

## Words of Light and Hope from Helena Crockford



Until 4th October we are now in the ecumenical Season of Creation, a season dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation, our common home, and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change. This year's theme 'Make Living Water Flow' highlights how every act of care for creation we make becomes part of a global stream of hope. 'Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?' *St. Augustine (354-43) De Civit. Dei, Book XVI* 'We are all musicians in a great human orchestra, and it is now time to play the Save the World Symphony. You are not required to play a solo, but you are required to know what instrument you hold, and play it as well as you can. You are required to find your place in the score. What we love we must protect. That is what love means. From the right to know and the duty to inquire flows the obligation to act.' Sandra Steingraber (b.1959), biologist, author, and environmental activist.

Environmental justice implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed." His Holiness Pope Leo XIV A wild worshipper's prayer God of the wild and wonderful – of arcing skies and miniscule, jewelled wings – set my worship free to explore beyond these walls. Re-ignite me, excite me and creatively delight me as your word comes newly alive through the colourful witness of your world. Re-tune my senses, sharpen my mind and quicken my spirit to your presence as I look, hear, smell, touch and taste more of your goodness and lead me out into greater adventures of discovering you and caring for all you have made. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY  
TEAM CHURCHES

# Pew Notes

### Services for next week:

#### Sunday 12th September:

**9am:** Mattins, St Andrew's, Thurning

**10:30 am:** Harvest Communion St Mary's, Reepham

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### Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

### Ezekiel 33:7-11

<sup>7</sup> "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for<sup>u</sup> their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. <sup>10</sup> "Son of man, say to the Israelites, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of<sup>u</sup> them. How then can we live?"' <sup>11</sup> Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

### Psalms 119:33-40

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.  
<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.  
<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.  
<sup>36</sup> Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.  
<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.  
<sup>38</sup> Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.  
<sup>39</sup> Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.  
<sup>40</sup> See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

### Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> 'If another member of the church<sup>u</sup> sins against you,<sup>u</sup> go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.'<sup>u</sup> <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

### Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.