

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Advent 3

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville  
10:00 am The Eucharist at Swannington  
**NB 4:00 pm** Christingle service at Ringland (Sister Stella Noons)

Many thanks today to Ian Colman and members of the Taverham Band who came and gave a magnificent concert in **Ringland church** last Saturday. As a result **£172** was raised for church funds there – well done!

Leaflets giving full details of **all Christmas events and services** across the benefice are now available, and are being distributed with the new issues of the Wensum Diary, the Pilgrim and the Ringland Runner. In particular please note these special services, which are also joint events for the whole benefice:

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 6:00 pm Great Witchingham**  
*The traditional service of Nine Readings and Carols*

**Christmas Eve 11:30 pm Attlebridge**  
*Midnight Mass of Christmas*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am Great Witchingham**  
*Holy Communion (1662) (no other services anywhere today)*



Sunday 29 November 2009  
**ADVENT SUNDAY**

**A reminder** that on all the Sundays of Advent, during the introduction to the Eucharist, candles are lit on our Advent wreath. When the candles have been lit there is a prayer, to which the response is always **Blessed be God for ever**.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness  
and put upon us the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;  
that in the last day  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the quick and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

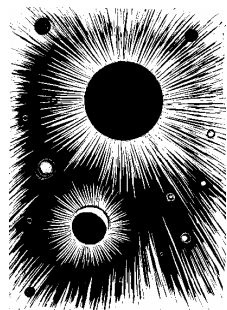
### Gospel: Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with

power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’



All weekday services this week will be at their regular times. In addition **tomorrow** (St Andrew’s Day) the Eucharist will be celebrated **at 10:30 am at Attlebridge** as that church’s **Patronal Festival**.

This week we pray particularly for all who live in **Hubbard’s Loke** in Great Witchingham and at **Hungate Common** in Weston Longville.

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

*Shelagh Ashe; Albert Bedford; Marjorie Crayston; Anne Dunn; Osvaldo Ferreiro; Sharon; Digby Horner; Jo, James & baby Daniel; John & Linda; John Parnow; Annette; Val; Alex Williams; Reg Willis; Freda.*

## Saint this week

Mon Andrew, apostle (first century)

## Events this week:

Mon 10:30 am The Eucharist at Attlebridge (**Patronal Festival**)  
Tue 3:30 pm “All Saints Alive!” after-school club  
at Great Witchingham School  
7:30 pm Swannington PCC meets at the Manor  
Wed 7:30 pm Swannington Singers rehearse at The Firs  
Sat 12 noon Great Witchingham School Christmas Fair

## Next Sunday: Advent 2

9:00 am The Eucharist (Common Worship) at Ringland  
10:00 am Lay Advent Service at Swannington (**Mary Gurteen**)  
10:15 am The Eucharist at Weston Longville

## Future events:

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 5:45 pm Great Witchingham PCC meets at The White House  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Alderford with Attlebridge PCC meets  
at The Old Butcher’s Shop, Morton-on-the-Hill

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## ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH, WESTON LONGVILLE

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm

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