



### Wonder On Wednesdays

Our weekly discussion group for those who wish to dig a little deeper into topics around Christianity.

Wednesday via Zoom from 7pm to 8pm.

**Zoom meeting ID: 836 9720 0393**

**Password: 102113**

We are continuing with **The Prayer Course** during our WoW Zoom Group. Our next session "Listening" looks at practical ways we can tune in to hear God's voice.

Our final session is on **Wednesday 2nd February** and looks at "Spiritual Warfare". Previous sessions can be viewed on the website [www.prayercourse.org/sessions](http://www.prayercourse.org/sessions) if you would like to catch up.

**Thursday 10th February**—We hope\* to meet up for our monthly Thursday Zoom Social in St Michaels for food, friendship and discussion. Everyone is welcome to join us from 7pm.

Zoom Dial-in numbers (to join by telephone): 0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240 *Dial-in calls cost between 2p-10p per minute depending on your provider, mobiles may be more. Please check before calling.*

*\*As ever, in these changeable times, we may need to cancel or postpone services and events. Please check the website for up to date information.*

### **Wild Messy Church**

Join us for our **Valentine's Special** in Lyng Village Hall on Wednesday 9th February from 3.30pm-4.30pm and in Great Witchingham on Sunday 13th February from 3pm to 4pm. Wrap up warm and bring wellies as we will have an outdoor trail, crafts, stories and food to share.

In March, we will be looking at **Lent and saying sorry**. Wednesday 9th March at 3.30pm in Lyng and Sunday 13th March at 3pm in Great Witchingham. Everyone is welcome to join us for these free, family fun sessions.



## *Pew Notes*

### Sunday 30th January 2022 (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

10.30am Reepham Whole Benefice Holy Communion \*

*\* Due to increases in covid cases locally, we will not be having a shared lunch after the service, however we will be having coffee and biscuits after*

**SAVE THE DATE:** We will be holding our Whole Benefice APCM on Wednesday 27th April at 7pm at Reepham Sixth form College. We are looking for 2 volunteers to be **Safeguarding Officers** for the "Wensum" group of churches and also the "BLES" group. Training will be given for this important role which ensures that we do all we can to protect those who are vulnerable within our communities. The work is mainly based online, so basic IT skills would be beneficial. Please speak to Rev'd Helen for details.

### Sunday 6th February (Fourth Sunday before Lent)

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| 9am     | Salle            | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.30am | Weston Longville | Holy Communion       |
| 10.30am | Elsing           | Holy Communion       |
| 10.30am | Reepham          | Morning Worship      |
| 10.30am | Sparham          | OASIS                |

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

## Words of Light and Hope from Jane McLarty

God is closer to us than our own soul, for he is the foundation on which our soul stands... for our soul sits in God in true rest, and our soul stands in God in sure strength, and our soul is naturally rooted in God in endless love.

*Julian of Norwich*

The old mystics always insist that love and humility are sisters. As we learn about love, we seem to get smaller and smaller and the wonder of God to get greater and greater. The more we realise the fact of this love pouring out from the heart of God to draw all things...the deeper grows the love which is demanded of us in return.

*Evelyn Underhill*

I only know Divine unconditional, radical and reckless love for me when I dare to approach God just as I am. The more I have the courage to meet God in this place of weakness, the more I will know myself to be truly and deeply loved by God. And the more deeply I know this love, the easier it will be to trust it as Christ did – preferring God's will to my own.

*David Benner*

O God our mystery,  
you bring us to life,  
call us to freedom,  
and move between us with love.  
May we so participate  
in the dance of your trinity,  
that our lives may resonate with you,  
now and forever, Amen

*Janet Morley*

**Luke 2:22-40** *Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.