

**Words of Light and Hope Sunday September 1st 2024**  
**Trinity 14** **Sue Page LLM**

God of golden fields and blue skies THANK YOU FOR SUMMER  
God of white waves and wet pebbles THANK YOU FOR SUMMER  
God of ripe plums and meadowsweet THANK YOU FOR SUMMER  
Thank you for warmth and beauty and wonder THANK YOU FOR LIFE

*Ruth Burgess, from Bare Feet & Buttercups*

**OUR WILL OR GOD'S WILL**

**If God's will should please you in this way, you would feel just as if you were in heaven, regardless of what happens or does not happen to you. But those who desire something different from God's will get what they deserve: they are always in misery and trouble; people do them a great deal of violence and injury, and they suffer in every way. We deafen God day and night with our words, "Lord, thy will be done." But then when God's will does happen, we are furious and don't like it a bit. When our will becomes God's will, that is certainly good; but how much better it would be if God's will were to become our will. God needs nothing more from us than a quiet heart.**

**Meister Eckhardt**

Everyone belongs to God

Our gospel has been too small. It is, indeed, too small a thing to think that the hope of the world rests in our ability to recruit others into a religion which has too often made us morally worse. To confess that the hope of the world is Jesus Christ is to open ourselves to a kingdom beyond our control – beyond our imagination, even. It is to embrace the revolutionary notion that everyone belongs to God. You must stand up and represent the gospel of the kingdom that shines for all people, no matter who they are.

Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

**And thus I understood that any man or woman who deliberately chooses God in this life, out of love, may be sure that he or she is loved without end. This endless love produces grace in them. For God wants us to hold trustfully to his: that we be as certain, in home, of the bliss of heaven while we are here as we will be, in fact, when we are there. And always the more delight and joy we take in this certainty, with reverence and meekness, the better it pleases God.**

- Julian of Norwich

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY  
TEAM CHURCHES

*Pew Notes*

**9th September: 7:30pm—9pm:** Bible study the first letter of St John, 1 Church Farm Close, Weston Longville

**14th September 9am– 5pm:** Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride

**19th September 10:30am– 12noon:** Coffee Morning ,  
St Margarets, Lyng

**6th October: 12 noon:** Harvest Lunch, Sparham Old School Room

**Services for next week: Sunday 8th September**

9am Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's, Bylaugh

9am Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Thurning

10:30am Holy Communion , St Mary's, Gt Witchingham

10:30am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Reepham

10:30am Words and Praise, St Margaret's, Lyng

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### **Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

### **Psalms 45:1-2, 7-10 *Eructavit cor meum***

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.  
2 You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.  
7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom you love righteousness and hate iniquity.  
8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.  
9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.  
10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

### **James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.



### **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

### **The Collect:**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.