



Morton Hall
Snowdrop Walk
 Morton-on-the-Hill, off the A1067
by kind permission of Lady Prince-Smith
Sunday 15th & 22nd February
12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

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

Donations to Quidenham Children's Hospice

On Saturday 21st February there will be the annual Eucharist at Morton-on-the-Hill in commemoration of **St Robert Southwell**. The service will begin at **12 noon**.

On **Ash Wednesday** (25th February) there will be a Eucharist at Weston Longville at **9:00 am**; and the joint benefice Eucharist will take place at **Swannington at 7:30 pm**, when members of all the other churches in our deanery will also be present to mark the beginning of Lent. The preacher will be Revd David Head, with the first of this year's Lenten addresses on the theme *The Crucified Christ*. Both services will as usual include the imposition of ashes as a mark of the beginning of our common preparation for Holy Week and Easter. The ashes are made by burning last year's Palm Crosses – so it would be helpful if you could return yours to Selwyn, either in church or through the rectory letterbox, by lunchtime on Shrove Tuesday, please.

Further deanery services, following the same theme, will take place in various churches around the deanery on **most Sunday evenings in Lent**. Our own Sunday evening services do not take place while these are going on, and there will soon be posters in all our churches giving full details of all these special Evensongs.

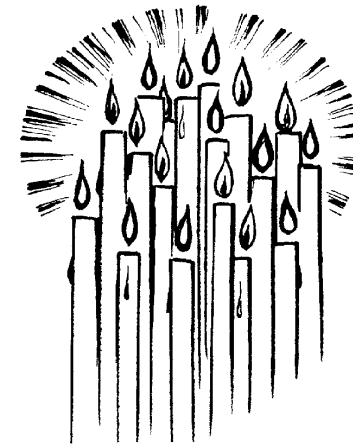


Weston Longville
 Morton-on-the-Hill
 Great & Little Witchingham
 Lenwade
 Alderford
 Attlebridge
 Swannington
 Ringland

Sunday 1st February 2009

10:15 am

Eucharist for Candlemas



All Saints, Weston Longville

Please take this service booklet away with you. The notices are a useful way of remembering the people and events being prayed about in our churches every day.

As the service begins we are gathered at the back of the church.

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord, as today we sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming as the Light of the world, and his searching judgment; looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The candles we are holding are blessed:

Lord God, springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of thy faithful people
the brilliance of thine eternal splendour;
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to thy glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before thee
in that eternal city where thou livest and reignest,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

We light our candles from one another; and as the light spreads the choir sing the familiar words of the Nunc Dimittis.

***Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.***

***For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.***

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

All this week we pray particularly for those who live and work along the **Norwich Road** and in **Nowhere Lane** in Great Witchingham.

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

Margaret Carter; Peter Howlett; Margaret; Tottie Ottaway

RIP Betty Hodges Sheila Crane

Saints this week:

Tue Anskar, bishop, first missionary to Scandinavia (died 865)

Wed Gilbert of Sempringham, religious founder (died 1189)

Fri Paul Michi and the martyrs of Japan (died 1597-1632)

Events this week:

Tuesday 3:30 pm 'All Saints Alive' after-school club
at Great Witchingham School

7:30 pm Swannington PCC meets at Swannington Manor

Friday 7:30 pm Friday Club in Swannington church

Next Sunday: 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

Future event:

Wed 11th 2:00 pm Funeral of the late Betty Hodges at Ringland

Sunday 15th: Second Sunday before Lent

8:00 am The Eucharist at Swannington

9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland (**Revd Leslie Wilman**)

10:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham

10:00 am Children's service at Swannington

6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance
 and scatter the darkness from your path;
 Christ; the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart;
 Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
 draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace:
 and the blessing of God Almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
 And in the depth be praise,
 In all his words
 most wonderful,
 Most sure in all his ways.

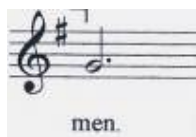
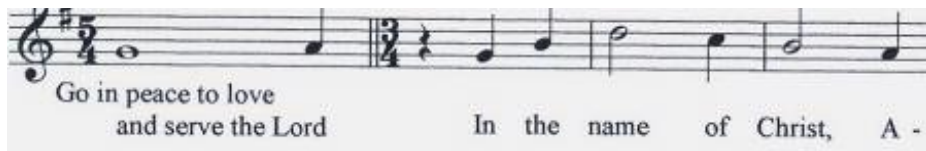
O loving wisdom of our God!
 When all was sin and shame,
 A second Adam to the fight
 And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
 Which did in Adam fail,
 Should strive afresh
 against their foe,
 Should strive and should prevail;

O generous love! that he who smote
 In Man for man the foe,
 The double agony, in Man
 for man, should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
 And on the cross on high,
 Should teach his brethren,
 and inspire
 To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
 And in the depth be praise,
 In all his words
 most wonderful,
 Most sure in all his ways.



**Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
 world without end. Amen.**

Keeping our candles alight, we sing this hymn as we follow the choir and servers into the nave and move into our usual places:

Hail to the Lord who comes,
 Comes to his temple gate!
 Not with his angel host,
 Not in his kingly state;
 No shouts proclaim him nigh,
 No crowds his coming wait;

But borne upon the throne
 Of Mary's gentle breast,
 Watched by her duteous love,
 In her fond arms at rest;
 Thus to his Father's house
 He comes, the heavenly guest.

There Joseph at her side
 In reverent wonder stands;
 And, filled with holy joy,
 Old Simeon in his hands
 Takes up the promised Child,
 The glory of all lands.

Hail to the great First-born
 Whose ransom-price they pay!
 The Son before all worlds,
 The Child of man today,
 That he might ransom us
 Who still in bondage lay.

O Light of all the earth,
 Thy children wait for thee!
 Come to thy temples here,
 That we, from sin set free,
 Before thy Father's face
 May all presented be!

Keeping your candles alight, please sit down

*Welcome, introduction, and a few words of musical explanation;
 then please stand to sing the Gloria:*



Glo-ry be to God on high and in earth peace, good



will to-wards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we



wor-ship thee, we glor-i-fy thee, we give thanks to



thee for thy great-glo-ry, O Lord God,



hea-ven-ly King, God the Fa-ther al-migh-ty.



O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ: O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a-way the

Towards the end of Communion we sing this hymn, kneeling:

Faithful vigil ended,
Watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant thy servant
His discharge in peace.

All thy Spirit promised,
All the Father willed;
Now these eyes behold it
Perfectly fulfilled.

This thy great deliverance
Sets thy people free;
Christ, their light, uplifted
All the nations see.

Christ, thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
Grant to us thy servants
Our discharge in peace.

Please sit or kneel

Lord, who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna,
as they lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he liveth and reigneth with thee, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Here, Father, we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise:
*help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for thy gift.*

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna:
*help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in thine eternal promises.*

Here we have greeted the Light of the world:
help us never to forsake the light of Christ.

Here we turn from the story of Christ's life and ministry
to contemplate his passion:
*help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the mystery of Easter.*

Here we bless one another in thy name:
help us, who now go in peace, to shine with thy light in the world.

(Organ) O Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the

94 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

97 O Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sins of the world, have

100 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that

103 tak - est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

***Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.***

During the distribution of 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.

35 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a-

39 way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test

43 at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

48 For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly

53 O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art the Most

57 High in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Almighty and ever-living God,
we humbly beseech thy majesty,
that, as thine only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh,
so we may be presented unto thee
with pure and clean hearts,
by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Still guarding your flame carefully please sit down.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3.1-5

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24 (please remain seated)

Response: *The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

inspire us with thy love,
and unite us in the body of thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty,
world without end.
Amen.

**Please blow out your candles,
and 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.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.
Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. *(Response)*

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
(Response)

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. *(Response)*

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in. *(Response)*

'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
(Response)

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in. *(Response)*

'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.' *(Response)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a

merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested now.

If you are at the front of the congregation, please turn round to face the Gospel reading after the next hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

GOSPEL: Luke 2.22-40

62 (Priest)
Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to...
Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

He searches the hearts of all thy people
and brings to light the image of thy splendour.
Thy servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for thy redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with thee.
And now we rejoice and glorify thy name
because we, too, have seen thy salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

68 (Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
72 hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.
75 Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most high.
78 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the
81 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

Please remain standing

O that birth for ever blessed!
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Saviour of our race,
And the Babe,
the world's Redeemer,
First revealed
his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;
Angel-hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions,
bow before him,
And extol our God and King:
Let no tongue on earth
be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers and sages
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the writings
of the Prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines,
the long-expected:
Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee,
with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant
and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be,
Honour, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

Please remain standing

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 the Lord our 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,
through Jesus Christ, who is one with thee from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



Please blow out your candles and sit for the sermon

Please stand

*I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father:
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.*

*And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*Please kneel for some brief **intercessions**. The response each time is:*

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

and after the last section

*Lord God, who kept faith with Simeon and Anna
and showed them the infant King:
Give us grace to put all our trust in thy promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please stand for the Peace:

In the tender mercy of our God
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet in the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

*The Peace is exchanged in the usual way, and as you return to your places please
relight your candles from the standing candles in the nave. Keep them alight until
the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

