

On **Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Weston Longville PCC meets at The Rectory at 7:30 pm.

The collection of shoeboxes in support of **Operation Christmas Child** will shortly begin again. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November: ALL SAINTS**

9:00 am The Eucharist (Common Worship) at Ringland

**NB No Service at Swannington**

10:15 am The Eucharist at Weston Longville (**Patronal Festival**)

3:00 pm Songs of Praise for Peter & Dian Frost's  
Golden Wedding Anniversary at Ringland

**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 MARY, GREAT WITCHINGHAM

*Holy Communion*  
*for*  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity*



**AND THE BAPTISM OF MICHAEL LYON**

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008*

10:00 am

At the Name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
Thrones and Dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders,  
in their great array.

In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true;  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.

*Afterwards we say together*

***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,***

Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant,  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.



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

All this week we pray particularly for those who live or work along **Furze Lane** in Great Witchingham.

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

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

On **Friday 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).

**Next Sunday: Last after Trinity**

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham  
9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) at Ringland  
led by lay people  
10:00 am The Eucharist at Alderford  
6:00 pm Evensong at Weston Longville

**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.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu 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 most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountain green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark satanic mills?

**that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Please sit down.**

*The priest introduces the service*

O almighty God,  
who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of the sinful:  
grant unto thy people  
that they may love the thing which thou commandest  
and desire that which thou dost promise,  
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,  
our hearts may surely be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son 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: I Thessalonians 1.1-10**

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church at Thessalonika in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you

became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Greece. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Greece, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*At the end the reader says*  
Here endeth the Epistle.

### **Please stand**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work and speak  
and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death  
thy endless mercies seal,  
And make my sacrifice complete.

***Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.***

*After Communion the priest says the Prayer of Thanksgiving, as follows:*

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;  
 and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he gave it to them, saying,  
 Drink ye all of this;  
 for this is my Blood of the new testament,  
 which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:  
 do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.  
**Amen.**

*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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee,  
 preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.  
 The Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee,  
 preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

*After Communion the following hymn is sung, kneeling or seated, while the reserved sacrament is brought from the altar and placed in the aumbry in the side-chapel. This provides people who are sick or housebound the opportunity to receive Holy Communion at home, and also acts as a focus for prayer.*

<p>O Thou who camest                            from above,          The pure celestial fire to impart,          Kindle a flame of sacred love          On the mean altar                            of my heart.</p>	<p>There let it for thy glory burn          With inextinguishable blaze,          And trembling                            to its source return,          In humble prayer                            and fervent praise.</p>
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**Afterwards please remain standing**

The holy Gospel is written in the twenty-second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the fifteenth verse:  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

**Please sit for a brief address**

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 that 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; Michael whom you have brought for baptism depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement he needs. Therefore let us pray for grace in guiding him in the way of faith:

**Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for Michael  
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.**

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 Michael  
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

*The parents and godparents stand; the priest says to them:*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Michael with joy.  
Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Michael begins his own journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Amen.**

**We do not presume  
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much  
as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:  
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood:

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:  
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that  
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1.15)

Hear also what Saint John saith:  
If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and he is the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 2.1,2)

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 our Lord 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:

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

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee, and saying:

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 Michael's forehead, saying*

Michael, 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.**

**Please stand**

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings:  
*All things bright and beautiful ...*

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden -  
He made them every one:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

**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*

**We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.**  
**Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee  
in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy  
hath promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:  
have mercy upon you;  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith  
unto all that truly turn to him:  
Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you. *(Matthew 11.28)*  
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life. *(John 3.16)*

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*During this hymn a collection is taken and bread and wine are brought to the altar. Afterwards **please remain standing***

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**Please kneel**

***Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things,  
judge of all men;  
we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.***

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 him,  
bring him to new birth in the household of faith,  
and raise him 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 Michael,  
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.

***This is our faith.***

***We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

*The priest pours water three times over Michael, saying*

MICHAEL GEORGE, 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.**

Michael, 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 hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

*The priest gives a parent or godparent a lighted candle, and may explain  
the ceremony as it happens; then says*

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.***

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Michael, 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!*

*Once Michael and his family have returned to their places we sing:*

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew,  
me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.