

## Future Events:

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm The Eucharist for **St Margaret's Day**  
at **Morton-on-the-Hill** (Patronal Festival)

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 7

*NB NB no service at Great Witchingham*

9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) at Ringland  
led by churchwardens  
10:00 am The Eucharist at Attlebridge (**Canon Peter Halls**)  
6:00 pm Evensong at Weston Longville (Miss Pamela Garrett)

Well done and thank you to all those who have been working hard at fund-raising over the last few weeks. Our tiny but noble handful of pirates from **Ringland** toiled all day in the broiling sun to raise **£52** for church funds on their treasure-hunt stall at Taverham Fair; and our much larger group of fantastic gardeners and all their helpers took advantage of a beautiful summer Sunday and raised about **£2700** during the **Swannington in Bloom** festival – which will as usual be split between Swannington church and the work of the play area. You may all now put your feet up, just for a bit, and enjoy the summer!



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Swannington, 10:00 am

# *Eucharist*

## *for Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

### *⊕ Admission of Churchwardens*

When morning gilds the skies  
My heart awaking cries,  
May Jesus Christ be praised;  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

When you begin the day  
Oh never fail to say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised;  
And at your work rejoice  
To sing with heart and voice,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

My tongue shall never tire  
Of chanting with the choir,  
May Jesus Christ be praised;  
This song of sacred joy,  
It never seems to cloy,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word, on high,  
The host of angels cry,  
May Jesus Christ be praised;  
Let mortals, too, upraise  
Their voice in hymns of praise,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised;  
Be this th'eternal song  
Through ages all along:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you  
*and also with you.*

**Please sit down**

*Words of welcome and explanation before we are invited to confess our sins*

**Please kneel or sit** for a short period of silent reflection

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand to say the Gloria:*

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*



All weekday services this week will be at their regular times, **except** that there will be **no** Morning Prayer at Ringland on Wednesday.

### **Saint this week**

Tue John Keble; priest, poet, reformer (died 1866)

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **Blackwater Lane** in Great Witchingham and **Breck Road** in Weston Longville.

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

*Angie; Anne Dunn; Sharon; Harold Hore; Jo, James & baby Daniel; Edie Kidd;  
Liz; Kath Medlar; Cynthia Savory; Val; Enid Warnes*

### **Events this week:**

Mon	7:00 pm	Swannington Charities' Trustees meet at The Rectory
Tue	9:00 am	Swannington Community project meeting with architect in church
Wed	1:00 pm	Interment of ashes of the late MYRLIE HOWARD at Alderford
Sat	1:00 pm	Renewal of wedding vows for BARRIE AND TRACY KEEN at Weston Longville

### **Next Sunday: Trinity 6**

**NB NB 5:00 pm Saturday** The Eucharist for **St Margaret's Day**  
at Swannington (**Patronal Festival**)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland – <b>Canon Peter Halls</b>
10:00 am	Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
10:00 am	Children's service for <b>St Margaret's Day</b> at Swannington, followed by <i>Bring a Dinosaur</i> picnic in the churchyard
6:00 pm	Evensong at Alderford

*Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.*

*Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Christ is the world's true light, Its captain of salvation, The daystar clear and bright Of every man and nation; New life, new hope awakes, Where people own his sway; Freedom her bondage breaks, And night is turned to day.	In Christ all races meet, Their ancient feuds forgetting, The whole round world complete, From sunrise to its setting: When Christ is throned as Lord, All shall forsake their fear, To ploughshare beat the sword, To pruning-hook the spear.
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One Lord, in one great name  
Unite us all who own thee;  
Cast out our pride and shame  
That hinder to enthrone thee;  
The world has waited long,  
Has travailed long in pain;  
To heal its ancient wrong,  
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.



*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Please sit down**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Amos 7.7-15**

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

And the LORD said to me,  
 ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said,  
 ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said,  
 ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel;  
 I will never again pass them by;  
 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
 and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
 and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’  
 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel,  
 saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of  
 Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.  
 For thus Amos has said,  
 “Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
 and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”’  
 And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah,  
 earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at  
 Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’  
 Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son;  
 but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD  
 took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “Go,  
 prophesy to my people Israel.”’

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 85, 8-13 (please remain seated)**

**Response: *Show us, O Lord, your mercy.***

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
 for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
 that they turn not again to folly.  
 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
 that his glory may dwell in our land.  
 Mercy and truth are met together,  
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

***(Response)***

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
 and his blood which he shed for you.  
 Eat and drink in remembrance that he died and rose for you,  
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*During the distribution of Communion, if you are not a communicant but would like to  
 receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet to the altar rail with you.*

*At the distribution:*

The Body of Christ: ***Amen.***

The Blood of Christ: ***Amen.***

During Communion the choir will sing *The Body of Christ is broken*  
 by Rosalie Bonighton:

*The body of Christ is broken,  
 the blood of Christ is poured.  
 We remember the dying Saviour  
 in the presence of the risen Lord.  
 Sing Hallelujah!*

*We share in the Kingdom’s banquet,  
 we feast on hope divine:  
 all the glory of God is present  
 in a simple meal of bread and wine.  
 Sing Hallelujah!*

*We join in commemoration  
 of love’s great triumph hour,  
 looking forward to peace and justice  
 when the kingdom comes in loving power.  
 Sing Hallelujah!*

*After Communion*

**Please sit or kneel**

Grant, Lord, we pray,  
 that the course of this world may be so ordered under your direction,  
 that your Church may joyfully serve you in godliness and peace;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Please kneel or sit as you are comfortable

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.*

(Organ) O Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the  
94 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
97 O Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sins of the world, have  
100 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that  
103 tak - est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace

Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from heaven.  
The Lord will indeed give all that is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him  
and direct his steps in the way. *(Response)*

### NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of God who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

O Jesu, King most wonderful,  
Thou Conqueror renowned,  
Thou sweetness most ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found!

When once thou visitest the heart,  
Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanities depart,  
Then kindles love divine.

Thee, Jesu, may our voices bless;    May every heart confess thy name  
 Thee may we love alone;                And ever thee adore;  
 And ever in our lives express        And seeking thee, itself inflame,  
 The image of thine own.                To seek thee more and more.

Jesu, our love and joy, to thee,  
 The Virgin's holy Son,  
 All might and praise and glory be  
 While endless ages run.

### GOSPEL: Mark 6.14-29



King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
 that broken bread and wine outpoured  
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
 and, taking bread, he praised you.  
 He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
 Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
 Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
 and in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
 made once for all upon the cross.  
 Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
 we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

Lord of all life,  
 help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes  
 and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
 Look with favour on your people; gather us in your loving arms  
 and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Margaret and all the saints  
 to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**Please remain standing**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give thanks and praise.*

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing::



68 (Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
72 hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.  
75 Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most high.  
78 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the  
81 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Please remain standing**

When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.



65 (Priest) This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please *sit* for a brief address

**Afterwards please stand**

Mary and Antoinette, will you undertake the duties of the office of Churchwarden for this year in this parish to which you have been appointed?

M & A: *We will*

Will you work together with Pamela and myself for the good of the Church and for the furtherance of God's kingdom?

M & A: *We will*

Then I invite you to make the declaration together.

M & A : *I solemnly and sincerely declare before God and his people that I will faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of the office of Churchwarden for the parish for which I have been chosen, during the period of my appointment.*

I, Leslie Selwyn Tillet, Rural Dean of the Sparham deanery, by virtue of the authority committed to me do admit each of you, severally and corporately, into the ancient and honourable office of Churchwarden. May the Lord give you grace for your office, and bless your going out and your coming in from this time forward and for evermore. **Amen.**

Eternal God,  
who promise to give grace and strength for the task when you call your servants:  
Mercifully look upon these whom you have called to the office and work of Churchwarden;  
that beginning their work in reverence,  
following it through with obedience,  
and completing it in faithful devotion,  
they may be constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

I now ask all of you, Churchwardens and people together, to affirm your commitment to God and to one another.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall, repent and return to the Lord?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always. Amen.**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Peace is exchanged in the usual way.*

Son of God, eternal Saviour,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Son of Man, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
thou, our head, who, throned in  
glory,  
for thine own dost ever plead,  
fill us with thy love and pity,  
heal our wrongs and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others  
so may we for others live;  
freely have thy gifts been granted,  
freely may thy servants give.  
Thine the gold  
and thine the silver,  
thine the wealth of land and sea,  
we but stewards of thy bounty,  
held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, & reign among us,  
King of Love and Prince of Peace,  
hush the storm of strife and  
passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
See the Christlike host advancing,  
high and lowly, great and small,  
linked in bonds of common service  
for the common Lord of all.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Son of Man, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
thou who prayedst, thou who  
willest,  
that thy people should be one,  
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth thy will be done.