

### Future events:

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30 pm 'All Saints Alive' after-school club  
at Great Witchingham School  
7:30 pm Swannington PCC meets at Swannington Manor

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday before Lent:

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



## Morton Hall Snowdrop Walk

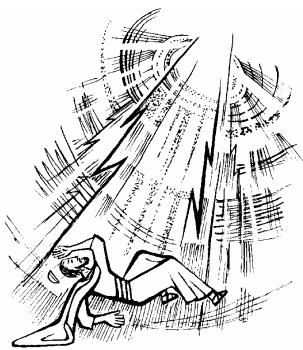
Morton-on-the-Hill, off the A1067  
*by kind permission of Lady Prince-Smith*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

*Sorry, no dogs • Sturdy footwear • Refreshments available*

### Donations to Quidenham Children's Hospice

Roy Church's recent talk on **Tea** raised **£115.50 each** for Great Witchingham church and the new Great Witchingham Community Hall project. Well done and thank you all who came!



Sunday 25 January 2009  
**THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

### Collect:

O God,  
who through the preaching of the blessed apostle Saint Paul  
hast caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world:  
grant, we beseech thee, that we,  
having his wonderful conversion in remembrance,  
may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same  
by following the holy doctrine which he taught;  
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 1.4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'  
Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am  
only a boy.'  
But the LORD said to me,  
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'  
Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD  
said to me,  
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy  
and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

## New Testament Reading: Acts 9.1-22

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more

powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

## Gospel: Matthew 19.27-30

Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'



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

All this week we pray particularly for those who live and work around **Morton Hall** and along **Morton Lane** in Weston Longville.

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

*Margaret Carter; Peter Howlett; Margaret; Tottie Ottaway*

**RIP** Olive Tillett Betty Hodges Sheila Crane

## Saints this week:

Mon Timothy & Titus, companions of St Paul (first century)

Wed Thomas Aquinas, friar and theologian (died 1274)

Fri Charles Stuart, King of England, martyr (died 1649)

## Next Sunday: The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (CANDLEMAS)

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

10:00 am Lay Service for Plough Sunday at Swannington

10:15 am Eucharist **with Candlemas ceremonies** at Weston Longville