

On **Friday 19th March Swannington's annual Quiz 'n' Chips** takes place at Reepham High School. Doors open at 7:30 – first question at 8:00 pm. Teams of up to 8 people invited – tickets £8 per person including supper. Please book with Richard Cooke or Sally Day – bring your own drinks, glasses, cutlery etc.

*Full details of all the services and events of **Holy Week** are in the special leaflet being delivered with the March Wensum Diary, Pilgrim and Ringland Runner. Please also note as below:*

If you would like to take part by playing a 'character' in the long reading of the Passion story on **Palm Sunday** morning (28th March, **Attlebridge church 10am**) then please just sign up against the character you would like to read on the list at the back of any of our churches. There will be a brief 'read-through' practice in that church at 9:30 am on Saturday 27th.

On **Maundy Thursday** night the Eucharist of the Last Supper takes place at **7:30 pm** at **Swannington**. It includes the traditional ceremony of the feet-washing, as we follow the example of Christ's humility. If you wish to be one of those taking part and having your feet washed, **please add your name to the list** at the back of any of our churches.

From the end of the Maundy Eucharist the **Watch of Prayer** continues in **Swannington church till midnight**. There are also lists in all our churches dividing this time into 20-minute slots. **Once again, please indicate when you could be 'on watch', by your initials or a simple tick**. Don't feel you have to come alone; arrange to come with someone and help build up the atmosphere of prayer as we watch with Jesus.

The service at **2.00 pm on Good Friday** is at **Great Witchingham**, and it will as usual include hymns, Passion readings from Isaiah and St John's Gospel, anthems sung by the benefice choir, intercessions at the foot of the stark wooden cross, times for silence and reflection, and a final simple act of Communion. It is a time not just to focus on the reality of Christ's death but to thank God for his love. Please be there if you can; and if you would like to receive Communion at the end of the service, **once again there is a list here and in all our churches; please just add a tick to indicate you will be taking part**.



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LENT 2

Collect

Almighty God,
who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth,
to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness:
grant unto all them that are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15.1-7 & 18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

