

Saints and observances this week

Mon **All Souls Day**

Sat Willibrord, bishop and missionary (died 739)

On Monday the annual service for All Souls Day takes place at Weston, 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.**

On Wednesday the after-school club meets at Great Witchingham School at 3:30 pm.



Next Sunday's **Remembrance Service** for the whole benefice takes place at **Weston Longville**, 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.**

Future events:

Fri 13th 7:30 pm Friday Club in Swannington church
Sat 14th 5:00 pm Service for AGM of Northern Branch of Diocesan Ringers' Association, at Weston Longville (Revd Janet House)
5:45 pm Baptism rehearsal at Swannington

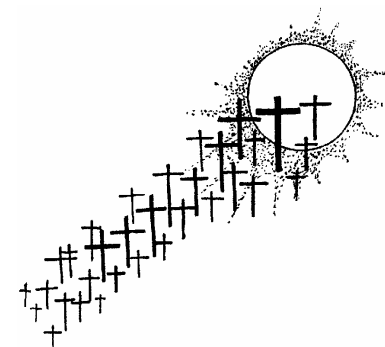


Weston Longville
Morton-on-the-Hill
Great & Little Witchingham
Lenwade
Alderford
Attlebridge
Swannington
Ringland

Sunday 1st November 2009

10:15 am

*Eucharist for
All Saints' Day
(Patronal Festival)*



All Saints, Weston Longville

Hark! the sound of holy voices,
chanting at the crystal sea,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Lord, to thee;
Multitude, which none can number,
like the stars in glory stands,
clothed in white apparel, holding
palms of victory in their hands.

Patriarch and holy prophet
who prepared the way of Christ,
King, apostle, saint, confessor,
martyr and evangelist;
Saintly maiden, godly matron,
widows who have watched to prayer,
Joined in holy concert, singing
to the Lord of all, are there.

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

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

*Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please sit down

Now they reign in heav'nly glory,
now they walk in golden light,
now they drink, as from a river,
holy bliss and infinite:
Love and peace they taste for ever,
and all truth and knowledge see
in the beatific vision
of the blessed Trinity.

God of God, the One-begotten,
Light of light, Emmanuel,
in whose Body joined together
all the saints forever dwell;
Pour upon us of thy fullness
that we may for evermore
God the Father, God the Son, and
God the Holy Ghost adore.

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not,
what joys await us there;
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare!

They stand, those halls of Zion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng:
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of those who triumph,
the song of those who feast;
and they who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country,
that eager hearts expect!
Exult, O dust and ashes!
the Lord shall be thy part;
his only, his for ever,
thou shalt be, and thou art!



All weekday services this week will be at their usual times, **except that** on Monday there is the special **Eucharist for All Souls' Day** – here in Weston Longville at 7:30 pm (see more below).

This week we pray particularly for all who live and work along **Hall Road** in Alderford and Great Witchingham.

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

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

After Communion please sit or kneel

Lord of heaven,
who in this Eucharist hast brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Almighty God,
we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory.
Amen.*

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Welcome, introduction, and a few words of explanation.

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

We kneel or sit for a few moments of silence before the confession of our sins:

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

9 (Priest)

Glo-ry be to God on high and in earth peace, good

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will to-wards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we

16

wor-ship thee, we glor-i-fy thee, we give thanks to

19

thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God,

23

hea-ven-ly King, God the Fa-ther al-migh-ty.

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O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ: O Lord God,

31

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a-way the

Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
***Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
 but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.***

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 lead us in singing, kneeling

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
 for the saints who before us have found their reward;
 when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
 but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
 he called them away from our worship below;
 but not till his love, at the font and the altar,
 had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
 and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
 yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
 and still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found him,
 whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:
 they believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,
 where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.

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

35 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a -
39 way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test
43 at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
48 For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly
53 O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art the Most -
57 High in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

God of holiness,
whose glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy:
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.**

Please sit down

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Wisdom 3.1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit, inspire us with thy love,
and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty,
world without end. **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit as you are comfortable

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and singing:



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

Please remain standing

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and his blood;

PSALM 24, verses 1-6 (please remain seated)

Response: *The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.*

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. *(Response)*

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie; *(Response)*

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. *(Response)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 21.1-6a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the

beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Give me the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above,
how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning
here below,
and wet their couch with tears:
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

I ask them
whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps
that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast;
and following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

GOSPEL: John 11.32-44



When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please remain standing

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, Holy Father,
Almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

And now we give thee thanks
for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling
which thou hast given us in thy saints;
that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

Sehryn will say a word or two about special services in the New Year; afterwards this service continues with the prayers. Please kneel or sit, as you are comfortable. The response each time is:

Not our will, Lord:
but yours be done.

and after the last section

Merciful father –
***Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Please stand for the Peace:

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'



Please sit down.

Many people become a server because they are asked by someone else if they would like to. Others offer their time and their skills. Serving at the altar is a good way of contributing to the worshipping life of your church. Not all of us are called to be priests, not all are called to preach, or read, or lead the prayers. Not everyone can sing – and, believe it or not, not everyone makes a good server. But God has a ministry for all of us, and he is calling each one of us to his service and to the service of his people, the saints of our own time. When you have accepted the invitation to be a server or your offer has been accepted you will firstly be trained. This is very important. No one should serve without knowing what they are doing. If you do it could be embarrassing for you, distracting to the congregation and unhelpful to the priest. Though you will be nervous the first time you serve, wondering whether you will get it right, yet if you have been trained you will know what to do.

When you have been trained and people are confident that you know what to do you are admitted as a server; ideally this happens at the main Sunday Eucharist, such as today. You have an important role and you need the support and prayers of the Christian family at the church.

Ideally all servers should renew their commitment once a year; and it is often on this occasion, especially if it is an important time like today, which is our 'patronal festival', this church's birthday, that new servers are admitted. This is what we are going to do this morning, with some of our servers who are being admitted for the first time, and some who have been doing it for a while and are renewing their commitment. Please would you all come and stand out here at the front.

I will go to the altar of God.
Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who has made heaven and earth.

Father Selwyn, I present to you (those) who desire to be admitted as altar servers in this church.

A server assists the clergy in presenting and offering the worship of Almighty God, and enabling the congregation to share in the liturgy. They do so with reverence and respect, knowing that the things they touch are holy and that the one we all serve is the Lord and servant of all. You all wish to be admitted or re-admitted as altar servers in this Church. Will you fulfil your role with dignity and with reverence?

With the help of God I will.

Will you seek to help others to worship God?

With the help of God I will.

Will you commit yourself to this task and will you be diligent in carrying out your responsibilities?

With the help of God I will.

The priest says to each one:

N, I (re-)admit you to the team of servers of our Wensum Group of churches; in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The servers will sing – and perhaps even encourage the rest of us to sing -

If I go to the furthest place that I could go,
He'll be there, he'll be there;
To the east or the west, to the sun or snow,
He will always be there.

Oh yeah! Oh yeah!

He will never leave me.

I know he cares;

He's the only one I know who's always there!

In the dark of the night or in the light of day,
He'll be there, he'll be there;
When I'm all on my own, or I've lost my way,
He will always be there.

Oh yeah! Oh yeah!

He will never leave me.

I know he cares;

He's the only one I know who's always there!

When I'm down in the dumps and things are looking bad,
He'll be there, he'll be there;
When I'm over the moon, when I'm really glad,
He will always be there.

Oh yeah! Oh yeah!

He will never leave me.

I know he cares;

He's the only one I know who's always there!

Oh yeah! (He'll be there)

Oh yeah! (He'll be there)

He will never leave me.

I know (Oh I know)

He cares (How he cares)

He's the only one I know who's always there!