

After the sermon at Great Witchingham SETH HART and his family will come and stand at the font for the renewal of his baptismal promises. Everyone please turn to face them.

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself. In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ. Here we find rebirth in the Spirit, and set our minds on his heavenly gifts. As children of God, we are continually created anew, walking the path of faith and feeding on the forgiveness of his healing grace. Therefore I call upon you to affirm your baptismal faith and to renew your commitment to Jesus Christ.

Do you turn to Christ? ***I turn to Christ.***

Do you repent of your sins? ***I repent of my sins.***

Do you renounce evil? ***I renounce evil.***

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way. ***Amen.***

Brothers and sisters, I ask you, together with these who speak for Seth as he celebrates his anniversary today, to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? ***I believe and trust in him.***

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? ***I believe and trust in him.***

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world? ***I believe and trust in him.***

This is the faith of the Church. ***This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The priest re-lights Seth's baptism candle, after which all say

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.



Sunday 21 September 2008

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8:00 am Swannington

10:00 am Great Witchingham

Collect:

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.***

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

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,' so 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!

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.’



Most weekday services will be at their usual times this week; but there will be **no** Eucharist at Swannington on Monday; **no** Morning Prayer on Friday at Morton-on-the-Hill, and **no** Evening Prayer in Swannington on Saturday.

All this week we pray particularly for those who live and work along the **Fakenham Road** in Attlebridge and Lenwade.

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

Alan Beardsmore; Alic, Anthony & Ben Bowen; Edward; the Roe family; Annette Snare; Susan; George Williams.

Observance this week:

Weds Our Lady of Walsingham

Events this week

Tues 7:30 pm Alderford with Attlebridge PCC meets at Mortonray
Sat 4:00 pm Baptism of SAMUEL JOHN WILLIAMS
at Weston Longville

Next Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) for St Michael and all Angels at Great Witchingham
10:00 am The Eucharist for Harvest Thanksgiving at Alderford
6:00 pm Evensong for Harvest Thanksgiving at Ringland. Afterwards the **Harvest Supper** takes place in church; tickets £5 adults, £2 children; available from Dian, Elaine or Selwyn.

Cassie writes: In May 2007, I startled everybody (not least myself) by running 5K. 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 **next Sunday morning** I'm running for Cancer Research, who 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!). 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 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.

My race will be mostly dedicated to the folk I know who have survived cancer, 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.run10ksponsorsome.org/norfolkbroad>, or I will have sponsorship forms with me at Great Witchingham this morning. 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!

Sunday 5th October:

9:00 am The Eucharist (Common Worship) at Ringland
10:00 am Annual Pets service at Swannington
10:15 am The Eucharist at Weston Longville (Canon Peter Halls)