

Words of Light and Hope from Fran Neale (AWA)

There are often more weddings during the summer months, so here are some thoughts on **Marriage** from **Kahil Gibran**.

"You were born together, and together you shall be for evermore.
You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.
Aye, you shall be together even in the silent memory of God.

But let there be space in your togetherness,
And let the winds of heaven dance between you.
Love one another but make not a bond of love.
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.
Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.
Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,
Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.
For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.
And stand together, yet not too near together:
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow."

Not particularly related to marriage, here are two thoughts, linked by stars.....

"Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered." **Graham Kendrick**

And again from **Kahil Gibran**:

"That which sings and contemplates in you is still dwelling within the bounds
of that first moment which scattered the stars into space."

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Pew Notes

- Tuesday 8th & 15th August—3pm, **Strawberry Cream Tea** at The Rectory, Reepham. Please contact Rev'd Helen to book. Everyone is welcome!
- Sunday 20th August, 12.30 to eat at 1pm— **Lyng Church BBQ** at The Rectory, Lyng. £10 per adult, £5 per child includes a range of meats, salads, dessert, teas and coffee. Please bring your own cold drinks and glasses. Plates and cutlery provided. Contact Carol 01603 872275, Elaine 01362 638180, Judith 01603 871591 or Edwin 01603872522 to book.
- Sunday 27th August, 10.30am - **Harvest Service** at St Margaret's, Swannington followed by a picnic.
- Sunday 3rd September, 4pm **Songs with Cider** at The Rectory, Lyng
- Saturday 9th September, 9am– 5pm, **Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride**. See www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk for more information.
- Sunday 10th September, 9am-11am **Attlebridge Art and Produce Show**. Entries to be submitted in the morning— return at 3pm for a tea party and results. All welcome!

Services for next week: Sunday 13th August — (Tenth Sunday after Trinity)

9am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's, Bylaugh
9am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's Thurning
10.30am	Word and Praise	St Margaret's, Lyng
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Gt Witchingham
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Reepham

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Exodus 34:29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah
rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

2 Peter 1.16-19

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Luke 9.28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.