

Sunday 24th: Easter 7

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) at Ringland
led by the churchwardens
10:00 am The Eucharist at Attlebridge
6:00 pm **Full Choral Evensong sung by the benefice choir and friends at Weston Longville, as part of the celebrations for the Flower Festival**



ALL SAINTS WESTON LONGVILLE
Glamorous Nights
a concert of the music of
Ivor Novello and Noël Coward
presented by Vocal Score
Monday 25th May 2009 at 7:30 pm
Tickets £8 available from
Dot le Grice 880962 Ann Prince-Smith 880165
proceeds to The Wensum Group of Churches

Vocal Score is a recently formed group of three local singers and their accompanist – Cassie, Rachel Duffield, Martyn Schults, with Selwyn at the piano – joined on this occasion by the baritone Leon Berger who is returning to Weston in December to present another evening of the music of Flanders & Swann, after the great success of his similar evening in 2005. Rachel and Martyn will be well known to local audiences as members of the popular *Upper Octave*, who have appeared on numerous occasions at the Maddermarket Theatre and many other venues.

Glamorous Nights tells a story, entirely in music, of the on/off relationship of a boy and girl who might have featured in any of the musical comedies written by our composers – commented on with a mixture of sympathy and cynicism by two of their friends. An evening of both well-known and surprising songs, enjoyable for people of all ages and highly suitable for a light spring evening. Refreshments in the interval included in the ticket price – do please come, and encourage your friends to do the same!



Sunday 10 May 2009
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect:

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

New Testament Reading: Acts 8.26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to

speaking, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'



Many weekday services this week will be at their new regular times. **At Attlebridge, Evening Prayer will be said on Monday at 5:00 pm and Morning Prayer on Saturday at 9:00 am.** These times will apply every week in future. At Swannington there will be **no** Eucharist on Monday morning, but **the first Eucharist of next Sunday will be celebrated there at 5:00 pm on Saturday**, in place of the usual Evening Prayer. Additionally **neither** of the usual services will take place on **Tuesday**, but people are invited to join in the Offices and the Eucharist for the deanery clergy quiet day at **Morton-on-the-Hill**, being led by Bishop Lindsay Urwin, the new administrator of the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Walsingham.

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

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

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



WESTON LONGVILLE VILLAGE HALL
Back by popular demand...

Chai 2

a talk on tea by Ray 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

Next Sunday: 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

Future events:

- Mon 18th 7:30 pm Weston Longville PCC meets at The Rectory
- Tue 19th 3:30 pm "All Saints Alive" after-school club meets at Great Witchingham School
- Thu 21st 7:30 pm **Benefice Eucharist with hymns for Ascension Day at Attlebridge**



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The Life & Times of
Parson James Woodforde
A Flower Festival

May Bank Holiday Weekend 2009
Saturday 23rd - Monday 25th

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
*refreshments available : donations welcome
proceeds to All Saints, Weston Longville*