

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.



St Margaret, Swannington

Sunday 12 October 2008
10:00 am

The Eucharist
for *21st Sunday after Trinity*

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BAPTISM OF MAYA ANTOINETTE WATTS-DA SILVA



Come down, O love divine
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine
 own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it,
 thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes
 in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round,
 the while my path illuming.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

*Words of welcome and explanation, and possibly a short congregational music practice,
before we are invited to confess our sins:*

Jesus said:
Before you offer your gift,
go and be reconciled.
As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Please kneel or sit for a short period of silent reflection

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,*

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become
 mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings
 weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass
 the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit
 makes his dwelling.

Next Sunday: 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 of
MICHAEL GEORGE COATES-LYON at Great Witchingham
10:00 am Children's service at Swannington
6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford

Future events:

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

On **Monday 27th** – Weston Longville PCC meets at The Rectory, 7:30 pm.

It is 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.

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord

In the name of
Christ, Amen.

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

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

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

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

Saints this week:

Mon King Edward 'the Confessor' (died 1066)

Fri Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, martyr (died 107)

Events this week

Tue 7:30 pm Swannington PCC meets in church

Wed 6:30 pm Great Witchingham PCC meets at
The White House

*through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.*

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your 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 to say:

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,*

*with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful Lord, grant, we pray
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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.*

Please sit

FIRST READING: Philippians 4.1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they
have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be
known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but
in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses
all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there
is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about
these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
see his banners go!

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before.*

Like a mighty army
moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
one in charity:

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before.*

Crowns and thrones may perish,
kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
and that cannot fail.

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before.*

Onward then, ye people,
join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song.
Glory, laud and honour
unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages
men and angels sing:

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before.*

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.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive communion. If you are not a communicant, but would like to receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet to the altar 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.*

After communion:

Let us pray

Please sit or kneel, as you are comfortable

The priest alone says a prayer of thanksgiving. We then say together:

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

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire:
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine . . .

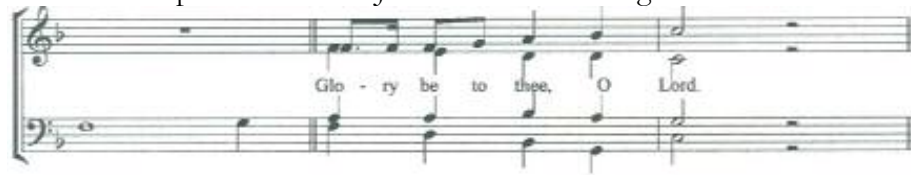
As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine . . .

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22.1-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:



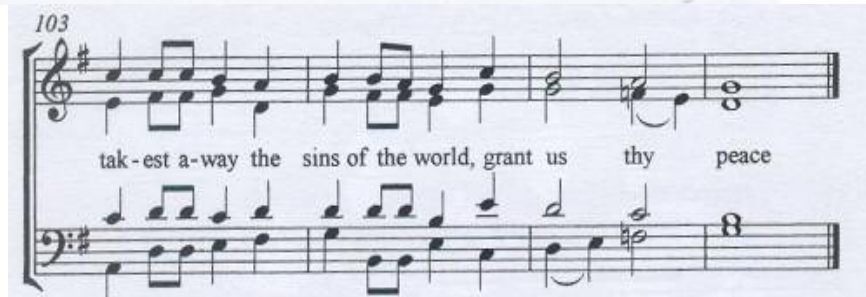
Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the sermon



Please kneel or sit as you are comfortable

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.*

At Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. The Father spoke from heaven; the Spirit descended as a dove, and Jesus was anointed with power from on high. For two thousand years men and women have marked their own acceptance of Christian faith and teaching by being baptized in the same way.

Children who are too young to profess the Christian faith are baptized on the understanding that they are brought up as Christians within the family of the Church.

As they grow up, they need the help and encouragement of that family, so that they learn to be faithful in public worship and private prayer, to live by trust in God, and come to confirmation.

Parents and godparents; Maya whom you have brought for baptism depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement she needs. Therefore let us pray for grace in guiding her in the way of faith:

*Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Maya
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their homes from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The parents and godparents stand

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome Maya
and uphold her in her new life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

The priest then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Maya with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Maya begins her own journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

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.

The priest may explain what is about to happen and then makes the sign of the cross on Maya's forehead, saying

Maya, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ

against sin, the world and the devil,

and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. ***Amen.***

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Margaret and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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Bless-ed is he that com - eth in the name of the

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Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
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.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Please stand

Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear,
as thou wast once an infant here,
so give this child of thine, we pray,
thy grace and blessing day by day.
O holy Jesus, Lord Divine,
we pray thee guard this child of thine.

As in thy heavenly kingdom, Lord,
all things obey thy sacred word,
do thou thy mighty succour give,
and shield this child by morn and eve.
O holy Jesus, Lord Divine,
we pray thee guard this child of thine.

Their watch let angels round her keep
where'er she be, awake, asleep;
thy holy Cross she now doth bear,
that she thy crown with saints may wear.
O holy Jesus, Lord Divine,
we pray thee guard this child of thine.

Please turn to face the font, as priest, parents and godparents assemble there.

The priest pours water into the font and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

To bless the water the priest says the following prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
 was baptized in the river Jordan:
 we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us.
 We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
 you led your people out of slavery
 to freedom in the promised land.
 We thank you that through the deep waters of death
 you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.
 Bless this water, that your servant who is washed in it
 may be made one with Christ
 in his death and in his resurrection,
 to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon her,
 bring her to new birth in the household of faith,
 and raise her with Christ to full and eternal life;
 for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours,
 now and for ever. *Amen.*

Let us affirm, together with those who speak for Maya as she is baptized,
 our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
 and with all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,
 for ever praising you and singing:

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(Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

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hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your 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 are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have ourselves to offer,
fruit of the womb and formed by your love.
May we become your servants in the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

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

The priest pours water three times over the child, saying

Maya Antoinette, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. ***Amen.***

Maya, today God has touched you with his love
and given you a place among his people.
God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow,
to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven.
In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.
Together with all God's people
you must explore the way of Jesus
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for his people, and in serving others.
With us you will listen to the word of God
and receive the gifts of God.
May Christ dwell in your heart through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. ***Amen.***

The priest gives one of Maya's parents or godparents a lighted candle, and
may explain the ceremony as it happens; then says to them

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.
***Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.***

Gabrielle's candle is also lit, as she celebrates the anniversary of her baptism.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Maya and Gabrielle, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

*We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.*

and we welcome the newly-baptized with **loud applause!**

The priest presents some cards to the parents and godparents, reminding them of this special time.

The priest then says

We are the body of Christ.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We offer one another a sign of Christ's peace; the service then continues with the Offertory Hymn.

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of Glory passes on his way:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please remain standing

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your 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.