

**Collect:**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 9.1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

**Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21**

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said,

'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



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

All this week we pray particularly for those who live or work in **Church Farm Cottages** in Alderford and along **Church Farm Lane** in Great Witchingham.

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

*Alan Beardsmore; Alic, Anthony & Ben Bowen; Shirley Starling; George Williams.*

### **Event this week:**

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

### **Next Sunday: 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

### **Future Event:**

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm Servers' rehearsal at Great Witchingham

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August: The Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am The Eucharist at Swannington

9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) for Trinity 13 at Ringland

10:00 am Holy Communion at Great Witchingham (**Patronal Festival**)

10:00 am Children's service for Trinity 13 at Swannington

1:00 pm Wedding rehearsal at Ringland

6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford