

**Words of Light and Hope
from Jane MCLarty**

On this Easter Day... some poems about love and joy!

e.e. cummings i thank you god

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes
(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)
how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?
(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Christina Rossetti A Birthday

My heart is like a singing bird
Whose nest is in a water'd shoot;
My heart is like an apple-tree
Whose boughs are bent with thickset
fruit;
My heart is like a rainbow shell
That paddles in a halcyon sea;
My heart is gladder than all these
Because my love is come to me ...

**Robert Louis Stevenson Happy
Thought**

The world is so full of a number of
things,
I'm sure we should all be as happy as
kings.

**Emily Dickinson How happy is the
little stone**

How happy is the little Stone
That rambles in the Road alone,
And doesn't care about Careers
And Exigencies never fears —
Whose Coat of elemental Brown
A passing Universe put on,
And independent as the Sun
Associates or glows alone,
Fulfilling absolute Decree
In casual simplicity —



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

Dates for your diary

- **An Evening with Dereham Band**, Sat 22nd April, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Elsing—Tickets £12 includes wine and cheese. Contact Jackie Norton 07801 701031
- **Whole Benefice APCM** Wed 26th April, 7.30pm at Reepham College
- **Spring Lectures:** 7.30pm in St Margaret's, Swannington as follows:
Thurs 11th May—Hospice Ethiopia with Sue and Jamie Mumford
Thurs 18th May—American Cultural Influences in Post War Britain with Jim Stebbings
Thurs 25th May—Norfolk History on a stick with Andrew Tullett
Thurs 1st June—A Norfolk Soldier in the Anglo-Sikh War (1845-46) with Nigel Amies (Admission and refreshments £7.50— please bring cash)

Services for next week: Sunday 16th April (Second Sunday of Easter)

9am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Wood Dalling
10am	Café Church (<i>service starts at 10.30am</i>)	St Michael's, Reepham
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Attlebridge
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Margaret's, Lyng
6pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter and St Paul's, Salle

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

The Rev'd. Keith Rengert, 01603 879275 revdkeith@gmail.com (*Sunday only*)

The Rev'd. Judith Sweetman, 07484862962 (*Friday to Sunday*)
judith.sweetman@btinternet.com

The Rev'd. Richard Turk, 07721 035009 revdrichardrwv@gmail.com

Email parishofficerwv@gmail.com to submit articles or join the mailing list.

FACEBOOK: Reepham & Wensum Valley Events

WEBSITE: www.reepham-and-wensum-valley-team-churches.org.uk

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

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

Readings for Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Psalms 118: 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.