

Future events:

Mon 6 th	7:45 pm	Ringland PCC meets at Pond Farmhouse
Tue 7 th	3:30 pm	'All Saints Alive' – after-school club meets at Great Witchingham School
	7:30 pm	Swannington Community Project meeting in church
Wed 8 th	5:00 pm	Baptism rehearsal at Great Witchingham
Fri 10 th	7:30 pm	'Friday Club' meets in Swannington church

Sunday 12th October: Trinity 21

8:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville
10:00 am	The Eucharist and Baptism of MAYA ANTOINETTE WATTS- -DA SILVA at Swannington
10:00 am	All-age Worship at Ringland (Stella Noons)

On **Friday 24th October – Great Witchingham's annual Quiz Night** takes place in Weston Longville village hall at **7:45 pm**. Supper of bangers and salad, crisps and chocolate. Bring your own drinks – glasses provided. To book a table and purchase **tickets (£7:50 each)** please contact Janet Houlston (872251).

On **Saturday 25th October – a Beetle Drive in Ringland Reading Room**, proceeds divided between the Reading Room and St Peter's church. Watch this space for further details, and look out for posters!

As we come to the end of the Harvest season in all our churches, and we have given thanks to God for all the good gifts we enjoy, please take a moment to read, seriously and prayerfully, the leaflet ***Giving can put a smile on your face*** which has been circulated today in all our churches. It may be that you feel you want to speak to your church Treasurer afterwards about reviewing your own regular giving. If so, then thank you very much.

It is also getting to be time to mention a project in which many local people share each autumn - the collection of shoeboxes in support of **Operation Christmas Child**. Selwyn has written about this once again in his Write-up for the October issue of both the Wensum Diary and the Pilgrim. Leaflets about how boxes should be filled and labelled are available in all our churches, or from him, and boxes can be delivered to the Rectory between Sat 1st and Tues 18th November. They will then be taken to Ringland church where the wardens will lead a special 'Shoebox service' on Sunday 23rd before the boxes are sent on their way.



Sunday 28 September 2008

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

10:00 am Alderford

6:00 pm Ringland

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.*

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 28.1-14

If you will only obey the LORD your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give you. The LORD will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The LORD will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom –

if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

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.'



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 and work along the **Felthorpe Road** in Attlebridge.

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

Alan Beardsmore; Alic Bowen; Edward; the Roe family; Annette Snare; Susan; George Williams.

Saint this week:

Tues Jerome, Biblical scholar and translator (died 420)

Event this week

TODAY 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.

Next Sunday

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)