

Words of Light and Hope from Tony Hawes

Grandad's Prayers – Epilogue.

My Grandad and I went for many walks after that one. I often listened for the prayers of the earth, but was never sure that I heard them.....

Then, one day, my Grandad was gone.....

And no matter how hard I prayed, he didn't come back.

He couldn't come back. I prayed and prayed, until I couldn't pray any more.

And so I didn't, for a long time. And the world seemed dark and lonely, without my Grandad.....

Until one day I went for a walk.

I found a big rock under some tall trees, and I sat down.

Overhead, the branches swayed, and a breeze whispered in the leaves. I heard a stream flowing nearby, and a robin singing from a honeysuckle bush.

I heard something else too – something in the sounds of the breezes and the birds, and the water. I heard prayers.....the earth was praying, just as my Grandad had said.....

So I joined in. "Thank you, Lord God," I prayed. "For tall trees and sweet flowers. For still rocks and singing birds. Thank you for sending your Son to live and die for us. And thank you especially for my Grandad."

And as I prayed, something changed, and my Grandad seemed somehow very near. And for the first time in a long while, the world seemed just right....

Douglas Wood

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for
all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our
Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts
may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with
our lips, but in our lives;

by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and
righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all
honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

- **Messy Church** will be returning to St Michael's Reepham on **Thursday 22nd June from 3.15pm to 5.45pm**. Children and their families are welcome to join us for free messy fun and crafts followed by a Messy Celebration in St Mary's followed by a hot meal for everyone in St Michael's. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is welcome
- **An Evening with Sir Andrew Motion**—Tuesday 13th June, 6pm at St Peter & St Paul, Salle. Tickets £20 via www.ticketsource.co.uk/salle
- **Guided Country Walk and Tea**—Sunday 11th June, 2pm from Collin Green Farm, Lyng. Tickets include tea £7.50 (adult), £3.50 (under 10s). Easy walking, no dogs, children must be accompanied. Contact Carol 872275 / Edwin 872522
- **Our Pet Service**— All well behaved pets are welcome to join us from 10.30am on Sunday 25th June at St Margaret's, Swannington for our annual pet service as we give thanks for our furry, feathered and scaly friends!

Service for next week: Sunday 18th June — Second Sunday after Trinity

9am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Wood Dalling
10.00am	Café Church	St Mary'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

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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 Sunday 11th June

Acts 11:19-end

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Psalms 112 *Beatus vir*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his
commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honour.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

John 15:12-17

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for

one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This year, the community in Reepham raised a grand total of £1014.89 for Christian Aid with £112.25 of this total coming from Gift Aid.

Thank you to everyone that helped, particularly to Jolyon who has organised the Christian Aid envelope drops for many years. Jolyon is retiring from this role, therefore if you would like to help next year with our annual Christian Aid appeal, please contact Sue Cripps or Jo Tym.

It's Your Move Booklets from Scripture Union

At Reepham we plan to give all the year 6 students the "It's Your Move" booklet as they prepare for the next step in their education in September.

As in previous years, we would like to ask the congregation, if they are willing and able, to give donations towards the cost of these booklets. Donations can be given to Sue Cripps or Jo Tym. Each booklet costs £1.53 each and we have 33 children to give to, so we are hoping to raise just over £50. Any excess donations will go into the Ann Munt fund to support our children's work such as Messy Church which will be starting again on 22nd June in St Michael's, Reepham.

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