

Events this week

Mon	10:20 am	Visiting ringers at Weston Longville
Tue	3:30 pm	“All Saints Alive” after-school club at Great Witchingham School
Fri	7:30 pm	Friday Club in Swannington church

Next Sunday: Easter 5 (Christian Aid Week begins)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville – Canon Peter Halls
10:00 am	All Age Worship at Ringland – Sister Stella Noons
10:00 am	The Eucharist at Swannington – Canon Peter Halls

Future Events

Mon 11 th	8:00 am	<i>No Eucharist at Swannington</i>
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer resumes at Attlebridge (and every Monday in future)
Thur 14 th	2:45 pm	Taverham Hall Confirmation service at Weston Longville (Bishop Graham)
Sat 16 th	9:00 am	Morning Prayer resumes at Attlebridge (and every Saturday in future)

NB **5:00 pm** ***First Eucharist of tomorrow at Swannington***



Sunday 17th May: Easter 6

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



Sunday 3 May 2009
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am Ringland

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Acts 4.5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

Gospel: John 10.11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also,

and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’



Today we particularly welcome RACHAEL & ANDREW GREEN and CHARLOTTE STRINGER, who are all celebrating the anniversary of their Baptism today. After the sermon please stand and turn to face the font; we will use the following words to renew our Baptism promises with them:

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his church. Today therefore we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our loyalty to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way. ***Amen.***

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

***We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

The children's candles are re-lit from the Easter candle

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

As Rachael, Andrew and Charlotte and their families return to their places, please sit down for the service to continue with our prayers.



Many thanks to all who took advantage of the fine weather last weekend to come to the annual **plant sale** here! As a result **£250** was raised towards church funds – thank you too, and well done, all who worked so hard on the day and beforehand.

There will be **no** weekday services this week.

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work in **The Street** in Ringland.

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

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

RIP Arthur Harvey