

Words of Light and Hope 24 th November 2024 Jane McLarty

Tomorrow (25 th November) the church remembers Isaac Watts, the hymn writer, who died on this day at Stoke Newington in 1748. He was a nonconformist minister and wrote over 700 hymns, among them favourites such as When I survey the wondrous cross, Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, and Joy to the World. So as we head into winter, the following is on the theme of praise and joy!

Pied Beauty by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things – For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow; For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim; Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings; Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough; And áll trádés, their gear and tackle and trim. All things counter, original, spare, strange; Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?) With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim; He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change: Praise him.

Joy – it's not just a gift. In a sense it's also a duty, a task to fulfil. Courage.

Anna Kamienska

Laundromat by Lorine Niedecker

Casual, sudsy

social love

at the tubs

After all, ecstasy

can't be constant

Untitled haiku by Richard Wright

In the falling snow

A laughing boy holds out his palms

Until they are white.



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
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Pew Notes

1st December 4pm: Advent Sunday with All Saints Festival Choir, All Saints, Bawdswell.

8th December 10:30am: Christmas Carol Service, Gt Witchingham Village Hall

12th December 7pm: Sparham Christmas Concert, St Mary's, Sparham

15th December 4pm: Carol Service, St Peter & St Pauls, Salle

15th December 7pm: Carol Service, St Mary's, Reepham

Services for next week: Sunday 21st December

9am Holy Communion(BCP), St Peter & St Paul's, Salle

10:am Café Curch (Service starts 10:30), St Michael's, Reepham

10:30am Holy Communion, All Saint's, Weston Longville

10:30am Holy Communion , St Marys, Elsing

10:30am OASIS, St Mary's, Sparham

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Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

There will be no Bible Study on the 9th December . The next one will be on Monday 13th January 2025.

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
 2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved
 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.
 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
 6 Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

**Revelation 1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*