS checks.

