

Words of Light and Hope, Lent 4 Mothering Sunday March 10th 2024 Sue Page LLM

It is Lent! We are on the 4 th Sunday and we are celebrating the Love and Wonder and 'Ministry' of Mothers...their patience and hope and love for each of their children

This Sunday we reflect on God as our Parent..... And also our Saviour being born a baby... Look at these words, one quote at a time, and think and Ponder and Pray about God fulfilling His Loving Parental Plan and Hope for each one of us.....

" Faith is not absolute Certainty, but a readiness to explore the Mystery. It is not a method of finding all the answers, but of living with the questions. Like Hope it is an attitude of mind, an ordination of the spirit. *Sidney Evans Prisoners of Hope*

"I believe in the Sun even when it is not shining; I believe in Love even when I cannot feel it; I believe in God even when He is silent." *A Jewish Prisoner ; written on the walls of his cell in Cologne Discovered after the 1939-45 war.*

God lets himself be pushed out of the world on to the Cross!

He is weak and powerless in the world, and that is precisely the way, the only way, in which He is with us and helps us. Scripture makes quite clear that Jesus helps us, not by virtue of His Omnipotence, but by virtue of His Weakness and Suffering. The bible directs man to God's powerlessness and suffering; only the Suffering God can help.!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Silence makes us pilgrims, Silence guards the fire within... Silence teaches us to speak ;

Henri Nouwen

"The Living Truth is what I long to see. I cannot lean upon what used to be ! So shut the bible up and show me how The Christ you talk about is living now"

Sydney Carter

You sing, of course you sing, I can hear you

But make sure that your life sings the same tune as your mouth.

Sing with your voices !

Sing with your lips !

Sing with your lives !

The Singer himself is the Song !

St Augustine



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Pew Notes

February 17th to March 23rd—Saturday afternoon's in Lent, looking at minor prophets. 2:30– 3:30pm at St Michael's, Reepham.

February 19th to March 18th— Study Discussion Group Lent 2024

February 21st To March 29th— Lent Series on Wednesday afternoons

(For more details of lent events please see the RWV Website or Facebook)

Services for next week: Sunday 17th March, 5th Sunday of Lent

10:00am Café Church (service at 10:30am), St Michaels, Reepham

10:30am Holy Communion, St Andrews, Attlebridge

10:30am Holy Communion, St Margaret's, Lyng

10:30am Morning Prayer, St peter and St Pauls, Salle

Join a shared moment of prayer and reflection mid-week without leaving the house - Evening Prayer every Thursday 6pm on Zoom (82508875273 p/w 374589). Matthew 18:20 - 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'
Everyone is welcome; why not try a moment of prayerfulness in the busy week as part of Lent? Together we form a prayerful witness in our communities.

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Details in the church porch or on the RWV website.

1 Samuel 1. 20 – end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word. So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD.

For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.



Psalms 127

1, Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

2, It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

3, Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

4, Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

Colossians 3. 12 – 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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Luke 2. 33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'



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