

Sally Day or Mary Gurteen, and they should be returned, please, by this Friday at the latest (29th August).

Weston Longville Harvest Supper is on Friday 12th September, at 7:00 for 7:30 pm in Weston village hall. Tickets £11:50, available now from Selwyn, Dot le Grice, or Mollie Parkinson. Catering by the Fox & Hounds at Lyng; please bring your own, wine, beer, whatever.

And finally – (as they say on the News) – we are delighted that, all being well, the long-awaited work on the **roof at Attlebridge** church should begin on Monday 15th September; if all goes according to plan this will be completed by Christmas. And, just as exciting, the even-longer-awaited electrical work to bring real **lighting and heating into Great Witchingham** church for the first time ever should begin on the same day! This ought to be completed sooner, probably by the end of October; please watch this space for details of the service at which the system will be commissioned and switched on for the first time. We are enormously grateful for all the prayer and interest given by people right across the benefice to both these projects, and for the very generous ways in which you have helped them by your financial support. **Thank you!**



Sunday 24 August 2008
ST BARTHOLOMEW

Collect:

O almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy word: grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43.8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can hinder it?

New Testament Reading: Acts 5.12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Gospel: Luke 22.24-30

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'



All weekday services will be 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 along **Clay Lane** in Swannington.

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

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

RIP Joan Flood

Events this week:

Tue	11:30 am	Great Witchingham Church Lands Trustees meet at Applegarth
	7:00 pm	Wedding rehearsal at Weston Longville
Wed	6:30 pm	Great Witchingham PCC at The White House
Sat	2:00 pm	Wedding of STEVEN JON DACK & ANNABEL MARY GURTEEN at Swannington

Saints and observances this week:

Tuesday	Ninian, missionary, bishop of Galloway (died 432)
Wednesday	Monica, mother of St Augustine of Hippo (died 387)
Friday	The Beheading of John the Baptist

Next Sunday:

We welcome Derry and Noel Matthews of the Mission Aviation Fellowship to speak at the **joint benefice Eucharist at Alderford at 10:00 am.** MAF enables the Gospel and Christian care to reach men, women and children living in isolated places in the developing world. For over 50 years, MAF planes have been bringing medical care and emergency food, and today the MAF partnership operates over 130 aircraft from 30 countries world-wide.

Future events:

Fri 5 th Sept	7:30 pm	Friday Club meets for the first time in Swannington church. Bring a drink and a snack to share in this monthly get-together.
Sat 6 th	3:00 pm	Wedding of DAVID ROGER LEGGETT & JOANNE HOCKLEY at Weston Longville

Sunday 7th September:

9:00 am The Eucharist for Trinity 16 at Ringland

At 10:15 am we welcome **Revd Keith Grogg, pastor of the Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church, North Carolina,** to speak at the **Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist at Weston Longville.** This will be attended by a large number of members of the Parson Woodforde Society as part of their weekend's 'Frolic'. Several summers ago Keith preached a course of sermons on 'Faithful Lives' - people from English church history whose lives might still be examples to us today. They included James Woodforde, and having read his sermon on the parson, both Martin Brayne (Chairman of the PWS) and Selwyn felt it was worthy of a wider audience.

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

Also on Sunday 7th: **Swannington Produce Show** in church. Entries to be received between 9:30 and 11:30 am; show opens at 2:00 pm. Awards made at 3:00 pm; auction of produce at 3:45pm. There are entry forms in Swannington and Attlebridge churches, or they are available from