

Words of Light and Hope from Tony Hawes.

The Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15th

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

**For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant,
from this day all generations will call me blessed.**

**The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

There were safer places, more comfortable places, palaces and wealthy places. Yet you chose a daughter of the soil who would otherwise lived a good and honest life, grown and harvested crops, cooked and washed and cared for others and been forgotten, to be your temporary home, to be exalted for all time.

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When does an ordinary life become extraordinary?

A mundane day become revolutionary?

A moment in time, change history?

When God enters in, forgives sin, allows us to begin again,
when we repeat those words of Mary:

Let it be to me according to your word.

From Faith and Worship – John Birch.

**Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the
Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your
only Son:**

**grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share
with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom.**

Amen.



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
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Pew Notes

Services for next week:

Monday 17th August:

12noon Porch Prayers, St Mary's, Reepham

Sunday 23rd August:

9am: Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Thurning

10:30 am: Harvest Service, St Margaret's, Swannington

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Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

56 Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Psalms 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
² that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.