

St Mary's Church, Great Witchingham

Quiz Night

Friday 30th October
7.30 for 7.45 pm
in Weston Longville Village Hall



Supper of bangers & salad, crisps & chocolate
Bring your own drinks & glasses
Teams of up to 8 people
Tickets £2.50 + in aid of church funds
contact Janet Houston 872251
Easier questions than last year!

Next Sunday: ALL SAINTS

9:00 am The Eucharist (Common Worship) at Ringland
10:00 am Lay Service – *Favourite Hymns* – at Swannington
10:15 am The Eucharist and re-commissioning of servers at Weston Longville (**Patronal Festival**)

On **Monday 2nd November** the annual service for **All Souls Day** takes place at **Weston Longville, beginning at 7:30 pm**. This is the Eucharist in which we remember all those we love who have died, particularly any who have died in the last twelve months, and commend them once again to God. During this year's service our benefice choir will sing Dick le Grice's new *Small Requiem* for the first time. Everyone, of course, is invited to attend this moving commemoration – and if you would like someone to be remembered by name during the service, please add their name to the list which is now at the back of all our churches.

Coffee Morning and Nearly New Sale

Saturday 7th
November
10-12 noon



The Old
Rectory,
Swannington

Nearly new clothes, Christmas gifts, cakes, bric-a-brac
Handmade Christmas cards and zineams
In aid of church funds

Please don't know for sale to Sally Day at the Old Rectory
no later than Thursday 5th November

This year's **Remembrance Sunday service** for the whole benefice takes place at **Weston Longville** church on Sunday 8th November, beginning at 10:15 am and concluding with the laying of a wreath at the War Memorial outside. After the service further wreaths will as usual be laid at the Memorials in Swannington and Lenwade, and at the USAAF memorial in Weston. **That morning there will also be a Eucharist at 8:00 am at Attlebridge.**



Sunday 25 October 2009
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Collect

Have pity on us, O God our Saviour, and grant us grace and courage that we may cast off our sins and turn unto thee for healing. Show us in Christ the sure path of salvation and strengthen us to follow gladly in the way of the gospel; through the same 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: Jeremiah 31.7-9

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Gospel: Mark 10.46-52

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' any sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*After the sermon at Attlebridge we welcome JACK GRAY and his family, who are here to celebrate the anniversary of his baptism. **Please stand** and turn to face the font.*

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself. 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 all to affirm your baptismal faith and to renew your commitment to Jesus Christ.

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

The priest re-lights Jack's candle, after which we all say

Defend, O Lord, this thy servant with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more until he comes to thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.

As Jack and his family return to their places the service continues with the Intercessions.



All weekday services this week will be at their usual times, **except that** the service at 9:00 am at Ringland on Wednesday will be the **Eucharist for St Simon & St Jude.**

This week we pray particularly for the teachers, children and governors of **Great Witchingham School.**

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

Angela Ashford; Barbara Brown; Anne Dunn; Pat Evans; Osvaldo Ferreiro; Jo, James & baby Daniel; John & Linda; Shirley Nicholson; John Parnow; Cynthia Savory; Val; Enid Warnes; Alex Williams.

Saints this week

Mon Chad & Cedd, bishops and missionaries (died 672 & 664)

Wed Simon & Jude, apostles (first century)

Events this week:

Wed 9:00 am The Eucharist for SS Simon & Jude at Ringland

3:00 pm Wedding rehearsal at Weston Longville

Sat 12:30 pm Wedding of ROBERT PETER DAVID WATTS
& VICTORIA ROSINA TANNER at Weston Longville