

Words of Light and Hope Sunday January 19th 2025 Sue Page LLM

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Transform us, O Christ, to be more prayerful – listening, open and responsive, yearning for God’s kingdom come as you taught us; to be more pastoral – reaching out to those in need, shepherds, like you, of the lost and the lonely; to be more prophetic – heeding the signs of the times, challenging injustice, mirroring your radical inclusivity. *Amen*

Living in the Promise

Perhaps the greatest danger that threatens us comes from being overly involved in the small, ordinary happenings of daily life – from becoming so enslaved by them that they fill our heart and soul. To go about life in this way is to go about unprotected, unaware, distracted, and removed from reality. Let us never allow ourselves to be dragged down by pettiness, or take the things of this earth so seriously that they burden us day after day. Let us live constantly in the Promise. God does not want us to be swallowed up in what is transitory, but calls us to what is eternal. *Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt*

*For Christians who fear they are Drowning in the world’s business The worst thing they can do is panic. There can be no question of escape From the situation: We are many miles from land And there is no help near. The one thing we can do is to withdraw, as it were, Into ourselves. To find Christ within, Who is as powerful To still the inner tempest As He was to subdue the waves On the Lake of Galilee. *St. Augustine**

Thought for the week

When we pray, we remember that our choosing to love others is the answer to Christ’s most fervent prayer ‘Father, may they be One... even as You and I are One
The Entire Bible Goes out of its way To lift up The orphan, the Widow, The foreigner, the poor, The prisoner, the grieving, And the sick. God loves the ‘Inconvenient’ Jesus is with them ;And I’m with Him. I want to be where He is.
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Pew Notes

February 1st: 3:30pm Licensing service for Richard Turk, St Mary’s, Elsing.

February 10th: 7:30pm—9pm Bible Study , Acts of the Apostles. Weston Longville, for more information please see our website or Facebook page.

Services for next week: Sunday 26th January 2025

9am Holy Communion St Andrew’s, Thurning

9am Matins (BCP) St Mary’s, Bylaugh

10.30am Word and Praise St Mary’s, Elsing

10:30am Holy Communion, St Michael’s , Reepham

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary’s, Sparham

6pm: Carol Service, St Margaret's, Swannington

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Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36:5-10 *Dixit injustus*

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O LORD.
 7 How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
 9 For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.