

**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 at Rookery Farm , Reepham after the Sunday Service at 12pm 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 Guided Walk in Lyng to raise money for St Margaret's Church. The walk will start at 3pm at Collin Green Farm, Lyng NR9 5LH . The walk will end with a substantial tea at the village hall at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for tea. Adults £7 Children £3.50

**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](mailto: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.



**Saturday 11th September**



**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](http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride)



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY  
TEAM CHURCHES

# Pew Notes

## **Sunday 13th June (2nd Sunday after Trinity)**

9am	Bylaugh	Holy Communion (BCP)
9am	Thurning	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Word and Praise
10.30am	Reepham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Great Witchingham	Holy Communion

We have been notified by the Archdeacon that all churches are now allowed to open daily and welcome visitors and worshippers alike, rather than opening on specific days for private prayer only. Please refer to the website for particular church opening hours.. We will still be asking visitors to abide by Covid Safety Measures such as using hand sanitizer, wearing masks etc to ensure that our buildings remain safe for our communities.

## **Sunday 20th June (3rd Sunday after Trinity)**

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

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

**Welcome to our new curate Richard Turk and his family who moved to Lyng over the half term break.**

“Hi, we’re the Turks: Richard, Laura, Jacob and Hannah. After Richard’s two years of training for ordination, we’re looking forward to joining the team in the Reepham and Wensum Valley benefice. Richard grew up in Brighton, and Laura in Lincolnshire and Hampshire. We met at university in Norwich, where we both studied history, although generally different periods. Laura went on to train as a teacher, and is now a deputy head.

We are both bellringers, and this is something that Jacob and Hannah have started now too. We all enjoy music, and being outside: one of the things we missed most during lockdown was our annual walking holiday in Pembrokeshire. Richard enjoys photography, even if he isn’t the most skilled photographer, and likes to combine it with his interest in history.

As a family, we enjoy the Harry Potter stories (books and films), and Richard is hoping that the children will enjoy the Lord of the Rings as much...

We’re sure that over time you’ll get to know us better as we settle in and get to know you too.”



**Mark 4:26-34**

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

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” Jesus also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**Words of light and hope from Associate Priest Rev’d Judith Sweetman**

The challenge is to learn to pray as we are and this is closely linked to our ability to accept ourselves as we are and not as the idealised people we might imagine ourselves to be.... We...need to take ourselves, every part of the complexity which is us, into God’s presence, leaving nothing behind. Then our healing and our growth is...possible...We all have to come to terms, sooner or later, with our limitations and make peace with the person we are. Archbishop Rowan Williams, in a recent lecture, spoke of growing to be “at home with yourself” ...A person really “at home”, who will live realistically with their finitude, gratefully in the present moment, and who will give loving attention to what is before their eyes, themselves, others and God, knowing that each moment is utterly irreplaceable.....It is always those who have known “forgiven failure” to whom people turn in need. Their wounded vulnerability makes them attractive companions on life’s journey and their consciousness of failure keeps them humble and unwilling to judge others.

*From: Struggling to be holy, by Judy Hurst*



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