

**Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast given unto us thy servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity:  
we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith  
and evermore defend us from all adversities;  
who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31**

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?  
Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?  
Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?  
Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?  
Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.  
Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.  
All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God?'  
Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

### Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'



All regular weekday services this week will be at their usual times.

All this week we pray particularly for all who live or work in **Swan Close** in Swannington.

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

*Alan Beardsmore; Alic, Anthony & Ben Bowen.*

### Saint this week

Monday Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury (died 988)

### Event this week

Tue 3:30 pm "All Saints Alive"; after-school club  
at Great Withingham School

### Next Sunday: CORPUS CHRISTI

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Withingham

9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) for Trinity 1  
at Ringland, led by Elaine Lockett

**10:00 am The Eucharist at Alderford.** 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 this Eucharist at Alderford, 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.

6:00 pm Evensong at Weston Longville

### Future Events:

Tues 27th 7:30 pm Weston Longville PCC meets at The Rectory

Thur 29th 8:30 pm Weston Longville Ringers' AGM in church

Fri 30th 7:30 pm Great Withingham Fuel Lands Trustees meet at  
The Pightle (*meeting postponed from Thur 15<sup>th</sup>*)

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Trinity 2

9:00 am The Eucharist (Common Worship) at Ringland

10:15 am The Eucharist at Weston Longville

### No lay service at Swannington today

11:00 am till Gardens Open for charity at Swannington Manor and  
5:00 pm Manor Farm House. Admission £4 adults, children free.  
Refreshments and plants for sale; sorry, no dogs.

6:00 – 8:00 pm Public meeting on the future of Swannington church,  
with refreshments. Chaired by David Prior.

