

The World Made New

Uniting things earthly and things heavenly: Christ's life, death, and resurrection have the effect of clearing our inner imaginative space, freeing us from the myths in which we have imprisoned ourselves, enlarging the boundaries of what is open to humans made in the divine image. The Spirit who is breathed by the risen Jesus over his friends makes this actual in our lives, lighting up the face of the human stranger and "the face of the earth," the place where our roots are. Heaven and earth are closer to one another than we might think. *Rowan Williams*
"I stand at the door and knock," says the Lord.

What a wonderful privilege that the Lord of all creation desires to come to me. I welcome His presence. There are very few people who realise what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves into his hands, and let themselves be formed by his grace. (Saint Ignatius) I ask for the grace to trust myself totally to God's love. Lord, you are present in all things And when I take time to simply sit and be with you My mind rests And I feel your peace. Remembering that I am still in God's presence, I imagine Jesus himself standing or sitting beside me, and say whatever is on my mind, whatever is in heart, speaking as one friend to another. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end

Christmas is Over

Christmas is Over Everything feels flat! I've eaten too much and my tummy feels fat. What is there to look to In the Cold New Year? I'm longing for something to reach for that's near! Of course in the hustle and busy life That is past.. I forgot to look Upwards...and Inward And Close. He, the One who is Love is still with me And Near He knows me and loves me and stays with me still Through the days and the months of the Coming New Year *Sue P*

As Your disciple, Lord May I be willing to learn, unlearn and relearn Be prepared to be wrong; Be open to listen, Be ready to start again;; Be quick to say sorry and receive forgiveness. Disciple me Lord into Your Likeness as I die to self And rise to a new and better m. BRF



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes



Services for next week: Sunday 7th January First Sunday of Epiphany

9am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul's, Salle
10:30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Weston Longville
10:30am	Holy Communion,	St Mary's, Elsing
10:30am	OASIS	St Mary's, Sparham
10:30am	Morning Worship	St Michael's, Reepham

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Details in the church porch or on the RWV website.

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Psalms 147 Laudate Dominum**

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
 3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
 4 He counts the number of the stars *and calls them all by their names.
 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
 8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *and for the young ravens when they cry.
 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.]

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2: 15-21 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

