

Jesus, our Master, on the night that they came
To take you to prison, to death and to shame,
You called to your table the friends that you knew,
And asked them to do this in remembrance of you.

Still through the ages your new friends draw near,
And know when they do so, that you will be here;
We know you are present, though just out of view,
To meet those who gather in remembrance of you.

When it is over, and all gone away,
Come back to our thoughts for the rest of the day,
And stay with us always, who met here to do
The thing you commanded, in remembrance of you.

After the sermon, would anyone who sometimes reads, leads the service or the intercessions, serves, administers the chalice, sings in the choir, plays the organ or acts as a churchwarden or sidesperson at Sunday Eucharists please come forward to the front, so that we can thank you, pray for you, and commission you for the year ahead:

All those groups: Lord Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve; help us to learn from your own example; so that we carry out our duties without fuss and all your people are able to play their part worthily in this celebration. Give us reverence in our worship; that we may devote ourselves to your glory in all we do: and so bring people to enjoy your divine beauty. Help us to prepare for reading your holy Word, that our voices may open the scriptures to all who hear, and that their minds and ours may be ready to receive your message in new ways. Unseen guest at our banquet; come to us, and fill our hearts with your truth. Stay with us, and inspire our prayers; that in gathering our own thoughts we may humbly direct the thoughts of others, and all your people may be strengthened and ready to act. Strengthen us with the bread of life, and help us to walk in your paths; that our lives, and those of all your people, may be channels through which God's grace may pour. Help us to grow in your likeness, that here and in all things we may strengthen the faith and sanctify the lives of all with whom we have to do.

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the whole Church is governed and sanctified; hear the prayer which we offer for these and for all thy faithful people; that in their ministry each may serve thee in holiness and truth, to the glory of thy name; through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The priest blesses those groups and commissions them for the year ahead; they return to their places and the service continues with the Intercessions.



Sunday 25 May 2008

CORPUS CHRISTI

(Thanksgiving for the Gift of the Eucharist)

Great Witchingham 8:00 am

Alderford 10:00 am

Weston Longville 6:00 pm

Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 14.18-20

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed Abram and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

I received from the Lord what I handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel: John 6.51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh

and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'



The regular weekday services this week will be at their usual times on Tuesday and Saturday; but there will be **no** services on other days.

All this week we pray particularly for all who live and work along **Top Road** in Little Withingham.

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

Alan Beardsmore; Alic, Anthony & Ben Bowen; Dione & Scott.

Event this week

- Tues 7:30 pm Weston Longville PCC meets at **The Old Hart**
(NB change of venue)
Thur 8:30 pm Weston Longville Ringers' AGM in church
Fri 7:30 pm Great Withingham Fuel Lands Trustees at The Pightle

Next Sunday: 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.

Sunday 8th June: Trinity 3

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville
10:00 am All Age Worship at Ringland
10:00 am The Eucharist at Swannington

Open Gardens Great Withingham

Sunday 8th June

11am – 4pm

Entrance £3.50 Adults

Primary Children Free

plants tombola bric-a-brac
lunches
&
teas cakes ice cream



In aid of St Mary's Church and the Heating & Lighting Fund

Many thanks to all who worked so hard behind the scenes before and during the concert by **Taverham Band** last weekend at Great Withingham, also to those who so kindly sponsored their concert. As a result we raised more than **£300** for church funds. Well done!

On **Friday 13th June** David & Caroline Prior invite you to an evening of strawberries and wine in the gardens of **Swannington Manor**, from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**. Everyone welcome; tickets £6 (children £3, under-fives free) from Caroline on 860700.