

who will also preach, and both services will include the imposition of ashes. The ash is made by burning last year's palm crosses, so if you still have one please return it to Selwyn, either in church or through the Rectory letterbox, by Shrove Tuesday lunchtime.

On the **Sunday evenings of Lent** there will be further united Deanery services, at 6:30pm in various churches around the Deanery, and this year they will take as their theme "Following or Failing?" – how do we respond to Christ's call? These services will be advertised in detail in the forthcoming editions of our parish magazines, and there will also be posters about them in all our churches.

This year the **Diocesan Lent Appeal** is once again on behalf of the churches in our linked province of Papua New Guinea, and there will be bread and cheese lunches at the Rectory, with an opportunity to learn something about the appeal and to make contributions, **at 1:00 pm on three Fridays in Lent – 26<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March.**



Morton Hall

## Snowdrop Walk

Morton-on-the-Hill, off the A1067

*by kind permission of Ann, Lady Prince-Smith*

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

*Sorry, no dogs • Sturdy footwear • Refreshments available*

Donations to Quidenham Children's Hospice



Sunday 17 January 2010  
**EPIPHANY 2**

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who in Christ makest all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of thy grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known thy heavenly glory;  
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.*

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

## **New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11**

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## **Gospel: John 2.1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

All weekday services this week will be at their normal times.

This week we pray particularly for those who live in **Morse Close** in Great Witchingham.

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

*Shelagh Ashe; Marjorie Crayston; Osvaldo Ferreiro; Peter Frost; Sharon; Neita Harvey; Digby Horner; Jo, James & baby Daniel; John & Linda; John Parnon; Neil Plevy; Annette; Val; Alex Williams; Freda; Antoinette.*

**RIP** Neville Bunton                      Anne Dunn

## **Saint this week**

Tues    Wulfstan, bishop of Worcester (died 1095)

## **Event this week:**

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

## **Next Sunday: 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

## **Sunday 31st: CANDLEMAS**

10 am    Eucharist for the whole benefice at Alderford. This celebrates the 'Presentation' of the child Jesus in the temple with the usual simple Candlemas ceremonies.

Very soon we shall begin once again the season of Lent – the annual time of careful preparation for celebrating the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection, which we come to in Holy Week. Our observation of Lent begins with a celebration of the Eucharist on **Ash Wednesday** morning, 17<sup>th</sup> February, at **Attlebridge at 10:00 am**; and all the churches in Sparham Deanery join together for a service the same evening, at 7:30 pm in Reepham parish church. This service will be led by Bishop James