

A reminder that fête day is fast approaching - June 12th, starting at midday at Weston Longville village hall and playing field. We welcome any donations of raffle and tombola prizes, old crockery for smashing, books, plants and seedlings, home-made cakes and any offers of a spare pair of hands! Please leave any donations with Dot at The Old Hart, Weston Longville. Set-up will start at 9am on the day - if you can spare an hour or so to help put up tents and arrange tables and chairs, please come along. The days events include a Children's Fancy Dress parade so don't forget to start working on your costumes!



Sunday 9 May 2010
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 am Swannington

**Today we welcome as our President and preacher
Revd Leslie Wilman.**

Collect:

God our redeemer,
who have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

First Reading: Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel: John 14.23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

OR

Gospel: John 5.1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.



Most weekday services will be at their usual times this week, except that there will be **no** Evening Prayer on **Monday** at Attlebridge and **no** Morning Prayer on **Wednesday** at Ringland. On **Thursday (THE ASCENSION)** there will be a **Benefice Eucharist at Swannington at 7:30 pm**. **Friday** morning's service at Morton-on-the-Hill will be **the Eucharist for St Matthias' day**.

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **The Street** in Ringland.

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

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

Saints and observances this week:

THUR The Ascension of Christ

Fri Matthias, apostle (first century)

Events this week:

NB Tue 7:30 pm Weston Longville PCC meets at The Rectory

Thu 7:30 pm Benefice Eucharist with hymns
for **The Ascension**, at Swannington

Fri 9:30 am Eucharist for St Matthias at Morton-on-the-Hill

Sat 10:00 am Churchyard clean-up at Swannington

NB 3:30 pm Wedding rehearsal at Weston Longville

Next Sunday: Easter 7

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 Withingham

6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford

Future Events:

Mon 17th 7:30 pm Benefice Fete committee meets at The Old Hart

Tue 18th 3:30 pm "All Saints Alive" after-school club meets
at Great Withingham School

Wed 19th **NB 7:30 pm** Ringland PCC meets in church

Sunday 23rd May: PENTECOST

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Withingham

9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) at Ringland
(churchwardens)

10:00 am The Eucharist at Attlebridge

6:00 pm Evensong at Weston Longville (Pamela Garrett)