



Collect:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel: John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have

told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 'The Father and I are one.'



All weekday services will be at their usual times this week, except that there will be **no** Morning Prayer on **Friday** at Morton-on-the-Hill, and Saturday morning's service at 9:00 am at Attlebridge will be the **Eucharist for St Philip & St James's Day**.

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **Station Road** in Attlebridge and **Station Road** in Lenwade.

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

Adam & Josie; Jack Coxall; Osvaldo Ferreira; Peter Frost; Peter Hodges; Guz Jones; Pauline Lomax; Wally; Paul McCoy; Sam and her family; Val; Freda.

RIP Pat Phipps

Events this week:

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| Tue | 4:30 pm | Benefice Fete Committee site meeting at Weston Longville village hall |
| Fri | 7:30 pm | Beetle Drive in Weston Longville village hall. Children free, adults £1. A raffle and some very light refreshments. This is mainly an excuse for some old-fashioned family fun, but any small profit will go to Weston church funds. Tickets available now from Selwyn, Dot, or Lady Ann; <i>but this event will be cancelled unless at least 30 tickets have been sold by lunchtime today.</i> |
| Sat 1 st
May | 9:00 am | Eucharist for St Philip & St James's Day at Attlebridge |
| | 1:00 pm | Baptism of HENRY ALFRED & HARRY FREDERICK WATKINS at Ringland. |

Saints this week:

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| Mon | Mark, companion of Barnabas and Paul, Evangelist (first century) |
| Wed | Philip and James the Less, Apostles (first century) |

Next Sunday: Easter 5

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| 9:00 am | The Eucharist (Common Worship) and baptism anniversaries at Ringland |
| 10:00 am | Lay Rogation Service at Swannington |
| 10:15 am | The Eucharist at Weston Longville |
| 5:00 pm | Songs of Praise at Great Witchingham; suggestions for favourites to sing, or new hymns to try, to Selwyn or Dick ASAP please! |



Sunday 9th May: Easter 6

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion (1662) at Weston Longville |
| 10:00 am | All Age Worship at Ringland (Sister Stella Noons) |
| 10:00 am | The Eucharist at Swannington (Revd Leslie Wilman) |
| 10:15 am | "Lighthouse" at Weston Longville (Pamela Garrett) |