

book a table and purchase **tickets (£7:50 each)** please contact Janet Houlston (872251).

On **Saturday 25th**– 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 have come to the end of the Harvest season in all our churches, and 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.

Monday 3rd November (All Souls Day): 7:30 pm Requiem Eucharist at Weston Longville. This is the annual commemoration of all our departed friends and loved ones, particularly those who have died in the past year. There is a list in each of our churches for you to add the names of anyone whom you would like to be remembered by name in the course of the service. At an appropriate time in the service the list of all their names is slowly read, providing an opportunity to remember them in prayer, to thank God for their lives, and to commend them once again into his keeping. Many people regularly find it a moving way of being united with them in worship and proclaiming the Christian hope of resurrection; as usual, all those who have lost loved ones in the last twelve months will be invited to attend.



Sunday 5 October 2008
TRINITY 20

Collect:

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.



All weekday services will be at their usual times this week.

All this week we pray particularly for those who live around **Field Farm** and along **Field Road** in Weston Longville.

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

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

RIP Alan Beardsmore

Saint this week:

Fri Paulinus, first bishop of York (died 644)

Events this week

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

Next Sunday: 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)

Future events:

Tue 14 th	7:30 pm	Swannington PCC meets in church
Wed 15 th	6:30 pm	Great Witchingham PCC meets at The White House

Sunday 19th October: Trinity 22

8:00 am	The Eucharist at Swannington
9:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland: Revd Tom Candeland
10:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) and Baptism at Great Witchingham
10:00 am	Children's service at Swannington
6:00 pm	Evensong at Alderford

On **Friday 24th** – **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