

**Words of Light and Hope
from Sue Page, LLM**

Prayer

God of Your goodness, give us Yourself!

For if we ask for anything, which is less
We shall always be in want. Only in
You we have all. Amen

Julian of Norwich

Whoever enters discipleship enters
Jesus' death, and puts his or her own
life into death; this has been so from
the beginning. The cross is not the
horrible end of a pious, happy life, but
stands rather at the beginning of com-
munity with Jesus Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I see You

I see You – there in the shattering you
looking for you; seeking your self
in the can't-cope of it;
the never-ending weary of it.

I see you – desperate for your soul
to be a more solid thing; to be found
amid the pantheon of the real.

I see you – wondering if God
is just the translucence of a dream.

I have been there in the lostness;
I have tangled with the shadows;
I will tell you – won't you know it? –
that something is reaching for your
hand. *G Heugh from Fear no Enemy*

The whole life of Christ was a cross.
And the more spiritual progress you
strive for, the heavier will your crosses
become, for as your love for God

increases so will the pain of your exile.
When you willingly carry your cross,
every pang of tribulation is changed
into hope of solace from God. Besides,
with every affliction the spirit is
strengthened by grace. For it is the
grace of Christ,
and not our own virtue, that gives us
the power to overcome the flesh and
the world. You will not even fear your
enemy, the devil, if you arm yourself
with faith and are signed with the
cross of Christ. *Thomas a Kempis*

Prayer

Lord, thank you that we are one in
Christ Jesus. Help us to
live out this reality in our lives. We
pledge to see all people
as You see them – worthy, beloved,
made in Your image. Amen.

On this day, we have seen it all.

Everything dies.

Life dies.

Death dies.

Everything is done.

Except love.

Only love is not done.

Only love will not die.

Everything is finished except love.

Only love is not done.

Only love will not die.

Everything is finished except love.

Martin Wroe



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 28th March, 12.30 to 2pm, **Lent Lunch** in St Michael's, Reepham
- Friday 31st March, 7pm for 7.30pm, **Swannington Quiz and Chips** in St Margaret's, Swannington. Teams up to 8 people. Contact Richard on 01603 872260 to book
- Wednesday 26th April, 7.30pm at Reepham 6th Form College:
Whole Benefice APCM

Next Week's Services: Sunday 2nd April, Palm Sunday

9am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Peter and St Paul's, Salle
10.30am	OASIS	St Mary's, Sparham
10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Weston Longville
10.30am	Morning Worship	St Michael's, Reepham
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Elsing

Join us for **Compline** in St Mary's, Reepham at 8pm
on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April

The Rev'd. Helen Rengert, 01603 879275 revdhelenrwv@gmail.com

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**If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact your Parish
Safeguarding Officer. Details in the church porch or on the RWV website.**

Readings for 26th March, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our

bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Psalms 130

De profundis

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

The **Study and Discussion Group for Lent** on Monday evenings (7pm to 8.45pm at 39 Bircham Road, Reepham) continues through Lent.

The group are studying and discussing "**Failure : What Jesus Said About Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up**" by Bishop Emma Ineson. Please contact Sue Page (sue.gislingham@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.