



Sunday 2 May 2010
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 10:15 am Weston Longville

Collect:

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy grace preceding us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; 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.*

First Reading: Acts 11.1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’’ But I replied, ‘‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘‘John baptized with

Next Sunday: Easter 6

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS

- 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)

Future Events:

- Mon 10th 7:30 pm Weston Longville PCC meets at The Rectory
- Thu 13th 7:30 pm Benefice Eucharist with hymns for **The Ascension**, at Swannington
- Fri 14th 9:30 am Eucharist for St Matthias at Morton-on-the-Hill
- Sat 15th 10:00 am Churchyard clean-up at Swannington
- 2:00 pm Wedding rehearsal at Weston Longville

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- 5:00 pm on Saturday 15th** The Eucharist at Swannington
- 9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland
- 10:00 am Children’s service at Swannington (Richard Cooke)
- 10:15 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
- 6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford

water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Psalm 148 (please remain seated). Response:
Praise the Lord from the heavens and praise him in the heights.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host. *(Response)*

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.
Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. *(Response)*

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created.
He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. *(Response)*

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word; *(Response)*

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing; *(Response)*

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and women, old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord: *(Response)*

For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.
He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia! *(Response)*

Second Reading: Revelation 21, 1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his

peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

Gospel: John 13.31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’



All weekday services will be at their usual times this week, except that there will be **no** Morning Prayer on **Tuesday** at Weston Longville or on **Friday** at Morton-on-the-Hill.

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **The Street** in Lenwade and **The Street** in Morton-on-the-Hill.

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.

Saint this week:

Sat Julian of Norwich, religious, visionary (died 1417)

Events this week:

TODAY	5:00 pm	Informal Songs of Praise at Great Witchingham
Tue	3:30 pm	“All Saints Alive” after-school club at Great Witchingham School
Sat	10:00 am	Spring-clean at Ringland church