

On the following **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September**, we welcome **Revd Keith Grogg, pastor of the Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church**, North Carolina, to speak at the service at **Weston Longville at 10:15 am** which will be attended by a large number of members of the Parson Woodforde Society as part of their weekend's 'Frolic'. Keith Grogg has been pastor at Carolina Beach since 2000, and several summers ago he preached a course of sermons on 'Faithful Lives' - people from English church history whose lives might still be examples to us today. They included Julian of Norwich, Christopher Wren and James Woodforde; and having read his entertaining and original sermon on the parson, both Martin Brayne (Chairman of the PWS) and Selwyn both felt it was worthy of a wider audience. We are delighted Keith has been enabled to accept our invitation by members of their congregation donating their air miles to him and his wife Vivian – not least as the weekend also co-incides with their wedding anniversary!

We hope there will be a large congregation from all over the benefice to welcome both speakers on those two Sundays, and to enjoy their very different messages.



Sunday 10 August 2008  
**TRINITY 12**

### **Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 10,5-15**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how

are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

### **Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33**

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'



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

All this week we pray particularly for those who live or work in **Church Fields** in Attlebridge and along **Church Lane** in Swannington.

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

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

### **Event this week:**

Fri 15th 4:00 pm Servers' rehearsal at Great Witchingham

### **Next Sunday: 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

### **Future Events:**

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Wedding rehearsal at Swannington  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Swannington PCC meets in church  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Weston Longville PCC meets at The Rectory  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:30 pm Wedding at Ringland

### **Sunday 24th August: St Bartholomew**

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham  
9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) at Ringland  
led by churchwardens  
10:00 am The Eucharist at Alderford  
6:00 pm Evensong at Weston Longville

We are delighted to welcome two guest preachers on successive Sundays in the late summer. First, we welcome **Derry Matthews** of the **Mission Aviation Fellowship** to speak at the joint benefice service at **Alderford, on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 10:00 am.** Derry and her husband Noël are local representatives for this unique Christian ministry which already has several local supporters. MAF enables the Gospel and Christian care to reach men, women and children living in isolated places in the developing world; places where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline. For over 50 years, MAF planes have been bringing medical care and emergency food, and serving, effectively, as the air-arm of many international Evangelical churches. Today the MAF partnership operates over 130 aircraft from 30 countries world-wide but remains surprisingly little-known, and we look forward to Derry's presentation about their work.