

Next Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, begins Holy Week - the celebration of Jesus's death and resurrection. The services that mark those events are uniquely important in the Church's year, and very different from our regular ones. If you haven't been to any of them before, why not make this the year when you try to come? The atmosphere of prayer, as it builds through the week, becomes powerful and very personal.

Leaflets giving full details of *all* the services in Holy Week are available now in all our churches, and went out with the current edition of the Wensum Diary and The Pilgrim. The usual lists are also up in each church, inviting people to take part by doing any of the following:

- reading a character in the Passion story on Palm Sunday morning - **at Swannington, 10:15**
- taking part in the ceremony of the feet-washing on Maundy Thursday night – **at Great Witchingham, 7:30**
- sharing in the vigil of prayer later on Thursday night – **at Great Witchingham till midnight**
- receiving Communion on Good Friday afternoon – **at Weston Longville at 2:00**

If you would like to take part in any of these ways, then please just sign the relevant list.

Saturday 25th April 2009
10.00 am - 12.00 midday
St Peter's Church, Ringland

Spring Plant Sale



bric-a-brac • raffle • cakes



If you have donations of any of the above
please contact Dian Frost on 868 979
or bring your donation after 9.00 am on the day

Sunday 29 March 2009

LENT 5



Collect:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through the same, 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: Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';
as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

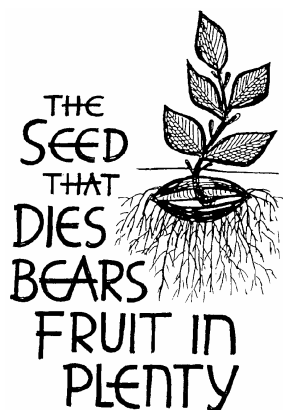
In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: John 12.20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of

wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



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

All this week we pray particularly for those who live or work along **Sandy Lane** in Ringland and **Sandy Lane** in Weston Longville.

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

Alic Bowen; Anne Dunn; Annette; Janet; Jo & Brian; Margaret; Kath Medlar; Val; Enid Warnes.

Events this week:

- TODAY 5:00 pm A dramatised presentation of St Mark’s Gospel **given by** Lance Pierson at **Elsing** – including refreshments in the village hall in the interval - concluding shortly after 7:00 pm. All warmly invited to attend this unusual way of bringing the Gospel to life.
- Tues 7:30 pm Alderford with Attlebridge’s Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place in Alderford church.
- 7:30 pm Benefice choir rehearses (for services in Holy Week) **at Morton Hall.**

There are still just a few copies of the booklet I put together a couple of years ago, explaining something about all the **special services in Holy Week** – what we do, why we do it, why it’s important – if anyone would like one please just mention it to me, and I’ll make sure you have one in time - *Selwyn*