

Offertory Hymn

Sing to him in whom creation
Found its shape and origin;
Spirit, moving on the waters,
Troubled by the God within
Source of breath
to all things breathing,
Life in whom all lives begin.

Holy ones, both priest and prophet,
Caught his accents, spoke his word;
His the truth behind the wisdoms
Which as yet know not our Lord;
He the love of God eternal,
Which in Christ was seen and heard.

Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,
Praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord:
Through thy Voice which speaks within us
We thy creatures own thee Lord.

Final Hymn

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Sons of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
Thee we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age, and soul to soul
In a fellowship unending; thee we worship and extol.

Tell of how the ascended Jesus
Armed a people for his own;
How a hundred men and women
Turned the known world
upside down,
To its dark and furthest corners
By the wind of Whitsun blown.

Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
On our lives descend in might;
Let thy flame break out within us,
Fire our hearts and clear our sight,
Till, white-hot in thy possession,
We, too, set the world alight.

Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ;
Thee we praise in endless worship
For thy fruit and gifts unpriced.



Sunday 31 May 2009
PENTECOST

Collect:

God, who as at this time
didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

New Testament Reading: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Gospel: John 15.26-27 & 16.4b-15

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this

world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’



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

Saints this week

Wed Charles Lwanga and the martyrs of Uganda (died 1886)

Fri Boniface, archbishop, missionary to Germany, martyr (died 754)

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work at **Uppgate** and in **Welton’s Loke** in Swannington.

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

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

Events this week:

Mon 7:30 pm Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity Trustees meet at The Pightle

Tues 3:30 pm “All Saints Alive” after-school club visits the Norfolk Wildlife Centre, Nowhere Lane

Weds 9:30 am Diocesan Advisory Committee visit to St Mary, Great Witchingham

7:30 pm Joint Benefice Fete Committee meets at The Rectory

Next Sunday : THE HOLY TRINITY

9:00 am The Eucharist (Common Worship) at Ringland

10:15 am The Eucharist at Weston Longville

3:30 pm “Committed to Growth” presentation service at the cathedral