

Remembrance Services across the Benefice

Sunday 8th November

*"...at the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them"*

9am	Bylaugh	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church
9am	Thurning	Remembrance Service at St Andrew's Church
10.30am	Great Witchingham	Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Church
3pm	Great Witchingham	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at Village Hall
10.30am	Reepham	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church
10.30am	Elsing	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church
11.30am	Swannington	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at St Margaret's Church
11.30am	Attlebridge	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Station Road
11.30am	Weston Longville	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial adjacent to All Saint's Church
11.45am	Weston Longville	Act of Remembrance at the American Memorial

Messy Hallowe'en—Saturday 31st October

Join us in the churchyards of St Mary's, Great Witchingham from 4pm to 4.45pm and St Margaret's Lyng at 5.15pm to 6pm, for some spooky fun with a Harry Potter trail, photo booth, story telling and of course sweets! Suitable for younger children, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Wellies or sturdy footwear recommended. Social distancing will be in place, adults must wear masks or face coverings.



Pew Notes

Sunday 25th October (Bible Sunday)

10.30am	Swannington	Whole Benefice Holy Communion
6pm	Reepham	Taizé Prayer

Autumn Discussion Group: "Living in Hope!"

All are welcome to join us on Zoom for a discussion group over 4 Monday evenings, November 2nd 9th 16th 23rd, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. We will be studying the York Course "Living in Hope!" together, sharing our thoughts and praying together. Topics include:

Nov 2nd "Living Well", Nov. 9th 'Dying Well', Nov 16th "Hell bent on Destruction?", Nov 23rd "Going to Heaven when we die?"

The course costs £3.30 for the book, which Sue can order for you.

To book, please contact Sue Page 01603 870886

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Reepham Life Calendars for 2021 will soon be available to buy. Featuring 13 nostalgic photos of the town's history and costing just £8, they make a useful and lovely Christmas gift with the added bonus that for every calendar sold, £4 goes to church funds! Please contact Sue Page (details above) if you would like one. But be quick, they are sure to sell fast!

Sunday 1st November (All Saints Day)

9.00am	Salle	Holy Communion
10.30am	Reepham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Holy Communion
10.30am	Weston Longville	Holy Communion

GOSPEL Matthew 24:30-35 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Jesus said to his disciples: "The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Colossians 3:12-17 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians. 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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From the kitchen window 23rd October 2020



The Field Maple tree at the bottom of our garden is just getting its golden autumnal tints but is nothing compared to Tony's Liquidambar tree, which positively glows with delicate pinks, yellows and greens, while my father's Wild Pear has turned a vibrant glossy red.

We are so fortunate to live in a part of the world that has this glorious burst of autumn colour before winter sets in. Other wildlife has to prepare for the colder months too, and how better, than to feed up well before the lean times arrive. The Sparrowhawk in Ian's garden was doing just that as he plucked and devoured a Collared Dove on the back lawn one breakfast time. While some people may be revolted at the thought of such carnage but the very fact that the Sparrowhawk was there at all, is a sign that the local ecosystem is in reasonably good balance. When we humans have upset the balance of nature too much, the first creatures to disappear are the top predators, such as hawks and owls in our part of the country. Isobel mentioned hearing Tawny Owls hooting again, after a recent absence, which again is good news. Tawny Owl numbers often decrease because poisoned rats do not necessarily die immediately but wander about for the owls to catch and eat, which in turn kills the owls. When you hear the 'to-wit to-woo' calls of Tawny Owls, you are actually hearing a duet. The female call is 'ke-wick' and the male's reply 'hoo-hoo'. Sometimes at night we hear a female stridently calling her mate, over and over again and waiting for his reply. Tawnies make full use of our town, as occasionally when walking at night, we have seen a Tawny Owl's silhouette on a roof top. Even Barn Owls can be seen from time to time, as two summers ago, one regularly flew over our garden in the late evening, heading for a favoured hunting ground along the Moor!

