

Today we particularly welcome BILLY WILDE, who is celebrating the anniversary of his Baptism today. After the sermon please stand and turn to face the font; we will use the following words to renew our Baptismal promises with him:

Heavenly Father, accept our sacrifice of praise, that we, with all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit, may be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life; through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of praise: ***Blessed be God for ever. Amen.***

In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ. Here we find rebirth in the Spirit, and set our minds on his heavenly gifts. As children of God, we are continually created anew, walking the path of faith and feeding on the forgiveness of his healing grace. Therefore I call upon you to renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our loyalty to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Do you turn to Christ? ***I turn to Christ.***

Do you repent of your sins? ***I repent of my sins.***

Do you renounce evil? ***I renounce evil.***

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way. ***Amen.***

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? ***I believe and trust in him.***

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? ***I believe and trust in him.***

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?  
***I believe and trust in him.***

This is the faith of the Church. ***This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

***Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***



Sunday 23 August 2009  
**TRINITY 11**

### **Collect:**

O God, who declarest thine almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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: Joshua 24.1-2a & 14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

### **Gospel: John 6.56-69**

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He

said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'



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

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

**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.*

**RIP** John Burton

On Friday the funeral of the late John Burton will take place at Great Witchingham at 2:00 pm.

### Saints and observances this week

Mon Bartholomew, apostle (first century)  
 Wed Ninian, missionary, bishop in Scotland (died 432)  
 Fri Augustine, bishop, theologian, teacher (died 430)  
 Sat The Beheading of St John the Baptist

### Next Sunday: Trinity 12

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

## CALLING ALL IN THE BENEFICE! Please support -

**Alderford with Attlebridge Produce and Art Show and Tea Party  
 Sunday, 6th September in Attlebridge Church**

**9.30-11 bring exhibits : 2.00-4.30 tea party : 4.30 auction  
 5.30 Harvest Evensong**

### Vegetables

|                           |                          |                 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 4 potatoes                | 4 onions                 | 4 carrots       |
| 4 beetroot                | 4 runner beans           | 4 tomatoes      |
| 4 courgettes              | 4 cooking apples         | 4 eating apples |
| 5 varieties of vegetables | collection of soft fruit |                 |

### Flowers and arrangements

|   |                 |           |
|---|-----------------|-----------|
| Specimen rose                             | 4 dahlias       | pot plant |
| 4 roses (any variety)                     | 3 cut geraniums |           |
| Unusual container arrangement             |                 |           |
| Table arrangement no higher than 6 inches |                 |           |

### Produce

|                  |            |                |
|------------------|------------|----------------|
| Jar of marmalade | Jar of jam | jar of chutney |
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### Cookery

|                 |             |                |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 4 biscuits      | 4 flapjacks | 4 bread rolls  |
| 4 cheese scones | apple pie   | savoury quiche |
| home-made wine  |             |                |

### Photography - no bigger than A4

any interpretation of nature or people

### Painting or drawing

Landscape, person or animal

### Children under 8

|                   |         |                     |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Garden on a plate | Cookery | Painting or drawing |
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### Children under 14

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| Garden on a plate | Cookery | Painting or drawing |
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