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Events this week:

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

Wed 7:45 pm Ringland PCC meets at Redmire
Thu 7:30 pm Swannington Community Project meeting

Next Sunday: Epiphany 2

5:00 pm Saturday: The Eucharist at Swannington
9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland
10:00 am Children's service at Swannington
NB 10:15 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford

Future event:

Tue 19th 3:30 pm "All Saints Alive" after-school club at Great Witchingham School

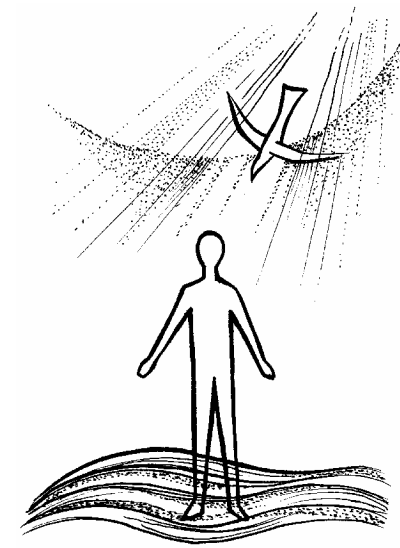
Sunday 24th: Epiphany 3

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) at Ringland led by the churchwardens
10:00 am The Eucharist at Attlebridge
6:00 pm Evensong at Weston Longville

On **Saturday 30th** there is a Beetle Drive in Weston Longville village hall at **7:00 pm**, in aid of Weston church funds. An evening of old-fashioned fun for all the family, particularly the very young and the young-at-heart. Further details from Dot le Grice!

On **Sunday 31st** there is only one service, for the whole benefice – at **Alderford at 10 am**. This will be the Eucharist for **Candlemas** (the 'Presentation' of the child Jesus in the temple), with the usual simple Candlemas ceremonies.

Sunday 10 January 2010
10:00 am



The Eucharist
for *The Baptism of Christ*

Introit Hymn 50: *Why, impious Herod, should'st thou fear?*

Tune: Gonfalon Royal



The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please sit down

*Words of welcome and explanation, and possibly a short congregational music practice,
before we **stand again** and say together:*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.

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 19: *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;
In the name of Christ, Amen.



All weekday services this week will be at their normal times, **except that**
there will be **no** Evening Prayer on Friday at Weston Longville.

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **Mill Lane** and **Mill Road** in Great Witchingham.

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

*Shelagh Ashe; 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.*

All you who thirst, come to the waters;
And you will never be thirsty again.

As rain from heaven, so is God's word,
It waters the earth and brings forth life.

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him;
Death shall no longer have power over us.

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness;
You will find peace in his infinite love.

After communion:

Let us pray

Please sit or kneel, as you are comfortable

Lord of all time and eternity,
who opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43.1-7

Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Sheba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth –
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29, 1-4 & 7-10 (please remain seated)

Response: *May the Lord bless his people with peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *(Response)*

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. *(Response)*

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. *(Response)*

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' *(Response)*

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

(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 to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

Communicant members of all Christian churches are warmly invited to receive 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 will sing the canticle Water of Life by Stephen Dean. Please join in with the refrain each time if you wish.

**Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us:
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

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.*

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *(Response)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 8.14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 42: *The sinless one to Jordan came*

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL: Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. And as the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit

descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for the sermon

Afterwards please stand and turn to face the font

The priest pours water into the font and says

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

To bless the water the priest says the following prayer

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
***Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Margaret and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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 (Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

72

 hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.

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 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

81

 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 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.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
 anoint your children with power from on high,
 and make them one with Christ
 in the freedom of your kingdom;
 for all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
 now and for ever. *Amen.*

God of truth,
 as you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us,
 look in mercy on your people.
 From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,
 and failed to be your disciples.
 From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

Though we are saved by Christ
 and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,
 we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.
 From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have shown indifference to those in need
 and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.
 From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have been slow to forgive,
 and have failed to remember your repeated forgiveness of our sins.
 From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

Today we rejoice and give thanks
 because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan;

and because through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit

you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

Almighty God,

as in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit;
so may we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride.

‘Come forward, you who are thirsty,
receive the water of life,
the free gift to all who desire it.’

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The water is sprinkled over the people as the priest returns
to the front of the church.*

God has made us one on Christ.

He has set his seal upon us, and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 29: *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

Please remain standing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you and singing: