

Forthcoming Additional Advent and Christmas Services

19th December

10.30am	Communion with Carols	St Andrew's, Attlebridge
3.00pm	Carol Service	St Peter and St Paul's, Salle
6.00pm	Carol Service	St Margaret's, Swannington
7.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's, Reepham
7.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's, Sparham

22nd December

6.00pm	Carol Service	St Andrew's, Wood Dalling
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23rd December

3.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's, Bylaugh
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24th December

3pm and 4.30pm	Christingle***	Via Zoom (see below)
4.00pm	Christingle	St Margaret's, Lyng
5.30pm	Crib Service	All Saints, Weston Longville
11pm	Midnight Mass	St Mary's, Reepham
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Andrew's, Attlebridge

25th December

6pm	Quiet Christmas Service	Zoom
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Please see notice boards and website for regular services in December

*****Christingle Services—Friday 24th December**

Due to the rising number of Covid cases within the community, particularly within our schools, as well as the Chief Medical Officer's briefing on Thursday we have reluctantly made the difficult decision to cancel our in-person Christingle services at Reepham church. However, we will be doing a Christingle Service on Zoom at 4pm Christmas Eve.

It would be lovely if you could attend this service with your 'homemade' Christingle. The BBC have a guide to making a Christingle (please email Annie if you would like a copy) that you could do with your child/children ready for our Zoom Service.

Please do join us on Zoom— **Meeting ID: 840 3211 5894 Passcode: 922982**
Everyone is welcome.



Pew Notes

Sunday 19th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

10.30am	Attlebridge	Communion with Carols
10.30am	Salle	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Lyng	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Word and Praise
10.30am*	Reepham	Café Church

**doors open at 10am for coffee and papers*

For additional Advent and Christmas services, please see back page.

Collections are still being made for the **Reepham Christmas Stockings** appeal, which supports local families who may be struggling over Christmas by sending them donated gifts and toys. Donations of new toys and gifts for school aged children can be left at Motts Pharmacy, Kerri's Pine or the Co-op. For further information, please contact Hayley at christmasstockings2020@yahoo.com

Sunday 26th December (First Sunday of Christmas)

10.30am	Swannington	Whole Benefice Holy Communion
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The Rev'd. Helen Rengert, 01603 879275 revdhelenrwv@gmail.com

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Pew Notes are available to download from the RWV website and the E-newsletter

Words of Light and Hope from Tony Hawes

**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 have 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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my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

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.

Silence.

Into the daily cycle of our lives,
when all seems well with us, and with the world.
When our yoke is easy and the burden light,
you break in and scatter our complacency.

Into the daily cycle of our lives
When we are comfortable and at our ease.
When the fire is lit, but our eyes are closed,
you break in and challenge our dependency.

You break in when defences are down.
With an Angel's shout, or the quietest sound,
you break in, **you break in.**

And we change, and all things change,
when you break in.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come again and with us ever dwell.**

(John Birch, A Celtic Advent Celebration.)

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55] *Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever."]

Further afield... Traditional Candle-Lit Carol Service

Tuesday 21st December, 6.30 p.m

in Church of St Michael the Archangel, Booton

Children are welcome to dress as a Nativity character.

Mulled Wine & Nibbles Collection for St Martin's Housing Trust & Churches Conservation Trust