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Lord, we thank you for forgiveness,
All you give us through your Son;
May we learn to be forgiving
and to pray 'Your will be done.'
Lord, inspire us with your Spirit
as we listen to your Word;
Keep us open to fresh vision
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Bearing one another's burdens,
Lord, we gladly intercede
For our sisters and our brothers,
Those in any kind of need;
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Till in serving one another
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We would offer our commitment,
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Once again sent out with blessings
We would serve you evermore,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Whom we worship and adore.



Sunday 20 June 2010

TRINITY 3

10:15 am Great Witchingham

Collect:

Father of all,
who didst love the world so much that thou gavest thine only Son,
that all them that believe in him should have eternal and abundant life:
grant us grace to accept all thy gifts and to use them
for the good of others,
for the care of thy world
and to proclaim the values of thy kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

New Testament Reading:

2 Corinthians 8.1-5 & 11-15, and 9.7-8

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in our ministry to other churches – and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and then, by the will of God, to us. We urge Titus that, as you have already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you; so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and others' need, so that *their* abundance may one day be for *your* need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little:
The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.’

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

Gospel: John 6.1-14

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Jesus, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’



All weekday services will be at their usual times this week, except that there will be **no** Evening Prayer on Friday and **no services** on Saturday. Also the Eucharist previously advertised for Wednesday evening at Alderford will **not** now take place.

Offertory Hymn:

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to give our gifts to you:
all that we have is from your hand:
your love makes our life new.

We hold as treasure
from your store
the blessings of your grace:
the food and sunshine, water pure
you give the human race.

We stand indebted for all skill,
all joys,
all beauty shown;
music to sing, and life to thrill,
are pleasures that you loan.

Communion Hymn:

Body broken for our good,
and that body’s precious blood:
we receive them to our shame,
who dishonour Jesus’ name.
Every day more blood is shed;
flesh is broken, left for dead.
Where earth’s children bleed & die,
it is Christ we crucify.

Yet your love, God, draws us near,
though unworthy to be here;
we have nothing good to bring,
yet you give us everything.
Here you give us Christ who died,
resurrected, glorified;
his humanity, divine,
here is ours in bread and wine.

We bring you money as a sign
of all we would repay:
token of what I now call ‘mine’;
your gift for every day.

We come as stewards
of your grace,
entrusted still to show
your bounty to the human race
that all in you may grow.

We praise you for
the love that dares,
in spite of all our greed,
to risk our handing on the shares
to answer human need.

In communion with the Lord,
faith, hope, love are all restored;
here is wealth beyond compare,
wealth for all the world to share.
He reclaims our every breath:
all our life and even death
cannot be too great a price,
to fulfil his sacrifice.

Time, with energy and health,
talent, poverty or wealth:
all are yours, Lord, taken up
in the sign of bread and cup.
Though we may be broken too,
and our lives poured out for you,
make of us the living sign
of your love in bread and wine.

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This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **Weston Hall Road** in Weston Longville.

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

Sharon Clement; Jack Coxall; Osvaldo Ferreiro; Peter Frost; Peter Hodges; Guz Jones; Pauline Lomax; Wally; Sam and her family; Simon; Val; Freda.

RIP Peter Page-Thomas

Saints this week:

Tue Alban, first martyr of Britain (died 250)

Wed Etheldreda, abbess, founder of Ely Cathedral (died 678)

Event this week:

Wed 7:30 pm Benefice Fete Committee meets at The Old Hart

Next Sunday: Trinity 4

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

9:00 am Morning Prayer at Ringland (Churchwarden)

10:00 am The Eucharist ("**Giving for Growth**") at Attlebridge
– **Revd Charles Hall**

10:00 & 11:00 am Visits by the Parson Woodforde Society to Ringland
and Great Witchingham churches

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WESTON LONGVILLE

Sunday 27th June at 2:30 pm



Musick for the Parson

on the 270th birthday of Parson James Woodforde

Music from performances attended by James Woodforde
& mentioned in his Diaries

Selections from oratorios & theatrical pieces sung and performed by

∞ **The Play-House Musick** ∞

directed by Michael Withers

Tickets £8 including interval refreshments

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Proceeds to Weston Longville church funds

Future Events:

Mon 28th 7:00 pm Baptism rehearsal at Weston Longville
Tue 29th 9:00 am Eucharist for **St Peter's Day**
(Patronal Festival) at Ringland
Sat 3rd July 9:00 am Eucharist for St Thomas's day at Attlebridge

Sunday 4th July:

10:00 am Lay Service at Swannington
10:15 am The Eucharist and Baptism at Weston Longville
2:30 pm Baptism at Weston Longville
5:00 pm: **Informal Songs of Praise at Ringland.** As this is the nearest convenient Sunday to St Peter's Day, Ringland church is keeping this as its 'Patronal Festival', its church's birthday. There will be **no service there in the morning**, and we hope to see quite a number of people there in the afternoon. As it is the church's birthday the Songs of Praise will finish with a **cream tea, price £2** – and because of catering obviously we need to know approximate numbers in advance. So if you think you would like to come to the service, please could you let Selwyn or Dian Frost (868979) have suggestions for any favourite hymns to sing; and if you know you would like to stay for tea, could you please let Elaine Lockett (860026) or Eileen Pearson (868500) know by about Weds 30th June.

A huge thank-you to all those who worked so hard for months beforehand, and those who came along on the day to stand behind stalls or just to wander and enjoy themselves, for making the joint parishes' fete such a wonderful occasion and a success at Weston Longville last Saturday. It was really good to see so many people from each parish and each church working side-by-side; several people who brought stalls from other places commented on what a happy atmosphere there seemed to be, and asked if they could come again next year! So well done, all of you.

At the time of going to press the final figures have not been totalled up, but we are able to guess that the day produced somewhere in excess of £1600 - in other words about **£320** pounds per church - so again thank you for all your time and hard work. And a final special thanks must go to Rory Clements (assistant churchwarden at Ringland), whose idea the whole thing was in the first place!

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