

Words of Light and Hope 4 th Sunday in Lent 2025 March 30 th Mothering Sunday Sue Page LLM

God lets himself be pushed out of the world on to the Cross! He is weak and powerless in the world, and that is precisely the way, the only way, in which He is with us and helps us. Scripture makes quite clear that Jesus helps us, not by virtue of His Omnipotence, but by virtue of His Weakness and Suffering. The bible directs man to God's powerlessness and suffering; Only the Suffering God can help.!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Silence makes us pilgrims
Silence guards the fire within...**

Silence teaches us to speak *Henri Nouwen*

God **Made** us
God **Understands** us
God **Mends** us
He is the Godly
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" Faith is not absolute Certainty, but a readiness to explore the Mystery. It is not a method of finding all the answers, but of living with the questions. Like Hope it is an attitude of mind, an ordination of the spirit.

Sidney Evans Prisoners of Hope

Strong and mysterious
Bright and holy
GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF LOVE
Wise and questioning
Just and joyful
GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF TRUTH
Wild and challenging
Glorious and graceful
GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF HOPE

Ruth Burgess Iona



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

On Saturday 5th April, 2 p.m. in St Michael's, Archdeacon Catherine will be chairing a meeting to discuss the Vision for the RSV Benefice, prior to the appointment of a new incumbent. She has particularly asked if as many people from the RSV parishes could attend, so that all points of view are heard.

4th April: 7pm Quiz and Chips , St Margaret's, Swannington

6th April: 3pm Gala Concert & Tea, St Mary's, Reepham

3rd May: 2:30pm Jim Causley's, Afternoon Tea Concert, St Margaret', Swannington

For more information on any events please see our website or Facebook page or contact Joy to be on our weekly newsletter.

Services for next week: Sunday 6th April 2025

9am Holy Communion (BCP), St Peter & St Paul's, Salle
10:00am Café Church (Service at 10:30), St Michael's, Reepham
10:30am Holy Communion, All Saints, Weston Longville

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

FACEBOOK: Reepham & Wensum Valley Events

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To contact the administrator Joy, please either email or call 07770672329.

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1 Samuel 1: 20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Psalms 127

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. ² In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to^[a] those he loves. ³ Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. ⁴ Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.

Sunday 6th April 3 p.m. in St Mary's Reepham Gala Concert 'From Bach to Broadway' performed by the Bawdeswell Singers, followed by tea in St Michael's, in aid of Reepham church. Tickets £10 from Rosie Foottit 01603 870340 or email : rosie.foottit@gmail.com

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLLECT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: Strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Luke 2: 33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

