



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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

10:15 am

*Eucharist for  
the second Sunday before Lent*

*and Baptism of ARCHIE HARRIS*

*All Saints, Weston Longville*

Morning has broken  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing,  
Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing  
Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall  
Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day.

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

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.**

#### **Future events:**

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	Annual Eucharist in commemoration of St Robert Southwell, at Morton-on-the-Hill
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:45 pm	Great Witchingham PCC meets at The White House
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Benefice Fete Committee meets at The Old Hart, Weston Longville

The service for the **Women's World Day of Prayer** is held every year on the first Friday in March, and is organised in turn by women's Christian organisations from all around the world. This year it has been prepared by Christian women in Cameroon. Our service will be held in **St Mary's, Great Witchingham on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30 pm.** All are welcome, not only women but men and children too - and don't forget that St Mary's now has heat and electric light!

... and speaking of light – Pamela Garrett is starting up a new family service once a month at Weston Longville. It will have as its emblem **the lighthouse**, so that we remember the ways in which we can share the light of Christ's good news with those all around us. Each one will last about 40 minutes, and families – from babies to grandparents – are very warmly invited to come and try it out. The young people will be invited to take a much more active part in all that goes on! Squash and biscuits afterwards.

The first session will be in **Weston church on Mothering Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, at 10:15 am** – please give it your support, and give Pamela a ring if you would like to be involved. And whether you are able to come or not, **please everyone – pray for this new venture, and for Pam and all those taking part, as that first time draws closer!**



Morton Hall  
**Snowdrop Walk**

Morton-on-the-Hill, off the A1067  
*by kind permission of Aea, 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 Quickenham Children's Hospice

In ten days we begin once again the season of Lent – the annual time of 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 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.

**Sunday 21st: First Sunday in Lent**

**5:00pm Saturday 20th** The Eucharist at Swannington  
 9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland  
 10:00 am Children’s service at Swannington  
 10:15 am Holy Communion(1662) at Great Witchingham  
**6:30 pm** Deanery Evensong at Lyng –  
 Preacher, Canon Peter Halls

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. We are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. We are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life. Let us therefore confess our sins 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 stand to sing the Gloria:*

9 (Priest)

Glo-ry be to God on high and in earth peace, good

12

will to-wards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we

16

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,

23

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

For thy Church which evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our grateful hymn of praise.*

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



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

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along the **Old Fakenham Road** in Attlebridge.

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

*Ian Akhurst; Shelagh Ashe; Marjorie Crayston; Harry Debenham; Osvaldo Ferreiro; Peter Frost; Sharon; Neita Harvey; Peter Hodges; Digby Horner; Jo, James & baby Daniel; John & Linda; John Parnow; Molly Smith; Annette; Val; Alex Williams; Freda; Antoinette; Colin Woods.*

**Saint this week**

Wed Scholastica, abbess, sister of St Benedict (died 543)

**Events this week:**

Mon 6:00 pm Wedding rehearsal at Ringland  
Fri 7:30 pm Friday Club at Swannington

**Next Sunday: Last before Lent**

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville  
10:00 am The Eucharist at Swannington  
10:00 am All-Age Worship at Ringland (Jane Dryden)  
4:30 pm Wedding of JOHN WILLIAM HALES and MAXINE GWEN DEBENHAM at Ringland

God our creator, as by thy gift  
 the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
 and the bread of life at the heart of thy Church;  
 so may we who have been nourished at thy table on earth  
 be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
 and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*

The God of all grace,  
 who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
 establish, strengthen and settle you in your faith;  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

For the beauty of the earth,  
 For the beauty of the skies,  
 For the love which from our birth  
 Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
 This our grateful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,  
 Of the day and of the night,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
 Sun and moon and stars of light:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
 This our grateful hymn of praise.*

For the joy of human love,  
 Brother, sister, parent, child,  
 Friends on earth and friends above,  
 Pleasures pure and undefiled:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
 This our grateful hymn of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine,  
 To our race so freely given,  
 Graces human and divine,  
 Flowers of earth

and buds of heaven:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
 This our grateful hymn of praise.*



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.

Almighty God,  
who hast created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in thine own image:  
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works  
and thy likeness in all thy children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please sit down*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 2.4b-9 & 15-25**

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground - then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for

(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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died and rose for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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 motet Author of life divine.*

**After Communion please sit or kneel**

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.*

the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,

for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 65 (please remain seated)**

**Response:** *Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts.*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;

when our misdeeds prevail against us,

you will purge them away. *(Response)*

Happy are they whom you choose

and draw to your courts to dwell there.

We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,

even of your holy temple. *(Response)*

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

In your strength you set fast the mountains

and are girded about with might. *(Response)*

You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves  
and the clamour of the peoples.  
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;  
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. *(Response)*

You visit the earth and water it;  
you make it very plenteous.  
The river of God is full of water;  
you prepare grain for your people,  
for so you provide for the earth. *(Response)*

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.  
You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty. *(Response)*

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness  
and the hills be girded with joy.  
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn  
that they shall laugh and sing. *(Response)*

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 4**

I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.



#### **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.

**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 by water and the Holy Spirit  
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
thou dost raise us to new life with him  
and renew in us the image of thy 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:

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.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand  
are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.

Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honour and pow'r divine;  
And blessings,  
more than we can give,  
Be, Lord, forever thine.

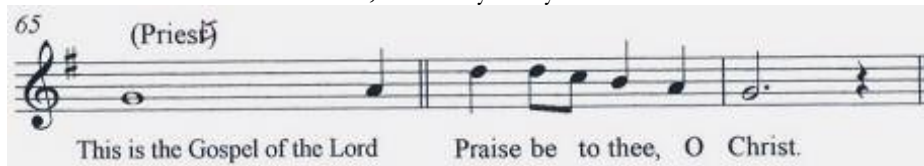
"Worthy the Lamb that died,"  
they cry,  
"To be exalted thus;"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
"For he was slain for us."

Let all creation join in one,  
To bless the sacred name  
Of him that sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.

## GOSPEL: Luke 8.22-25



One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'



*Please sit for the sermon. Then afterwards -*

At Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. The Father spoke from heaven; the Spirit descended as a dove, and Jesus was anointed with power from on high. For two thousand years men and women have marked their own acceptance of Christian faith and teaching by being baptized in the same way.

Children who are too young to profess the Christian faith are baptized on the understanding that they are brought up as Christians within the family of the Church.

As they grow up, they need the help and encouragement of that family, so that they learn to be faithful in public worship and private prayer, to live by trust in God, and come to confirmation.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
ARCHIE, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.  
***We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.***

*and we welcome the newly-baptized with loud applause!*

*The priest presents some cards to the parents and godparents,  
reminding them of this special time.*

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

*We offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

Lord of beauty,  
          thine the splendour  
shown in earth and sky and sea,  
burning sun  
          and moonlight tender,  
hill and river, flower and tree:  
lest we fail our praise to render  
touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying  
mighty waters ebb and flow,  
while unceasing, undelaying,  
planets on their courses go:  
in thy laws thyself displaying,  
teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining  
all below and all above;  
Lord of love,  
          by whose ordaining  
sun and stars sublimely move:  
in our earthly spirits reigning,  
lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,  
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,  
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,  
and, with vision purified,  
Lord of all,  
          when all have known thee,  
thou in all art glorified.

The priest pours water three times over Archie, saying

ARCHIBALD CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

Archie, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven. In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey. Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others. With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God. May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest gives one of Archie's godparents a lighted candle, and explains the ceremony as it happens; then he says

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.  
***Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.***

Parents and godparents; Archie, whom you have brought for baptism, depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement he needs. Therefore let us pray for grace in guiding him in the way of faith:

Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for Archie  
and grant them thy gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them thy healing and reconciling love,  
and protect their homes from all evil.  
Fill them with the light of thy presence  
and establish them in the joy of thy kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The parents and godparents stand*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.  
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number  
those whom he is calling.  
People of God, will you welcome Archie  
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?  
***With the help of God, we will.***

*The priest then says to the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Archie with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith, and walk with him in the way of Christ?  
*With the help of God, we will.*

In baptism Archie begins his own journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?  
*With the help of God, we will.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

*I turn to Christ.*

Do you repent of your sins?

*I repent of my sins.*

Do you renounce evil?

*I renounce evil.*

The priest explains what is about to happen and then makes the sign of the cross on Archie's forehead, saying

ARCHIE, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

***Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ***

***against sin, the world and the devil,***

***and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.***

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. ***Amen.***

**Please stand and turn to face the font**, as priest, parents and godparents assemble there.

*The priest pours water into the font and says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
***who keeps his promise for ever.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give thanks and praise.***

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan:  
we thank thee for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us.

We thank thee that through the waters of the Red Sea  
thou didst lead thy people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

We thank thee that through the deep waters of death  
thou didst bring thy Son, and raise him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that thy servant who is washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send thy Holy Spirit upon him,

bring him to new birth in the household of faith,

and raise him with Christ to full and eternal life;

for all might, majesty, authority, and power are thine,

now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Let us affirm, together with those who speak for Archie as he is baptized,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

***I believe and trust in him.***

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

***I believe and trust in him.***

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

***I believe and trust in him.***

This is the faith of the Church.

***This is our faith.***

***We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***