

**Final hymn today at Ringland,
Great Witchingham and Alderford:**

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient
 to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast
 that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword
 that pierc'd her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son
 and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price
 of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer
 with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath
 of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high
 and crowned with grace,
May your Son,
 the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.



Sunday 16 August 2009
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(Great Witchingham Patronal Festival)

Collect:

Almighty God, who didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and choose her to be the mother of thine only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61.10, 11

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

New Testament Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel: Luke 1.46-55

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted

up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’



All weekday services this week will be back at their usual times.

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **Church Road** in Little Witchingham and **Church Street** 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; Alex Williams.

On Wednesday Alderford with Attlebridge PCC meets at 7:00 pm at The Old Butcher’s Shop, Morton-on-the-Hill

Next Sunday: Trinity 11

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) at Ringland
led by churchwardens
10:00 am The Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows at Attlebridge
6:00 pm Evensong at Weston Longville

Sunday 30th: Trinity 12

10:00 am Joint Eucharist for the whole benefice at Alderford

Third hymn today at Great Witchingham and Alderford:

Ye who own the faith of Jesus,
sing the wonders that were done
when the love of God the Father
o’er our sin the vict’ry won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son:

*Hail Mary, hail Mary,
hail Mary, full of grace.*

Blessed were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come;
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the Mother,
she who bare him in her womb.

Hail Mary...

Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name;
let the Church
in her foreshadowed,
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's Mother

sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.

Hail Mary...

Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for th’ advancement
of the faithful,
for each faithful worshipper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer:

Hail Mary...

For the sick and for the aged,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts

that mourn in secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the holy Virgin pray:

Hail Mary...

Praise, O Mary,
praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee

ark and throne:
o’er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One:

Hail Mary.