

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his church. I invite you therefore to renew the promises made at your baptism, affirming our loyalty to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Do you turn to Christ? *I turn to Christ.*
Do you repent of your sins? *I repent of my sins.*
Do you renounce evil? *I renounce evil.*

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way. *Amen.*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you, together with those who speak for Andrew as he celebrates the anniversary of his baptism today, to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? *I believe and trust in him.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? *I believe and trust in him.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Andrew's candle is re-lit from the Paschal Candle, after which there is a final prayer. The words of the Peace are exchanged, and the service continues with the Offertory hymn



Sunday 4 May 2008

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect:

O God the King of glory, who have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' So they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel: John 17.1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing

the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'



All this week we pray particularly for all who live or work along **The Street** in Ringland.

Please continue to pray for the sick & those in need:

Alic, Anthony & Ben Bowen; John Clayton; Mari, Emma & Charlotte; Wendy Shires; George Stimpson; Zelda.

Events this week

Mon 5 th	No Eucharist	at Swannington
Tue 6 th	3:30 pm	After-school Club at Great Witchingham School
	6:30 pm	Great Witchingham PCC at The White House
Thu 8 th	7:30 pm	"Small Mass" rehearsal in Swannington church
Fri 9 th	7:45 pm	Ringland PCC meets in church
Sat 10 th	10:00 am	Swannington churchyard working party
	11:00 am	Baptism rehearsal at Ringland

Next Sunday: PENTECOST

Our whole-benefice service introducing our *Committed to Growth* ideas will be the **10:00 AM EUCHARIST AT SWANNINGTON**. There will be *no* service at Weston Longville that morning, although Ringland's all-age service for the day will continue at 10:00 am, led by Val Khambatta. It would be good to see as many people as possible from all our congregations present at Swannington, especially our PCC members, as

our ideas for growth in discipleship, service and numbers are prayerfully presented to God and to one another by representatives of our parishes.

Christian Aid Week also begins next Sunday. Envelopes should be returned to Selwyn, Janet Houlston, or Dot le Grice.

Future Events:

Wed 14 th	9:00 am	Eucharist for St Matthias at Ringland
	7:30 pm	Swannington PCC meets in church
Thur 15 th	7:30 pm	Great Witchingham Fuel Lands Charity Trustees meet at The Pightle
Sat 17 th	2:00 pm	Baptism at Ringland

St Mary's Church, Great Witchingham

Brass Concert

music for all tastes and all ages by members of

Taverham Band

Director: Ian Colman

Saturday 17th May 2008

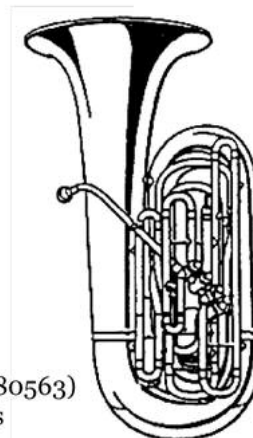
beginning at **6:30 pm**

Tickets £8 available from

Janet Houlston (872251) or Selwyn Tillett (880563)

Interval refreshments · In aid of church funds

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Sunday 18th May: THE HOLY TRINITY

8:00 am	The Eucharist at Swannington
9:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland – Revd Leslie Wilman
10:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
10:00 am	Children's service at Swannington
6:00 pm	Evensong at Alderford

Today at Ringland we pray particularly for ANDREW GREEN, who is celebrating the anniversary of his Baptism. After the sermon Andrew and his family will come and stand at the font, with his baptismal candle. Everyone please turn to face them.