

Words of Light and Hope from Tony Hawes.

Autumn.

Let us take into the silence the glow of autumn days, let them become the spark that burns within each one of us. Let that spark grow into a flame of love. Let that blazing love fill us with awareness, kindness and understanding. Eternal flame, may your radiant glow remain with us as the days grow shorter.

Like the autumn leaves we are invited to let go, to resist the desire to cling and hang on to our securities. Listen to autumn's invitation to slow down, to walk among dying leaves, and let them speak to us of the call to continue our inner transformation. May we be open to the teachings of autumn, to surrender and rest in God.

As autumn turns to winter we can sense a change in the coolness of the breeze. This time of transition belongs to more than just the earth. Inside of us there are also quiet changes sending us their signals to let go.

We are autumn people. We are always called to be in the process of growing and changing. May our minds and hearts be open to this inner season which is part of us. May we trust you, Autumn God, who calls us to grow. May we find hope as we enter willingly into the dying that is needed for our transformation.

The Julian Meetings and Joyce Rupp.

May the soft mists of God's presence wrap us in their gentle folds.

May the light of God's presence shine upon us.

May the might of God's presence strengthen us.

May the warmth of God's presence restore us.

May all that God has sown in our lives, flower and ripen.

May God's harvest in our lives, be fruitful and abundant. Amen.

Healing the Land by Ray Simpson.



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

20th September: 3pm Afternoon Tea Concert with Serendipity at St Margaret', Swannington.

3rd October: 7pm Harvest Supper: Hall for All, Weston Longville, Food for 7:30pm

For more information on any events please see our website or Facebook page or contact Joy to be on our weekly newsletter.

Services for next week: Sunday 20th September 2025

9am Gathering, St Andrew's, Wood Dalling

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

4pm Gospel According to Jazz, St Andrew's, Attlebridge

6pm Evensong, St Peter & St Paul's, Salle

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Numbers 21:4-9

⁴They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" ⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Psalms 22:23-28

23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;
24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.

Philippians 2:6-11

⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 3:13-17

¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world.

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.