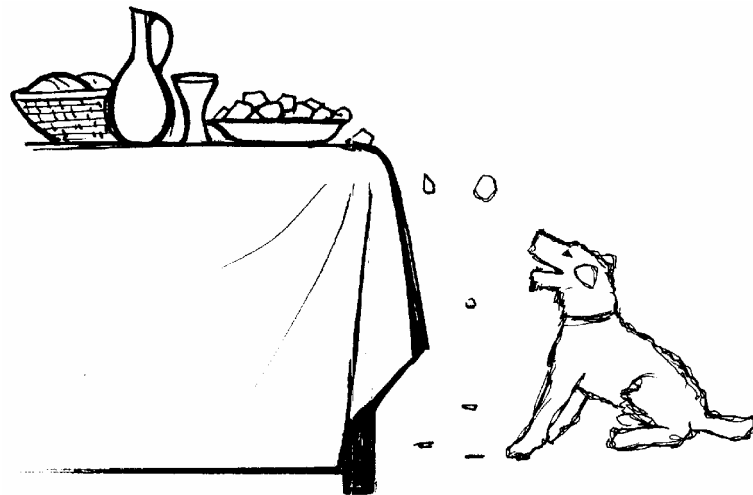


delighted Keith has been enabled to accept our invitation by members of their congregation donating their air miles to him and his wife Vivian – not least as the weekend also co-incides with their wedding anniversary!

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 17 August 2008
TRINITY 13

Collect:

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.. *Amen.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 11.1-2a & 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel: Matthew 15.10-28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the

sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.



All weekday services will be back at their usual times this week, except that there will be **no** Evening Prayer in Swannington on Saturday.

All this week we pray particularly for those who live or work in **Church Road** in Little Witchingham and **Church Street** in Weston Longville.

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

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

Events this week:

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

Saint this week:

Wednesday Bernard, abbot of Clairvaux, theologian, reformer (d 1153)

Next Sunday: 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

Future events:

Tue 26 th	7:00 pm	Wedding rehearsal at Weston Longville
Wed 27 th	6:30 pm	Great Witchingham PCC at The White House
Sat 30 th	2:00 pm	Wedding at Swannington

We are delighted to welcome two guest preachers on successive Sundays very soon. First, we welcome **Derry Matthews** of the **Mission Aviation Fellowship** to speak at the joint benefice service at **Alderford, on Sunday 31st 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.

On the following **Sunday, 7th 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