

Reepham Christmas Stockings After the success of last year, Hayley and the team are collecting donations of new gifts, suitable for ages 0-17. These items will then be given to families who may be struggling this Christmas or who find themselves in a time of crisis. Donations can be left at Motts Pharmacy, Kerri's Pine, The Bircham Centre (Saturday 10-12pm) and Reepham Library. Please ensure all donations are received by 30th November.

For further information or to discreetly request gifts, please email christmasstockings2020@yahoo.com

Reepham Church Christmas cards are now available @ 5 for £4.50 or £1 each. An example and booking form will be in church on Sundays, or contact Rachel Richmond rachel.42rr@btinternet.com (01603871000)

During the season of Advent, we are supporting our local foodbanks as they create Christmas Hampers for families and individuals. Donations of Christmas treats such as **boxes of biscuits, chocolates, advent calendars, mince pies (alcohol free), Christmas cakes and puddings (alcohol free), crisps, nuts, Christmas crackers, tinned ham, tinned salmon** over the next few weeks will go into Christmas hampers to bring some festive joy to those experiencing difficulties.



Reepham Lions Christmas Tree Festival will be in St Mary's Church Reepham from Thursday 2nd December until Sunday 5th December.

Entry is free and there will be the opportunity for visitors to make voluntary donations, which will be shared between Reepham Lions and St Mary's Church Reepham.

Do come and enjoy the Festival. Access to the church will have to be limited to festival opening times, from Thursday to Sunday, except for 10.30 am Morning Worship on Sunday 5th.



Pew Notes

Sunday 28th November (First Sunday of Advent)

9.00am	Bylaugh	Matins
10.30am	Swannington	Whole Benefice Holy Communion

Christingle Services—Friday 24th December

This year we will return to our traditional Christingle services in church on Christmas Eve. However, we want to ensure that the services are as "Covid safe" as possible, therefore we are asking families to pre-book their places in advance. We are also asking that there is a maximum of 2 adults per family so that we can fit in as many families as possible.

To book your place, please email Annie with the following:

- Service time and location
- Names of those in your group
- Number of children attending

Services are in Reepham at 3pm and 4.30pm and Lyng at 4pm

Sunday 5th December (Second Sunday of Advent)

9.00am	Salle	Holy Communion
10.30am	Sparham	OASIS
10.30am	Weston Longville	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Holy Communion
10.30am	Reepham	Morning Worship

The Rev'd. Helen Rengert, 01603 879275 revdhelenrwv@gmail.com

The Rev'd. Keith Rengert, 01603 879275 revdkeith@gmail.com

The Rev'd. Judith Sweetman, 07484862962 (*Friday to Sunday*)

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Email Annie parishofficerwv@gmail.com to submit articles or join the mailing list.

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

Words of Light and Hope from Sue Page

"A Christian is one who points at Christ and says, 'I can't prove a thing, but there's something about his eyes and his voice. There's something about the way he carries his head, his hands, the way he carries his cross-the way he carries me
Frederick Buechner. '"

A Thought

Pray as you can, pray as you are; pray as you speak.

Don't try to imitate others or be intimidated into praying like someone else. It is **YOU** God wants to meet when you pray.

Watch now, dear Lord
With those who wake or watch or weep to-night,
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ,
And your weary ones,
Bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones,
Pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones,
And all for Your Love's sake Amen

St Augustine from Iona Abbey Worship book.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta wrote, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can all of us do little things with great love!", and cited Jesus commanding the giver of "even a cup of cold water"![Matt 10 42]

More recently the activist Greta Thunberg has underlined the fact that 'No one is too small to make a difference!'. A smile, a phone call, a food bank donation etc! More thoughtful shopping choices.

Prayer

Loving God, open our hearts to Your Love,
Open our ways to Your will,
Open our actions to Your compassion, open our pain to your peace, and in doing so
Open our world to Your Hope. Amen [BRF]

Patient God,

We say that we are waiting for you,
When the truth is more often You are waiting for us.

You wait for us to open our ears to Your voice;

You wait for us to open our eyes to Your presence:

You wait for us to open our hearts to Your love:

You wait for us to open our minds to Your truth.

As we wait for You this day,

May we encounter You

Waiting for us. Amen

A Prayer for Advent

Sharpen our insight in this season of Waiting that, inspired by the patient watchfulness of Anna in the temple, we may be alert to your Coming among us and recognise You with Joy! Amen

Luke 21:25-36 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



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 9th December** from 7pm-8.30pm in St Michaels, Reepham. All welcome to join us for food, chat and friendship.