

Future Events:

- Mon 15th 5:45 pm Great Witchingham PCC meets at The White House
7:30 pm Meeting in Weston Longville village hall for discussion of the parish plan
- Tues 16th 1:30 pm Funeral of the late Julie Goodrick at Attlebridge
3:30 pm Last "All Saints Alive" after-school club meeting for this term – at Great Witchingham School
7:30 pm Swannington PCC meets in church



ST MARY'S CHURCH, GREAT WITCHINGHAM

Choral Concert

by popular request

a return visit from members of the choir of

Gresham's School, Holt

Director: Mark Jones

Friday 19th June 2009 at 7:30 pm

Tickets £8 including interval refreshments

available from

Janet Houlston (872251) Selwyn Tillet (880563)

In aid of church funds

Sunday 21st: Trinity 2

- NB NB 5:00 pm Saturday 20th** The Eucharist at Swannington
- 9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland – **Revd Selwyn Tillet**
- 10:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
- 10:00 am Children's service at Swannington
- 6:00 pm Evensong for **St John the Baptist** at Alderford

Sunday 28th June - Swannington in Bloom

Visit the gardens of historic Swannington Manor with its 400 year old topiary hedge, Swannington Hall's moated grounds designed by award-winning Yvonne Innes and 9 other beautiful gardens. Gardens open 11am - 6pm, tickets £4 per person (under 16s free), free parking, dogs on leads welcome. Other attractions include cream teas in various gardens, plant and cake stalls, and a barbecue on the common. All proceeds split between St Margaret's Church and Swannington Play Area. Visit www.swanningtoninbloom.org for more information.



Sunday 7 June 2009
THE HOLY TRINITY

Collect:

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of thy truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of thy love; that we may truly worship thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

New Testament Reading: Romans 8.12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel: John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'



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

Saint this week

Tue Columba of Iona, monk and teacher (died 597)

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work at **Weston Green** in Weston Longville.

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

Angie; Anne Dunn; Sharon; Jo & Brian; Jo, James & baby Daniel; Edie Kidd; Kath Medlar; Enid Warnes

RIP Julie Goodrick Michael Fisher

Events this week:

TODAY 3:30 pm "Committed to Growth" presentation service at the cathedral
Mon 7:45 pm Ringland PCC meets in church
Tues 7:30 pm Alderford with Attlebridge PCC meets at The Old Butcher's Shop, Morton-on-the-Hill
Fri 5:30 pm Friday Club Family Treasure Hunt and picnic in Swannington churchyard

Next Sunday : CORPUS CHRISTI

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville

10:00 am The Eucharist at Swannington. We celebrate the annual day of thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist, the Holy Communion, itself. Many churches on this day thank people who have a regular job to do whenever the Sunday Eucharist happens; servers, sidespeople, wardens, choir, those who lead our prayers, read the lessons or administer the chalice. We thank them for their Christian ministry, and pray for them as their work begins for another year. As we have done in the last four years, I would like to invite all those, from **every church**, who have a regular Sunday job like this, to come to this Eucharist at Swannington, so that as many as possible can be together to pray for one another and to be 're-commissioned' for our tasks in the year ahead.

10:00 am All Age Worship on the theme of the Trinity at Ringland (Sister Stella Noons)

Many thanks to all who worked so hard across the Bank Holiday weekend to make the flower festival at Weston Longville a success; and an extra-special thanks to all the arrangers who made the church quite breathtakingly beautiful for visitors and for the concert on the Monday evening. As a result about **£1200** was realised for Weston church funds. In addition the concert raised about **£450**, which will be split between all our parishes at the end of the year; and our thanks also to those who came and to *Vocal Score* for providing a splendid evening's entertainment.