

RIP Chris Morgan

Saints this week

Mon Columba, missionary, abbot of Iona (died 597)

Weds Barnabas, apostle, missionary (first century)

Other events this week

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

Saturday 3:00 pm Wedding rehearsal at Weston Longville

Next Sunday: Trinity 4

8:00 am The Eucharist at Swannington

9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland – Canon Peter Halls

10:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Withingham

10:00 am Children's service at Swannington

6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford

Future Events:

Mon 16th 6:30 pm Great Withingham PCC at The White House

Tues 17th 3:30 pm "All Saints Alive": after-school club
at Great Withingham school

7:30 pm Alderford with Attlebridge PCC at Mortonray

Sat 21st 3:00 pm Wedding of STEPHEN RICHARD KEITH LE GRICE
and MADELEINE RUTH TAVERNER
at Weston Longville

There are two special events for **Ringland's Patronal Festival** across the weekend of **Sat 28th and Sun 29th June**. On the **Saturday evening, 6:30 for 7:00 pm in the Reading Room**, there is a **Family Quiz'n'Chips** – get together in teams of up to 6 players and test yourself on TV, sport, current affairs and all the usual categories (some rounds specifically with children in mind). Tickets £7:50 (children £4) from Dian (868979) or Elaine (860026) including supper – BYO drinks. And on the **Sunday morning, the joint benefice service** will be the *Eucharist at 10 am at Ringland*, celebrating St Peter on his actual day – and there is a warm invitation to everyone to attend and celebrate him together.



Sunday 8 June 2008

TRINITY 3

Collect:

Almighty God,
who have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 4.13-25

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith

as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13 & 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.'

And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Regular weekday services this week will be at their usual times, except that the service on Tuesday morning (and every Tuesday in future) at Weston Longville will be **Morning Prayer**; and this week Wednesday morning's service at Ringland at 9:00 am will be the **Eucharist for St Barnabas'** day.

Open Gardens Great Witchingham

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

All this week we pray particularly for those who live and work at **Weston Green** in Weston Longville.

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

Alan Beardsmore; Alic, Anthony & Ben Bowen; Dionne & Scott; Shirley Starling.