

While the **Lambeth Conference** is taking place we are all asked to pray for specific parts of the conference every day, both the people involved and *the topics* which the bishops will discuss – as follows:

Sun 27th	The Archbishop of Canterbury as chairman
Mon 28th	All the translators: <i>Engaging with a Multi-Faith World</i>
Tue 29th	The staff of the University of Kent, hosting the Conference: <i>'Equal in God's Sight'</i>
Wed 30th	All involved in the administration: <i>Living under Scripture</i>
Thu 31st	Those taking part in fringe meetings: <i>Listening to God and each other</i>
Fri 1 st	<i>Fostering our Common Life</i>
Sat 2nd	<i>Fostering our Common Life</i>
Sun 3rd	<i>The Bishop as a leader in God's Mission</i>

Future Events:

Friday 8th: 3:00 pm Wedding at Weston Longville (Canon Peter Halls)

Sunday 10th August: Trinity 12

8:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville – Canon Peter Halls
10:00 am	All Age Worship at Ringland – Sister Stella Noons
10:00 am	The Eucharist at Swannington – Canon Peter Halls



Sunday 27 July 2008
TRINITY 10

Collect:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-13

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

New Testament Reading: Romans 8.26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13.31-33 & 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."



There will be **no** weekday services this week.

All this week we pray particularly for those who live or work along **The Broadway** and in **Church Farm Close**, in Weston Longville.

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

Alan Beardsmore; Alic, Anthony & Ben Bowen; Dionne & Scott; Pat Evans; Jo & her baby; Pam, Karen & Tony; Shirley Starling; George Williams.

Next Sunday: Trinity 11

9:00 am The Eucharist (Common Worship) at Ringland
– Revd Leslie Wilman

NB – No Lay Service at Swannington

10:15 am The Eucharist at Weston Longville – Revd Leslie Wilman