



Collect:

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of thy Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish thy reign of justice and peace;
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.*

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31.15-17

Thus says the LORD:

A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;

she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.

Thus says the LORD:

Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears;

for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD:

they shall come back from the land of the enemy;

there is hope for your future, says the LORD:

your children shall come back to their own country.

Gospel: Matthew 2.13-18

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet,

'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:
'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'



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

All this week we pray particularly for those who live and work around **Low Farm** in Ringland.

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

Alic Bowen; Sheila Crane; Steve Greenwood; Eunice Hutchins; Margaret; Tottie Ottaway; Vicky Skingley; George Williams; Reg Willis

RIP Lewis Smith Lucy Procter Di Thorogood

Saint this week:

Mon Thomas a Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (died 1170)

Next Sunday: Second Sunday after Christmas

9:00 am The Eucharist (Common Worship) at Ringland
10:00 am Lay Service for the New Year at Swannington
10:15 am The Eucharist at Weston Longville

Future Events:

Mon 5th 7:30 pm Weston Longville PCC meets at The Rectory
Tue 6th 7:30 pm Benefice Eucharist with hymns for **The Epiphany**
at **Alderford**
Fri 9th 7:30 pm Friday Club in Swannington church

Friday 9th Jan 2009, 7:30 pm
Weston Longville village hall

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a talk on tea by Roy Church with slides and anecdotes

Bring your own mug to participate in the brew-ups;
admission £5 per head;
tickets available in advance from Selwyn, Sally or Janet

Proceeds to St Mary's church &
Great Witchingham Community Hall fund

Sat 10th 10:30 am Alderford with Attlebridge PCC meeting in
Attlebridge church, to consider the electrics and
plans for re-ordering of the building

Sunday 11th January: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville
10:00 am All Age Worship at Ringland
10:00 am The Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
at Swannington