

Wonder On Wednesdays

Our weekly "gathering" for those who wish to discuss and dig a little deeper into topics around Christianity.

Please join us every Wednesday on Zoom from 7pm to 8pm.

**Zoom meeting ID: 836 9720 0393**

**Password: 102113**

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.



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**'We love our natural world'**

**Display**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November,  
St Mary's Church Reepham**

**Please make a picture of your favourite creature or plant to go in our display**

**(no bigger than A5 size please)**

All ages and abilities welcome

The display will be divided into sections: **Jungle; grassland; fresh water; woodland; sea; desert; mountain** and frozen waste.

Please write your name, age if under 12 and the name of your creature on the back of your picture and **bring it to the collection points in St Mary's or St Michael's by October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Pictures will be able to be collected from St Mary's from 16<sup>th</sup> November

***Upcoming events***

**Autumn Fair** Saturday 6th November, 9.30am in St Michael's, Reepham

**Benefice Away Day** Saturday 23rd October, Reepham High School and



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*Pew Notes*

**Sunday 10th October (19th Sunday after Trinity)**

9am	Bylaugh	Holy Communion
9am	Wood Dalling	Holy Communion
10.30am	Reepham	Harvest Festival
10.30am	Lyng	Word and Praise
10.30am	Great Witchingham	Holy Communion
4pm	Gt Witchingham Village Hall	Wild Messy Church

The urgent repairs to **Alderford Church** are now complete and the church is again open for services! **Please come and join us for a harvest service of celebration and thanksgiving Sunday 17th October at 10.30am.** There will be refreshments after the service.

**Sunday 17th October (20th Sunday after Trinity)**

9.00am	Sparham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Reepham	Café Style Church
10.30am	Salle	Morning Worship
10.30am	Lyng	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Word and Praise
10.30am	Alderford	Harvest Service of Celebration & Thanksgiving
4.00pm	Wood Dalling	Harvest Festival

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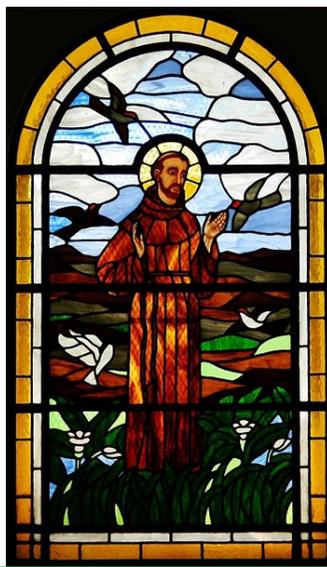
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**Pew Notes are available to download from the RWV website and the E-newsletter**

### Words of Light and Hope from Bishop Tony Footitt

On Thursday, October 4th, in the year 1226, a man died. He was only 44. Just before he died he asked to be laid on the ground to be close to his sister, the earth. His name was Francis. His life is a great example of what it means to live a life of grace, free of this world's possessions, and yet powerful in speech and knowledge and the love of God. A few years ago, I was given a wonderful opportunity to visit Assisi in Umbria – the beautiful Italian hillside town renowned as the birthplace of Francis. We made our way along the streets to the Basilica, where he is buried. There were many precious things to see – icons and crosses and monstrances and lots of ecclesiastical paraphernalia, but what impressed me more than anything else was Francis' darned and patched tunic and his girdle. Francis was a high-spirited young man-about-town who wore the latest fashions. His father was a rich cloth merchant, and this young man worked in the rag trade until he was 20. Then he joined the army and was taken prisoner. During his captivity he decided to devote his life to helping poor people.

On a pilgrimage to Rome he exchanged his fine and fashionable gear for the rags of a man living rough, and spent the rest of the day begging. He returned to Assisi, and devoted his time to caring for lepers and rebuilding the ruined church of St. Damiano. He laid aside his shoes and staff, and went out dressed only in a tunic and girdle. Others joined Francis and they became known as the Friars Minor – little brothers. They owned nothing and lived by the work of their hands. Few of us feel able to follow Francis' extremism, but he challenges us down the centuries to a life free of too many possessions, and to rebel against buying all the latest must-haves. Our obsession with fashion is one of the ways we are plundering the finite resources of the earth. The 16th century parson-poet, Thomas Traherne, hit the nail on the head when he wrote that "We grow rich not by having what we want but by enjoying what we have." Francis took the command to love God and to love our neighbour very literally.



### GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'"

He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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£1 each. An example and booking form will be in church on Sundays, or  
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