

St Mary's Church, Great Witchingham

# Brass Concert

*music for all tastes and all ages by members of*

## Taverham Band

Director: Ian Colman

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

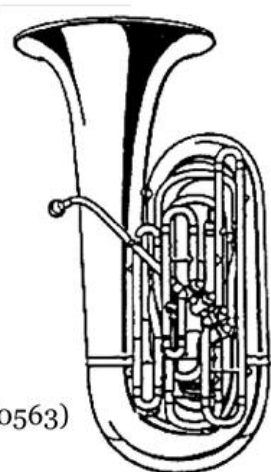
beginning at **6:30 pm**

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## *The Eucharist*

for

# *Pentecost*

**St Margaret, Swannington**

**Sunday 11 May 2008**

**10:00 am**

### **Next Sunday: 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

### **Future Event:**

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm "All Saints Alive";

after-school club at Great Witchingham School

On **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** we celebrate **Corpus Christi** - the annual day of thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist, the Holy Communion, itself. Many churches on this day thank people who have a regular job to do whenever the Sunday Eucharist happens; servers, sidespeople, wardens, choir, those who lead our prayers, read the lessons or administer the chalice. We thank them for their Christian ministry, and pray for them as their work begins for another year. As we have done in the last three years, I would like to invite all those, from **every church**, who have a regular Sunday job like this, to come to the **10am Eucharist** at **Alderford** that day, so that as many as possible can be together to pray for one another and to be 're-commissioned' for our tasks in the year ahead.



Come down, O love divine  
 Seek thou this soul of mine,  
 And visit it with thine  
     own ardour glowing;  
 O Comforter, draw near,  
 Within my heart appear,  
 And kindle it,  
     thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
 Till earthly passions turn  
 To dust and ashes  
     in its heat consuming;  
 And let thy glorious light  
 Shine ever on my sight,  
 And clothe me round,  
     the while my path illuming.

The Lord be with you  
*and also with you.*

Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia;  
***He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*Words of welcome and explanation, plus a short congregational music practice,  
 before we are invited to confess our sins:*

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
 he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
 for the Spirit searches everything.  
 Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
 who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**Please kneel or sit** for a short period of silent reflection

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
 fill us with your Spirit.

Let holy charity  
 Mine outward vesture be,  
 And lowliness become  
     mine inner clothing;  
 True lowliness of heart,  
 Which takes the humbler part,  
 And o'er its own shortcomings  
     weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
 With which the soul will long,  
 Shall far outpass  
     the power of human telling;  
 For none can guess its grace,  
 Till he become the place  
 Wherein the Holy Spirit  
     makes his dwelling.



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

**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

- Wed 7:30 pm Swannington PCC meets in church
- Thur 7:30 pm Great Witchingham Fuel Lands Charity Trustees meet at The Pightle
- Sat 2:00 pm Baptism at Ringland

There will be **no** regular weekday services anywhere this week, except for the 8:00 am Eucharist at Swannington tomorrow. However, as part of the deanery clergy quiet day, there will be three services at Morton-on-the-Hill on Tuesday: Morning Prayer at 10:15, the Eucharist at 12 noon, and Evening Prayer at 3:15 pm. Anyone of course is welcome to attend.

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
breathe into you the life he gives.

May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,  
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising Sons of earth to thrones on high; Living, life-imparting Spirit, Thee we praise and magnify.	Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving Through her in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ; Thee we praise with endless worship For thy fruit and gifts unpriced.
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Holy Spirit, ever working  
Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age, and soul to soul;  
In a fellowship unending  
Thee we worship and extol.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Please sit** while the choir sings the Gloria from Dick le Grice's *Small Mass  
for Small Churches*:

♫ *Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art the Most High,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Please sit**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 2.1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

***Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.***

*Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive communion. If you are not a communicant, but would like to receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet to the altar rail with you.*

*At the distribution:*

The Body of Christ  
**Amen.**  
The Blood of Christ  
**Amen.**

*After communion:*

Let us pray

**Please sit or kneel, as you are comfortable**

Draw your Church together, O God,  
into one great company of disciples,  
together following our Lord Jesus Christ  
into every walk of life,  
together serving him in his mission to the world,  
and together witnessing to his love  
on every continent and island. **Amen.**

***Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.***

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.*

The choir sings the Agnus Dei from Dick le Grice's *Small Mass*:

♪ *O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

### **Please stand**

Come, Holy Ghost,  
our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost thy sevenfold  
gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction  
from above  
Is comfort, life and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of  
our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of thy grace:  
Keep far our foes,  
    give peace at home;  
Where thou art guide  
    no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And thee, of both, to be but One;  
That through the ages  
    all along  
This may be  
    our endless song.

Praise to thine eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Please remain standing**

**THE GOSPEL: John 7, 37 - 39**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Please sit for the sermon**

**Afterwards please stand**

this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

***Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this  
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, Peter, Andrew,  
Margaret, Faith and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**Please kneel or sit as you are comfortable**

you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus from Dick le Grice's *Small Mass*:

♫ *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

### **Please remain standing**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;

We have come to offer our growth plans to Almighty God. We come recognizing that it is God who gives the growth and who enables us by the Holy Spirit to grow in discipleship, service and numbers. We renew our commitment to God and seek his blessing on ourselves and our churches as we trust him for the future.

Unless the Lord builds the house  
*those who build it work in vain.*

Unless the Lord watches over the city  
*the watchman stays awake in vain.*

It is in vain to rise up early and go late to rest,  
seeking the bread of anxious toil  
*for he gives to his beloved rest.*

We will seek the Lord our God:  
*his mission, his plan, his work, his rest, his love, his joy, his growth.*

We may sow the seed but it is God who gives the growth.  
*Thanks be to God.*

I invite you to present the mission plans that you have prepared with prayer and thanksgiving.

*Printed versions of the Mission Plans for each parish are presented at the altar.*

I invite you to affirm your baptismal faith and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ:

*I answer the call of God my creator.  
I trust in Jesus Christ my Saviour.  
I seek new life from the Holy Spirit.*

God, who has called you, is faithful. Let us rejoice in our baptism into Jesus Christ; and let us walk in the life of the Spirit.

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***With the help of God, I will.***

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***With the help of God, I will.***

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

***With the help of God, I will.***

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

***With the help of God, I will.***

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. ***Amen.***

***Eternal God, who in your Son Jesus Christ reveal your love for the world, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit give us the strength to share his mission in this diocese and benefice: Receive our hopes and dreams, refine our plans, help us to grow in proclaiming your good news, drawing others to know you, serving our communities, promoting justice and peace and sustaining the well-being of the life of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us, and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

Sing to him in whom creation  
Found its shape and origin;  
Spirit, moving on the waters,  
Troubled by the God within  
Source of breath  
to all things breathing,  
Life in whom all lives begin.

Holy ones, both priest and prophet,  
Caught his accents, spoke his word;  
His the truth behind the wisdoms  
Which as yet know not our Lord;  
He the love of God eternal,  
Which in Christ was seen and heard.

Tell of how the ascended Jesus  
Armed a people for his own;  
How a hundred men and women  
Turned the known world  
upside down,  
To its dark and furthest corners  
By the wind of Whitsun blown.

Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,  
On our lives descend in might;  
Let thy flame break out within us,  
Fire our hearts and clear our sight,  
Till, white-hot in thy possession,  
We, too, set the world alight.

Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,  
Praise the Father, praise the Word,  
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,  
Trinity in deep accord:  
Through thy Voice which speaks within us  
We thy creatures own thee Lord.

### **Please remain standing**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.  
Today we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise