

Words of Light and Hope – Remembrance Sunday 12 th November 2023

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Remembrance Sunday gives us an opportunity to remember those who have given their lives in war and conflict. This continues to be heart-breakingly poignant as conflicts rage in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and many other places. Prayer may feel our only possible response at times.

A prayer of commemoration for the fallen

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A poem for Remembrance Sunday

What do we remember today? The child with the gun, The shell of the house
The crumble of dreams, The breaking of bodies and peace?
The ringing of ears, The screaming of shot, The shrapnel of brick, The breaking of cover
and trust?
The bearing of arms, The bearing of grief, The bearing of news ,The breaking of treaties
and pacts?
The braving of stares, The shaking of heads, The silence of days, The breaking of promise
and hearts?
The living for peace, The longing to change, The disarming of hate, The breaking of
patterns of war?
The piercing of death, The weeping of friends, The anguish of grief, The rising and break-
ing of bread?

Revd Barbara Glasson



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
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Pew Notes

- 23rd Oct—27th Nov From 7pm— **Autumn Study and Discussion group**, For more information contact Sue.P at sue.gislingham@gmail.com
- 18th November 10am—**Lyng Autumn Fair** at Lyng Village Hall.
- 25th November 2pm—5pm—**An Afternoon with Mark's Gospel** contact Jane on 07791870104 or jdm35@cam.ac.uk
- 27th Nov—3rd Dec—**Christmas Tree Festival**, St Mary's, Reepham.

Services for next week: Sunday 19th November Second Sunday before Advent

10:30am	Café Church (Service begins at 10:30)	St Michale's , Reepham
10:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Attlebridge
10:30am	Holy Communion	St Margret's, Lyng
10:30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul's, Salle

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Details in the church porch or on the RWV website.

John 15 :9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[d] any longer, because the servant^[e] does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



Psalm 23. The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]

³ he restores my soul.^[b]

He leads me in right paths^[c]

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.^[g]

