

Words of Light and Hope from Tony Hawes.

Remembrance.

I was born in 1937, so I remember the blackout, the gas masks, the sirens at night, the shared underground air-raid shelter in Roger's garden next door, the Morrison shelter in the living room. I also remember rationing ("Only scrag-end this week, Mrs Hawes"), the American soldiers ("Got any gum chum?"), the searchlights and the bomb craters, ARP Wardens ("Norwich took a pounding last night!"), the iron railings cut down for munitions, my siren suit. Then I remember the All Clear signals, the Victory street parties, Thanksgiving Services, "O Valiant Hearts....."

A Prayer Rosary.

Somme, Ypres, Hiroshima, Bosnia, Belfast, the names slip through our fingers like bloodstained beads. As we tell the story, tell us, tell us, tell us the way to peace.

Beirut, Nagasaki, Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza. Still they come, countless numbers: people hounded, refugees tramping the road out of hell, into hell. Where will it stop? Show us, show us, show us, the way to peace.

Iona Community.

An Act of Commitment.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always.

Amen.

The Promise of His Glory.



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

14th November: 6pm, Peace & Quiet, St Margaret's, Swannington.

16th November: 3pm, Sentiments of Christmas, 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 16th November 2025

9am Gathering, St Andrew's, Wood Dalling

10am Café Church (Service at 10:30am), St Michael's Reepham

10:30am Morning Prayer (BCP), St Peter & St Paul's, Salle

10:30am Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Attlebridge

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Job 19:23-27a

Job said, "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Psalms 17:1-9

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Collect

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.