

"Quiet Christmas" service

6pm Christmas Day 2021.

A reflective service where the difficulties of the season can be acknowledged. Christmas can be hard at times of anxiety, loss, separation, and the enduring pandemic.



Reepham and Wensum Valley Benefice and St Francis Church, Heartsease, Norwich invite you to a Zoom online service reflecting on the Light of Christ shining in the darkness.

Zoom chapel open from 5.45pm.

Bring a candle ready to light during the service.

Zoom ID: 825 0887 5273

Password: 374589

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" John 1.5

*****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.



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December)

4pm	Zoom	Christingle Service (see back for details)
4pm	Lyng (outside St Margaret's)	Christingle Service
5.30pm	Weston Longville	Crib Service
11pm	Reepham	Midnight Mass
11.30pm	Attlebridge	Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (Saturday 25th December)

9am	Salle	Holy Communion
10.30am	Reepham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Weston Longville	Holy Communion
10.30am	Lyng	Holy Communion
6pm	Zoom	'Quiet Christmas' Service (see back for details)

Sunday 26th December (First Sunday of Christmas)

10.30am	Swannington	Whole Benefice Holy Communion
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Pew Notes are available to download from the RWV website and the E-newsletter

**Words of Light and Hope from
Sue Page, Licensed Lay Minister**

Prayer

Come, O Lover of the undeserving!
Who welcomes home
The foolish, the fearful and the failure
With extravagant celebration!

Come, O healer of the diseased,
Who mends the broken, sets free the
imprisoned
Who soothes the troubled
The words of Life and Hope!

We welcome You!
Stay among us, Lord!
Amen!

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their
flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

This is the Christian's joy:

I know that I am a thought in God,
no matter how insignificant I may be –
the most abandoned of beings,
one no one thinks of.

Today, when we think of Christmas
gifts,
how many outcasts no one thinks of!
Think to yourselves, you that are out-
cast,
you that feel you are nothing in history:
“I know that I am a thought in God
and that I am LOVED!!.”

Oscar Romero

The Miracle:

When all the winds were mild,
Mary came to me apart
and laid the Holy Child
here inside my heart.
My heart was made the manger,
and my body was the stall.
And now no man is stranger:
my life goes out to all,
To bring to each of them
this Child of heaven's light,
to let them enter in, like flames
of candles to the holy night.

Georg Johannes Gluck

"The Living Truth is what I long to see.
I cannot lean upon what used to be !
So shut the bible up and show me how
The Christ you talk about is living now"

Sydney Carter

John 1:1-14 *Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



Congratulations to the team at St Mary's whose Christmas tree was voted "best decorated" at the Reepham Christmas Tree Festival!

The festival, organised by Reepham Lions and held in St Mary's, welcomed 500 visitors over the 4 days it was open. 22 trees were decorated by local community groups, businesses and organisations and helped to raise just over £1000 to be split between Reepham Lions and St Mary's.