

Groups and services for Lent across the Benefice

Fellowship Group

Meeting monthly on the second Monday of the month from 7.30pm at Sunset Barn, Morton Road, Weston Longville. Please email Rev'd Tim if you would like to attend (reverendweston@gmail.com). Next session—14th February.

Wednesday 2nd March

9am	Weston Longville	Ash Wednesday Service
7pm	Reepham	Ash Wednesday Service

Quiet Afternoons in Lent

Each Saturday from **5th March to 9th April** you can join us in St Michael's, Reepham from 2-4pm, for a period of quiet reflection and prayer. Each session will be based upon a particular theme from nature to Taizé Prayer, from biking bells to mindfulness. Find some peace in your day— drop in, no booking required.

"In God's Hands" by Desmond Tutu - Study and Discussion Group

Monday evenings from **28th February to 28th March** at 39, Bircham Road, Reepham, 7-8.30pm. Discussing and studying together "In God's Hands" by Desmond Tutu. Contact Sue Page for details 01603 870 886.

WoW Lent Course—The Unanswered Prayer Course

Join us each Wednesday from **9th March to 6th April** on Zoom from 7-8pm for our weekly discussion session, this time focussing on The *Unanswered Prayer* Course. Each session looks at one of the 4 big questions we ask ourselves when confronted with suffering. **Zoom meeting ID: 836 9720 0393 Password: 102113**

Thursday 14th April

2pm	Weston Longville	Maundy Thursday Service
7pm	Reepham	Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 15th April

TBC	Swannington/Attlebridge/Alderford	Walk of Witness
10am	Reepham	Walk of Witness
2-3pm	Elsing/Lyng	Walk of Witness
2-3pm	Reepham	Good Friday Hour at the Cross

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday

10.30am	Salle	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Reepham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Holy Communion
10.30am	Attlebridge	Holy Communion



Pew Notes

Sunday 6th February (Fourth Sunday before Lent)

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



Join us in St Michael's, Reepham at 7pm on **Thursday 10th February** for our next **WOW Social**. Our monthly WOW socials are an opportunity to get together and share a meal and fellowship whilst we share our WOW moments of the month. All adults (16+) across the benefice are welcome to join us. Please do a Lateral Flow Test before you arrive to ensure you are Covid Negative.

Sunday 13th February 2022 (Third Sunday before Lent)

9am	Bylaugh	Holy Communion (BCP)
9am	Wood Dalling	Holy Communion
10.30am	Great Witchingham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Lyng	Word and Praise
10.30am	Reepham	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 Bishop Tony Footitt

Snowdrops have the lovely name of Candlemas Bells, appearing as they do for Candlemas (on 2 Feb).

On this day two old pensioners, Simeon and Anna, received Mary and Joseph and their baby son in the temple at Jerusalem. Simeon and Anna put some of us older ones to shame. They did not retire into their shells. They actively welcomed Mary and Joseph and their baby into the temple.

One of the joys of growing older is to experience a second childhood. The very old and the very young sometimes develop a mutual understanding. In these days when families are no longer naturally extended networks, old friends become even more important. The challenge to us older ones is to accept increasing disability with good grace, and yet to ripen - continue our explorations in this world in readiness for the next. When we are older, we specially need consolation and encouragement. To bring young and old together is a vital role of the Church in every place.

Candlemas has another long name. It is also called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary – not that Mary in her virginity needed any purifying, but she and Joseph were following the custom of the time, in taking their baby to the temple with an offering of two doves. Doves were the least expensive kind of offering - one that poor people could make, as opposed to richer people who could afford a lamb. The snowdrops signal that a fresh start can be made.

Even in older age there is always the possibility of turning over a new leaf. Snowdrops are such a pure white. Cleanliness, they say, is next to godliness. We can all, however young or old, make a fresh endeavour to prevent the pollution of our beautiful world.

Daily Prayer	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Morning Prayer	8am Zoom	8am Zoom	8am Zoom	8am Zoom
Evening Prayer		6pm Zoom	6pm Zoom	6pm Zoom

Daily Prayer Zoom joining details **Meeting ID: 825 0887 5273 Password: 374589** 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.*

Luke 5:1-11 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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.

There is no "Lyng Sings" practice of performance this month. Our next rehearsal will be on Saturday 19th March at 4pm in St Margaret's Lyng.

New members are always welcome, please email Laura (laura@fordingbridge.com) for more information.

