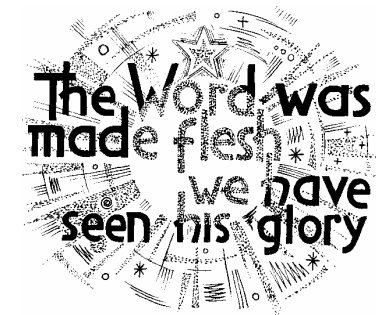




*Weston Longville
Morton-on-the-Hill
Great & Little Witchingham
Lenwade
Alderford
Attlebridge
Swannington
Ringland*

Sunday 3rd January 2010
10:15 am

*Eucharist for the
Second Sunday of Christmas*



All Saints, Weston Longville

Introit Hymn 1: *A great and mighty wonder*

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.

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins

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:

Future events:

Mon 11th *All church Christmas decorations come down
today, and colours go back to green*

Wed 13th 7:45 pm Ringland PCC meets at Redmire

Thu 14th 7:30 pm Swannington Community Project meeting

Sunday 17th: Epiphany 2

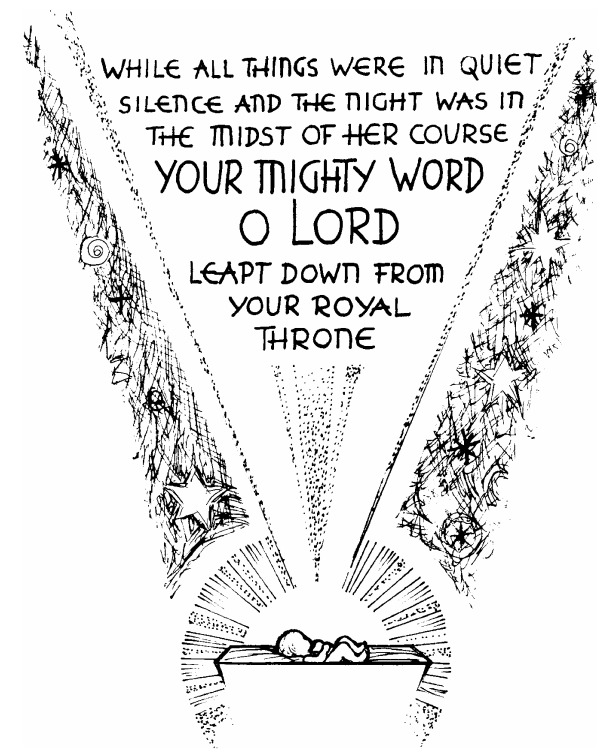
5:00 pm Saturday 16th The Eucharist at Swannington

9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland

NB 10:15 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham

10:00 am Children's service at Swannington

6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford





All weekday services this week will be back at their normal times; **except that** there will be **no** Morning Prayer on Tuesday at Weston Longville, and on Wednesday (**THE EPIPHANY**) the 9:00 am service at Ringland will be the Eucharist. Additionally on Wednesday there will be a further **Eucharist for the whole benefice at Great Witchingham at 7:30 pm.**

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **Mark's Close Lane** in Little Witchingham and **Marl Hill** in Morton-on-the-Hill.

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

Shelagh Ashe; Albert Bedford; Marjorie Crayston; Anne Dunn; Osvaldo Ferreiro; Peter Frost; Sharon; Neita Harvey; Digby Horner; Jo, James & baby Daniel; John & Linda; John Parnon; Annette; Val; Alex Williams; Freda.

RIP Tottie Ottaway

Events this week

Tue 3:30 pm All Saints Alive after-school club
at Great Witchingham School
Wed 7:30 pm **Benefice Eucharist with hymns for The Epiphany**
at Great Witchingham
Fri 7:30 pm Friday Club in Swannington church

Next Sunday: The Baptism of Christ

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville
10:00 am The Eucharist and renewal of baptismal vows at Swannington
10:00 am All Age Worship at Ringland (Sister Stella Noons)

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

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

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

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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,

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



sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a -



way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test



at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly



O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art the Most



High in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

All praise to thee,
Almighty God and heavenly king,
who hast sent thy Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
Grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigneth in heaven,
now and for ever. *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.*

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature:

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

Recessional Hymn 26: *O Christ the same through all our story's pages*



Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord In the name of Christ, A - men.

(Organ) O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

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sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

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O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have

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mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that

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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.***

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 may sing the Christmas motet O little one sweet

After Communion please sit or kneel

Almighty God,
 who in the birth of thy Son
 hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word
 and revealed to us the fullness of thy love:
 help us so to walk in his light and dwell in his love
 that we may know the fullness of his joy;
 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: Ecclesiasticus 24.1-12

Wisdom praises herself,
 and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.
 In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,
 and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:
 ‘I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
 and covered the earth like a mist.
 I dwelt in the highest heavens,
 and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.
 Alone I compassed the vault of heaven
 and traversed the depths of the abyss.
 Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,
 and over every people and nation I have held sway.
 Among all these I sought a resting-place;
 in whose territory should I abide?
 ‘Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,
 and my Creator chose the place for my tent.
 He said, “Make your dwelling in Jacob,
 and in Israel receive your inheritance.”
 Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,
 and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.
 In the holy tent I ministered before him,
 and so I was established in Zion.
 Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place,
 and in Jerusalem was my domain.

I took root in an honoured people,
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Wisdom 10.15-21 (please remain seated)

Response: *The righteous sing hymns to your name.*

Wisdom led the Israelites out of Egypt;
a holy people and blameless race
wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,
and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs. *(Response)*

She gave to holy people the reward of their labours;
she guided them along a marvellous way,
and became a shelter to them by day,
and a starry flame through the night.
She brought them over the Red Sea,
and led them through deep waters;
but she drowned their enemies,
and cast them up from the depths of the sea. *(Response)*

Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly;
they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name,
and praised with one accord your defending hand;
for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute,
and made the tongues of infants speak clearly. *(Response)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

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

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.*



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.

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.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 34 (omitting verses 3 & 4): *See amid the winter's snow*

GOSPEL: John 1.10-18



The true light, which enlightens everyone, was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who

comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.



Please **sit** for the sermon.

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

Lord, in thy mercy:
bear our prayer.

and after the last section

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit –
bear our prayer,
receive our praises,
and fill our lives. Amen.

Please stand for the Peace:

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

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

Offertory Hymn 38: The first Nowell

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, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world;
thou hast become one with us
that we might become one with thee in thy glorious kingdom.

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

