

Future Events

Mon 27 th	3:15 pm	Funeral of the late Vera Ferguson at Mintlyn Crematorium, King's Lynn
	6:30 pm	Great Witchingham APCM in church
Tues 28 th	7:00 pm	Ringland APCM in church
Fri 1 st May	9:30 am	Eucharist for SS Philip & James at Morton-on-the-Hill
Sat 2 nd	10:00 am	Annual clean-up of Swannington churchyard
	1:00pm	Wedding of VINCENT PAUL BURCH and AMY CATHERINE FAHEY at Ringland

As the remaining **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** take place throughout April, nomination lists will be up in the churches about a fortnight before each one, if you wish to stand either as a Churchwarden or as a member of the PCC during the elections at those meetings.

Also – if you *are* thinking of standing for any of our PCCs, or as Churchwarden in any of our parishes, don't forget that nominations have to be **in writing**, and in Selwyn's hands before the relevant Annual Meeting begins.

Copies of the parishes' Annual Reports & Financial Statements, and the Agendas for those meetings, will be available in church at the same time.



WESTON LONGVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Back by popular demand...

Chai 2

a talk on tea by Roy Church with slides & anecdotes

Friday 15th May 2009 at 7:30 pm

Bring your own mug to participate in the brew-ups
Admission £5 Proceeds to St Mary's church
and Great Witchingham Community Hall fund



Sunday 19 April 2009
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect:

Almighty Father,
who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve thee
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of 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: Acts 4.32-35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Gospel: John 20.19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer,
See the wounds in hand and side,
Now behold the risen Saviour
Who for thee has bled and died,
And from death's dark pit arising
Lives in body glorified.

Here behold the love victorious,
Over death triumphant now,
See the feet
 where nails were driven,
And thy faith in him avow:
For he lives, the world's redeemer,
Unto whom all knees shall bow.

Thomas looked upon the Master:
Was it then indeed the Lord?
Were those wounds
 no phantom tokens?
Did the sight with truth accord?
Scarce believing, joy unbounded,
Leapt to greet the Saviour's word.

Prostrate falling,
 Thomas worshipped:
'O my Master, Lord and God',
Here in truth was Christ the Saviour
Who the path of suffering trod,
And, to ransom souls unnumbered,
Broke in pieces Satan's rod.

Thomas, sight has now
 convinced thee,
Faith within thy heart has stirred;
Bless-ed more those faithful servants,
Trusting in the Saviour's word,
Who, though vision is denied them,
Still believe, and own him Lord.

Grant, O Father, that among them
We thy servants may be known,
And the ground be ever fruitful
Where the seed of faith was sown,
Till at length in heaven's glory,
Faith and vision are but one.

Almost all regular weekday services will be back at their usual times this week; that is to say at Swannington there will be no Eucharist on Monday morning or **Evening Prayer on Saturday**. However on **Wednesday evening, to celebrate St George's Day**, there is a benefice Eucharist with hymns **at 7:30 pm at Great Witchingham**.

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work in **Station Road** in Attlebridge and **Station Road** in Lenwade.

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

Alic Bowen; Anne Dunn; Annette; Sharon Green; Janet; Jo & Brian; Jo, James & baby Daniel; Margaret; Kath Medlar; Val; Enid Warnes

RIP Marion Menezes Vera Ferguson

Saints this week

Tues Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, teacher (died 1109)
Wed George, Patron saint of England, martyr (died 304)

Events this week

Mon 7:30 pm Weston Longville APCM in the Parson Woodforde
Tue 3:30 pm "All Saints Alive" after-school club
 at Great Witchingham School
 7:30 pm Swannington APCM in church
Wed 7:30 pm Benefice Eucharist with hymns for **St George's Day**
 at **Great Witchingham**
Sat 10:00 am Annual plant sale at Ringland church

Next Sunday: EASTER 2

10:00 am Attlebridge: Eucharist of Re-Dedication and Celebration, led by Bishop Graham James, bishop of Norwich, and followed by refreshments suitable to the occasion in the garden of The Old Rectory next door, by kind invitation of Matt & Alison Ridley. **There will be no other services anywhere that day;** please do come and join in the re-birth of the sixth church in our team!
4:00 pm Baptism of WILLIAM PATTERSON BANBURY at Ringland