

Words of Light and Hope from Tony Hawes

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green. *J.M.C.Crum.*

**When we lose hope we can find it again,
In the crisp morning air,
the scent of flowering blossoms,
or the sunlight shining through the window.
We can find it in the lyrics of our favourite song,
in a warm cup of coffee,
or a kind stranger's smile.
Hope is always there
to remind us of those
small but magnificent moments
that help us make it through
our most difficult times.
We just need to look
for those golden hints of glimmer
in our everyday lives.** *Christy Ann Martine.*



May we find in Christ Jesus, the good shepherd, risen from the dead, a sure ground for our faith, a firm support for our hope, the assurance of sins forgiven, and life that is eternal. *Amen.*



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
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Pew Notes

9th May: Ascension Day Service, (time and Venue TBC)

9th—19th May: Thy Kingdom Come: A global wave of prayer.

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25th May: 10:30am—3pm: Attlebridge, Antique Valuation Day

Services for next week: Sunday 28th April,

9:00am Matins, St Andrews, Thurning

9:00am Matins (BCP), St Mary's, Bylaugh

10:30am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Reepham

10:30am Holy Communion, St Margret's, Swannington

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's, Sparham

10:30am Words & Praise, St Mary's, Elsing

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Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."