

### Next Sunday: 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)

### Future Events:

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Carol-singing outside The Bridge, Lenwade, with a traditional Nativity Scene by members of the "All Saints Alive!" after-school club. Mulled wine and mince pies. Wrap up warm and bring a broolly just in case. Children invited to dress as a Nativity character!

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm Great Witchingham School Christingle service at Great Witchingham church  
7:30 pm Choir practice at Great Witchingham church

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>: Advent 4

**NB 5:00 pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** The Eucharist at Swannington  
9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland (**Selwyn**)  
10:00 am Children's carol service at Swannington  
6:00 pm Benefice service of Nine traditional Readings and Carols at Great Witchingham

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

**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)*



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

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009**  
10:15 am

*Eucharist for  
the second Sunday  
in Advent*



*All Saints, Weston Longville*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
prepare we in our hearts a home  
where such a mighty Guest may come.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

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

*Welcome, introduction, and a few words of explanation.*

*This morning we welcome three more of the children from the 'All Saints Alive' after-school club who are going to be admitted as servers. They will come forward now to light two candles on our Advent crown and read these two appropriate prayers:*

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.



All weekday services this week will be at their regular times, **except** that there will be **no** Morning Prayer on Tuesday at Weston Longville, and **no** Evening Prayer on Saturday at Swannington.

This week we pray particularly for all who live along **Kett's Lane** in Little Witchingham and Swannington.

**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.*

### Saints and observances this week

Mon Ambrose, bishop of Milan, preacher, theologian (died 397)

Tue Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Events this week:

Mon 5:45 pm Great Witchingham PCC meets at The White House

Wed 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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## *And Then They Wrote ...*

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*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 himself, the God of peace,  
make you perfect and holy,  
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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

**Amen.**

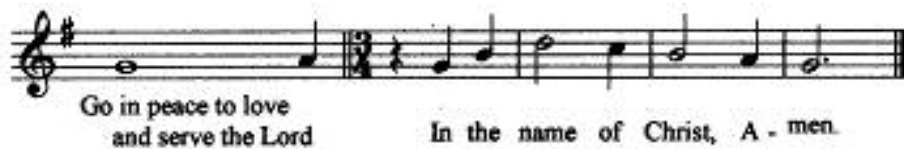
"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:

But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad;  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.



God our Father,  
you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace.  
You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom.

Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
to share with those around us the good news of your power and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

*Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.*

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'  
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord 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 remain kneeling or seated to sing Kyrie Eleison:

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Voice' and includes the instruction '(Organ introduction)'. The lyrics under the first staff are 'Lord, have mer - cy;'. The second staff begins with a '3' above it, indicating a triplet, and the lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;'. The third staff begins with a '6' above it, indicating a sextuplet, and the lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy;'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, thy power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please *sit down*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: Baruch 5, 1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.' Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the

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 the choir lead us in singing, *kneeling*

Lord, thy Word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,  
then thy word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation,  
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,  
and dark clouds before us,  
then its light directeth,  
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by thy word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving  
succour to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying!

O that we, discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
evermore be near thee!

### After Communion please sit or kneel

Heavenly Father,  
who didst send thy Son to redeem the world  
and wilt send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that when he shall come again,  
we may be found ready to greet him  
with joyful love and steadfast faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*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

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.*

word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**CANTICLE: Luke 1.68-79 (please remain seated)**

**Response: *Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.***

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
 for he has come to his people and set them free.  
 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
 in the house of his servant David. **(Response)**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
 that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.  
 He promised to show mercy to our forebears:  
 and to remember his holy covenant. **(Response)**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
 free to worship him without fear,  
 holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. **(Response)**

You my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
 to give his people knowledge of salvation  
 by the forgiveness of all their sins. **(Response)**

In the tender compassion of our God  
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **(Response)**



68  
 (Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
 72  
 hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.  
 75  
 Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most high.  
 78  
 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the  
 81  
 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;

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.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

65 (Priest)  
 This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please **sit** for the sermon.

*Afterwards would the children who are being admitted as servers today please come out to 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 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.**

*After this the service continues with the prayers. Please kneel or sit, as you are comfortable. The response each time is:*

Lord, in thy mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*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:**

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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

*and the Peace is exchanged by all.*

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the Tree,  
Deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen; let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

**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  
because when he humbled himself  
to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan which thou didst form long ago  
and opened for us the way of salvation.  
So now we watch for the day,  
knowing that the salvation promised us will be ours  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

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