

## Next Sunday

8:00 am The Eucharist for Trinity 17 at Weston Longville  
10:00 am The Eucharist for Holy Cross Day at Swannington  
10:00 am All-Age Worship at Ringland (Stella Noons)

## Future events

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm After-School Club begins again at Great  
Witchingham School  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm Great Witchingham School Harvest Service in St  
Mary's church  
7:30 pm Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity  
Trustees meet at The Pightle

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

8:00 am The Eucharist for Harvest Thanksgiving at Swannington  
9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) for St Matthew's Day at Ringland  
(Bishop Tony Footitt)  
10:00 am Holy Communion (1662) for Harvest Thanksgiving at Great  
Witchingham  
10:00 am Children's Service for Harvest Thanksgiving at Swannington  
6:00 pm Evensong for St Matthew's Day at Alderford



*Weston Longville  
Morton-on-the-Hill  
Great & Little Witchingham  
Lenwade  
Alderford  
Attlebridge  
Swannington  
Ringland*

## *Eucharist* for *Harvest Thanksgiving*



**All Saints, Weston Longville**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008  
10:15 am**

attended by members of The Parson Woodforde Society

*Please take this service booklet away with you as a reminder of today,  
and please pray the ongoing work of this whole benefice*

Today, members of this group of churches and the Parson Woodforde Society are delighted to welcome **Revd Keith Grogg**, pastor of the **Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church**, North Carolina, to speak at this Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist.



You will notice on pages 11 & 13 that the choir, drawn from members of several churches in this benefice, will be singing items from the *Small Mass for Small Churches* by Richard le Grice, who is organist and choirmaster at this church. Please join them in singing the Dismissal on page 17, where the music (also from the *Small Mass*) is printed.

All donations are secure and sent electronically to Cancer Research UK. If you are a UK taxpayer, Justgiving will add an automatic 28% bonus to your donation at no cost to you. Many thanks!



All weekday services will be at their usual times this week, except that there will be **no** Morning Prayer in Weston Longville on Tuesday.

All this week we pray particularly for those who live or work along **Costessey Lane** in Ringland.

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

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

### Events this week

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| TODAY | 2:00 PM                 | <b>Swannington Produce Show</b> in church. Awards made at 3:00 pm; auction of produce at 3:45pm.  |
| Fri   | 7 for<br>7:30 pm        | <b>Weston Longville Harvest Supper</b> in the 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.   |
| Sat   | 9:00 am<br>– 5:00<br>pm | <b>Annual Cycle Ride</b> on behalf of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. If you are intending to ride, sponsorship forms are available from all our churches.  |
|       | 6:00 pm                 | Informal concert of Renaissance songs and West African harp music in Great Witchingham church ( <b>NB:</b> <i>this concert is taking place as part of a complete weekend's music festival at Mill Farm. Strictly speaking, the public are not allowed to attend individual events, but thanks to the kindness of the organisers this concert is open to anyone interested from our churches. No charge.</i> ) |

Next summer there will be a **Flower Festival** in this church, based on the life of Parson Woodforde. This will take place either across the weekend of 13/14 June, or across the Bank Holiday weekend of 23-25 May. Any member of the PWS wishing to sponsor a display in memory of a loved one, or otherwise to make a donation towards flowers, please speak today to Lady Prince-Smith, churchwarden here at Weston.

*Cassie Tillett writes:* In May 2007, I startled everybody (not least myself) by running 5K. I have run a total of five 5K races since then; that first one took me 39 minutes, and the most recent was a proud 31:45. Despite a very boring break from running last winter, when I injured my ankle, I've managed to keep up my training, and my next target is to manage a 10K (that's 6.2 miles in old money).

So later this month I'm running for Cancer Research, who sensibly provide a series of 10K charity races for those of us who were bitten by the running bug in the Race for Life. This event takes place at Sandringham (only the best!) on the morning of Sunday 28th September. I've never run a 10K before, so there's nothing in my running log to compare it with. If I need to walk occasionally, I'll do that - but failing to complete the course simply isn't an option...

I was absolutely bowled over by the generosity of your sponsorship for my first 5K - I raised over £1,000, plus reclaimed tax. So, sixteen months later, I'm asking for your help again.

As I've been incredibly fortunate and have not lost any close relations to this disease, my race will be mostly dedicated to the folk I know who have survived it, in the hope that there will be many more of them through the work of Cancer Research. It's also offered as a huge thanksgiving that I have the health and the opportunity to do something like this, which makes such a difference to my life. If you could sponsor me in my attempt, I'd really welcome your support. Please visit my sponsorship page at:

<http://www.run10ksponsorme.org/norfolkbroad>

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home!  
All be safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world  
is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

The Lord be with you  
*and with thy spirit.*

*Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant,  
come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified  
in God's garner to abide:  
come, ten thousand angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

*Welcome and introduction, after which we kneel for a few moments of silence before the confession of our sins.*

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against thee  
and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are heartily sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life  
to the glory of thy name. Amen.*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please **stand**

*Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system is marked with a tempo of 'J = 108' and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord' are written under the first staff, and 'In the name of' are under the second staff. The second system starts at measure 110 and contains the lyrics 'Christ, Amen.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The final Organ Voluntary will be played by Vivian Hare Grogg.

Members of the congregation are invited to join the Parson Woodforde Society for coffee in the Village Hall.



There are some copies of the CD entitled *The Grossmith Legacy* available at the back of the church. George Grossmith was author of the well-known *The Diary of a Nobody*, a programme about which was broadcast earlier this year on BBC TV. The CD, as explained in this year's Parson Woodforde Society spring newsletter, contains a large number of the humorous songs written by George Grossmith for his own one-man piano entertainments in the 1880s and 1890s, performed by the baritone Leon Berger, accompanied by Selwyn Tillett (otherwise Rector of Weston Longville). CDs are £7.50, all proceeds to Weston church.

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art the Most High,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

O eternal God,  
who crownest the year with thy goodness  
and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
give us grace that we may use them to thy glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Please sit**

### **New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9, 6-15**

*read by John Hayes from The Parson Woodforde Society*

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God.***

Praise, O praise our God and King;  
hymns of adoration sing:  
for his mercies still endure  
ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun  
day by day his course to run:  
*For his mercies...*

And hath bid the fruitful field  
crops of precious increase yield:  
*For his mercies...*

Praise him that he gave the rain  
to mature the swelling grain:  
*For his mercies...*

Praise him for our harvest-store;  
he hath filled the garner-floor:  
*For his mercies...*

Glory to our bounteous King;  
glory let creation sing:  
glory to the Father, Son,  
and blest Spirit, three in one.

**Please remain standing**

*After Communion:*

Let us pray:

Lord of the harvest,  
as with joy we have offered our thanksgiving  
for thy love shown in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
so by thy grace plant within us  
a reverence for all that thou hast given us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of those good things which we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

***Almighty God,  
we thank thee for feeding us  
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit  
to live and work  
to thy praise and glory.  
Amen.***

God the Father, who created the world,  
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.  
God the Son, who redeemed the world,  
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.  
God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,  
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

***Amen.***

*O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died and rose for you  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*We warmly invite communicant members of all Christian churches to receive communion.  
If you are not a communicant, but would like to receive a blessing, please bring this  
service booklet to the rail with you.*

*At the distribution:*

The Body of Christ  
***Amen.***

The Blood of Christ  
***Amen.***

*During communion, members of the choir will sing the short anthem Lead Me, Lord by  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley:*

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.*

*When the Gospel reading is announced, the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

### **Gospel: Luke 12, 16-30**

Jesus told the people a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

*After the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**Please sit for the sermon**

Please stand

*I believe in one God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible:*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be unto thee,  
O Father almighty,  
world without end. *Amen.*

Please kneel

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.*

The choir sings the Agnus Dei from the *Small Mass*:

♫ *O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to thee,  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;  
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink ye all of this;  
for this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of his kingdom  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
***Christ has died:***  
***Christ is risen:***  
***Christ will come again.***

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of thy divine majesty,  
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,  
inspire us with thy love,  
and unite us in the body of thy Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord;

***I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

**Please kneel** for the Intercessions, led by Cassie Tillett. After each section, please respond  
... ***bear our prayer.***

*After the final section*

Merciful Father,  
***accept these prayers  
for the sake of thy Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

*Please sit for any announcements*

**Please stand**

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
***and with thy spirit.***

and the Peace is exchanged by all.

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise  
in hymns of adoration,  
To thee bring sacrifice of praise  
with shouts of exultation.  
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,  
the hills with joy are ringing,  
The valleys stand so thick with corn  
that even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,  
Thy bounteous hand confessing,  
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay  
the first-fruits of thy blessing.  
By thee all human souls are fed  
with gifts of grace supernal;  
Thou who dost give us earthly bread,  
give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,  
and often toil seems dreary;  
But labour ends with sunset ray,  
and rest comes for the weary.  
May we, the angel-reaping o'er,  
stand at the last accepted,  
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore  
to garner bright elected.

O blessèd is that land of God  
where saints abide for ever,  
Where golden fields spread far and broad,  
where flows the crystal river.  
The strains of all its holy throng  
with ours today are blending;  
Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song  
which never hath an ending.

#### **Please remain standing**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:  
through thy goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

***Blessed be God for ever.***

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:  
through thy goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

***Blessed be God for ever.***

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:  
through thy goodness we have ourselves to offer,  
fruit of the womb and formed by thy love.  
May we become thy servants in the world.

***Blessed be God for ever.***

The Lord be with you  
***and with thy spirit.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks unto thee,  
O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

And now we give thee thanks  
because thou dost make us stewards of thy creation,  
to praise thee day by day  
for the marvels of thy wisdom and power.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee and singing:

The choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus from the *Small Mass*:

♪ *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

#### **Please remain standing**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us his body and his blood;