

Wonder On Wednesdays

Our weekly "gathering" for those who wish to discuss and dig a little deeper into topics around Christianity is returning in September!

Please join us every Wednesday from 15th September on Zoom from 7pm to 8pm. **Zoom meeting ID: 836 9720 0393 Password: 102113** All welcome.

Our next WOW social is on Thursday 14th October from 7pm-8.30pm in St Michaels, Reepham. All welcome to join us for food, chat and friendship.

Harvest Festival Service —Sunday 23rd September, 3pm at St Andrew's Thurning. Join us as we give thanks to God for our harvest, all welcome.

Mark 8:27-38 *Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

Sunday 12th September (15th Sunday after Trinity)

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

TODAY!! Wild Messy Church will be returning on Sunday 12th September at **Gt Witchingham Village Hall** at 4.30-6pm.

Join us for our free, family friendly sessions with games, a Bible story, light refreshments and this month we will be den and shelter building.

Sunday 19th September (16th Sunday after Trinity)

9.00am	Sparham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Reepham	Morning Worship
10.30am	Elsing	Word and Praise
10.30am	Lyng	Holy Communion
10.30am	Attlebridge	Holy Communion
6pm	Salle	Evening Prayer

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Words of Light and Hope from Bishop Tony Footit

September 8 is one of the four special days when the Church honours the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our mediaeval ancestors had no pictures, no books, no newspapers and no television. Instead, they used their imagination far more than we do and found, for example, signs of their faith in the flowers and trees of the countryside. They made a whole wardrobe of flowers for St. Mary, such as lady's mantle, lady's slipper and lady's gloves. Another was meadowsweet, or lady-of-the-meadows, whose leaves were strewn on church floors to counter unpleasant smells in days gone by. They even thought about the hay in the crib at Bethlehem and called it holy hay, and imagined what plants made up the hay. One of those plants they called lady's bedstraw, i.e. Our Lady's bedstraw - a beautiful wild flower with golden flowers.

Often in a church you will find a Lady Chapel, a special corner or room furnished in honour of Our Lady. Our ancestors regarded the church as God's house or home, and so what was more natural than to have a special room for Mary. In my father's house, said Jesus, there are many rooms. Ideally a church should include different spaces or rooms for different people and purposes. Similarly, churchyards should have room for wildflowers, including Lady's Bedstraw, where animals and birds may find food and shelter.

Jesus' first most important relationship was with his mother and Joseph. It was at her knee that he must first have learned about the Commandments. He would have begun to see the relationship between law and love - one of St. Paul's great themes. Stories, poems, songs and prayers are an essential birthright of every child. It must surely have been from Mary and Joseph that Jesus first heard stories and learnt the art of story-telling himself.

Lyng Junior Choir Children in Lyng are busy practising their Harvest Songs as part of a new Junior Choir. The choir meets to practise in Lyng Church on the 3rd Saturday of the month between 4 and 5pm and the 3rd Sunday of the month between 10.20am and 11.20am. The choir is open to all children across the benefice. As well as singing we will also be organising lots of other fun trips and socials for our members. Come and join us for a taster session on 18th and 19th September.

James 3:1-12

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Saturday 25th September - Sponsored Preachathon at St Mary's, Reepham with The Ven Arthur Hawes.

Reepham Rotary are organising a unique opportunity to hear words of wisdom and help raise funds. The Ven Arthur Hawes will embark on a marathon preaching session from 9 am – 7 pm in the first sponsored Preachathon. Arthur will be sponsored by the hour and a JustGiving Page will be available via Reepham Rotary.

Coming up..... Saturday 23rd October—Benefice Away Day. Email Annie (parishofficerwv@gmail.com) to book your place.