

Words of Light and Hope
from Sue Page LLM

*Preparing to celebrate over the next
months 650 years since Julian of
Norwich had her showings we pray*
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

**Sometimes He Calls and I do not want
to go...!**

He called me
But I did not want to go.
I had 'my faith' to attend to.....
My own Private Faith
I was devoted to a god
Whom I imagined was like me!
I worshipped that god
My own personal way.....
That's the way it is with private faith.
And He expected me to give it up when
He called:
Give up my private faith and make it
public:
Serve God in society and not just in my
soul....
I did not want to go
He called us
But we did not want to go.
We did not want our business, our love
Our fortune, our faith
To be infected and affected by His touch
Yet we went....
We gave up everything and lost more....
And we gained the Kingdom of Heaven
John Bell

*Thoughts and Words for the many
places of War, Violence Terror and Loss*

Lament

The weight of the tears of the world
Is too heavy to bear:
For the cost, and the waste of
Young loves playing out
Old men's games,
Knowing terror and fear
Never tasted by soldiers of lead.
Forgive us, I fear
That we know very well
What we do

Ann Lewin

Prayer

A time of disengagement
From routine.
Desert. Emptiness.
Wordless waiting before
The mystery.
Nothing much happened:
No flash of insight,
No resolution of perplexity,
But deep down
Shifting perceptions,
Something understood.

Ann Lewin

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.



Pew Notes

Dates for your diary

- **Spring Lectures in Swannington Church** Each Thursday at 7.30pm from May 11th to 1st June, wide ranging programme with guest speakers. Tickets are £7.50 on the door (cash) which includes refreshments. Please see website for details.
- **Peddard's Quire - Byrd and his Contemporaries: A Choral Recital Marking the 400th Anniversary of the Death of William Byrd**— Saturday 20th May, 2.30pm at St Margaret's Church, Swannington Admission (includes refreshments): £7.50 cash on door.
- **The Lectio Course**—Exploring the ancient practice of Lectio Divina with Pete Grieg. 5 weekly sessions on Wednesday nights from 10th May on Zoom from 8.15pm to 9pm. Everyone is welcome **Meeting ID:** 836 9720 0393 **Password:** 102113

Service for next week: Sunday 7th May — Fifth Sunday in Easter

9am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Peter and St Paul's Salle
10.30am	OASIS	St Mary's, Sparham
10.30am	Coronation Celebration Service	All Saint's, Weston Longville
10.30am	Coronation Celebration Service	St Mary's, Elsing
	Followed by a glass of fizz!	
10.30am	Coronation Celebration Service	St Mary's, Reepham

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Safeguarding Officer. Details in the church porch or on the RWV website.**

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalms 23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways
for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort

me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for
ever.

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his
mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."