

Notices for the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale

One flock, One Shepherd, Six pastures

11th March 2018, 4th Sunday of Lent MOTHERING SUNDAY (Year B Purple)

A prayer for Growing Disciples: God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our communities, and love to our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Welcome to our services today: a special welcome to those who are here for the first time and those whom we have not seen for a while. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to the person who gave you your books when you arrived or, after the service, the service leader or preacher. Our prayer is that all will feel welcomed, enjoy the worship and fellowship & can meet with God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today the dominant colour is still Purple in recognition of the season of Advent which began on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Eve. Lent is a time of reflection, penitence, alms giving and study in anticipation of, and preparation for, the great celebration of Easter Day. However, today is also known as “Refreshment Sunday”, a day of relief from the rigour of Lent!

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SERVICES today Mothering Sunday 11th March: Holy Communion: 9am St Michael and All Angels, Elton on the Hill (The Revd Canon Keith Turner); **All-age Worship** 10.30am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop (The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble, Rector of the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale); **Morning Worship:** 10.30am Colston Bassett (Edward Hine, Churchwarden & Katharine Bacon, Reader); **Noisy Church** 3.00pm St Andrew’s Langar (Bronwen and the team).

SERVICES for next Sunday 18th March: Holy Communion 9.00am Colston Bassett; 10.30am Holy Trinity, Tythby; **Morning Worship** 9.00am All Saints, Granby; 10.30am St Andrew’s, Langar

SPECIAL SERVICES coming up in March

25th **Palm Sunday** donkey led procession, 10.30am Unicorn’s Head to St Andrew’s, Langar
28th **Wednesday of Holy Week**, Chrism Eucharist, 7.30pm Southwell Minster
29th **Maundy Thursday**, Holy Communion, 7.30pm St Giles’, Cropwell Bishop
30th **Good Friday:** Pilgrimage starts 11.30am at St Giles’, Cropwell Bishop, 1.00pm at St. John’s Colston Bassett and 2.15pm at St Andrew’s Langar; 7.30pm The Passion Narrative at All Saints, Granby

EASTER DAY 1st April: beginning with the 6am Sunrise Service, St Mary’s Colston, followed by breakfast; 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Granby, 10.30am All-age Holy Communion at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop, 4pm Eggs and Bonnets service also St Giles.

For full details of services & activities including Holy Week and Easter see: Wiverton News (Feb/March edition), website www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk, church notice boards.

Holy Communion: we invite everyone to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion but if this is not your normal custom, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing. Holy Communion is offered in both kinds. Gluten free wafers are usually available; please tell the person who gave you your books if you require one.

HOME COMMUNIONS: for the housebound or infirm who are unable to get to church for Communion. Please notify me of anyone who has requested a Home Communion. Bron

Children in Church: We welcome children to all our services each Sunday, so don't worry if they are not quiet! Services where there is specific provision for children each month are:
1st Sunday: Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am at St Andrew's, Langar;
2nd and 4th Sundays: Noisy Church, 3.00pm at St Andrew's, Langar;
3rd Sunday: "All-age worship" for all generations 10.30am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop.
At other services, children are still very welcome; please ask the Wardens or sides-people for activity sheets etc if you wish. (Check notice boards for special arrangements for Mothering Sunday, Holy Week and Easter)

LITTLE SAINTS is for babies, toddlers and pre-school children with their parents or adult carers. Come and join us **10.30am to 11.30am** every Friday (apart from Bank holiday weekends) at The Old School, Fern Road, Cropwell Bishop. Toys, books, company and refreshments. There is no charge for this group.

HOME GROUPS weekly; these groups are for everyone, please choose the one most convenient for you. Please phone the leaders to check times and dates etc.

Monday evening Langar Robin & Julie Coles 01949 860655, randj4494@gmail.com

Tuesday afternoon, Cropwell Bishop 2.15 for 2.30 -4.00pm Hilary Tabron (0115 989 4836 hilarytabron@uwclub.net)

Tuesday evening Granby, 7.15 for 7.30 – 9.00pm Maureen Wright: 01949 850441 wright.maureen46@gmail.com

Wednesday evening Cropwell Bishop, Ann Mansell: 7.15 for 7.30– 9.00pm 0115 9892770 ann.mansell@hotmail.co.uk

REFRESH: during Lent we will be offering a Lent course, weekly meetings as above for 3 weeks followed by 2 "Refresh" meetings led by Bishop Paul at St Giles, West Bridgford on **13th and 20th March**. Alternative dates and locations for "Refresh" are available; please take a leaflet today to learn more about this initiative or checkout the Diocesan website.

WATER-AID Alms giving in Lent – We continue to support Water-Aid's annual Lent Appeal "Jars of Change". If you haven't done this before, the object is to fill an empty jar with change during Lent and after Easter pass it on to Water Aid. The provision of an accessible source of clean water, not only improves the health of those drink and use it, but also allows young people to access education instead of spending their time walking miles to fetch water from another clean source.

CONFIRMATION and Admission to Communion before Confirmation for children aged 7 or older; if you are thinking about making your adult commitment of faith and would like to be confirmed, I will be running a course in June/July this year, The Deanery Confirmation will be on 30 September, hosted at Bingham. Please be in touch with me about this and, likewise, regarding the admission of children to communion as appropriate.

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM/CHRISTENING, CONFIRMATION or ADMISSION TO COMMUNION please contact Bronwen 0115 9893172 or brongamble@hotmail.com.

NOISY CHURCH we are now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 3pm at St Andrew's Langar. We'll look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends this afternoon. No Noisy Church on 25th March as we'll be celebrating Palm Sunday in the morning at 10.30am at St Andrew's. In April we meet on 8th and 22nd.

TELLING OUR STORIES OF FAITH: if you would like the opportunity to share something of your story of faith, please let me know. It can be whatever you want to say: it might be about how you became a disciple; maybe an answer to prayer; who has helped you in your journey of and in faith; what events have been significant for you. The intention is that your story would then be placed on a notice board in church, for others (including visitors to the church) to read as an encouragement or inspiration. Granby church has already started this, so why not have a go yourself. *Bronwen*

DIARY for the week commencing 11th March

- **Sunday: Worship** as above
- **Home Groups:** please see above.
- **Mondays & Fridays: Morning Prayer** 8am at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop, about 30-35 minutes. All welcome.
- **Monday: "Time for you"** 8.55-10am, St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- **Monday: Parish Prayer Meeting** 7.00pm, Ann Mansell's home
- **Tuesday: Refresh Evening** 7.15 for 7.30pm St Giles, West Bridgford
- **Wednesday: Coffee, Cake and Chat** 9am-11am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- **Thursday: Wedding rehearsal** 7.30pm St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- **Friday: Little Saints** for babies, toddlers, pre-school and their carers **10.30am to 11.30am**, the Old School, Fern Road Cropwell Bishop;
- **Saturday: Wedding** 1pm St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- **Sunday: Worship** as above

DATES for your diary for March, April, May (new entries marked with 1 or more *)

- **SOUPERBOWL:** 12.20 for 12.30pm Colston Village Hall: **5 Apr**, 3 May
- **STAFF meeting for service rotas** 9am Rectory, **5 March, 14 May**
- **PCC Meeting** 7.15 for 7.30pm **5 March**, St Andrew's, Langar
- **MOTHERING SUNDAY:** services across the parish **11 March**
- **PARISH PRAYER MEETING 45 mins** (2nd Monday of the month): next one 7pm, Anne Mansell's home **12 March** This is vital to Growing Disciples.
- ****EASTER ACTIVITIES AFTERNOON** 2-4pm, St Andrew's, Langar **24 March**. For under 12's, pre-schoolers with adult carers. **Helpers needed.**
- **EAST BINGHAM LAY SYNOD MEMBERS'** meeting 26 March 7.00-9.00pm, at St Andrew's Langar.

PRAYER MATTERS If you would like us to pray for you, someone else or a particular situation or concern, please contact the Rector, in confidence, The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble (0115 9893172) brongamble@hotmail.com.

For prayer today and in the coming weeks:

The church world-wide: we pray for the people clergy & Bishops of The Church of England The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Diocese of Karlstad, Church of Sweden.

Prayer for the world: Syria; vulnerable refugees; North Korea; international trading relationships; Winter Paralympics;

Our own Nation: ongoing BREXIT negotiations; “spy” poisoning in Salisbury;

Diocese: Mothering Sunday – we pray for all mothers and carers;

Deanery: Appointment of a Deanery Treasurer from the Synod membership; appointments to Standing Committee (lay and clergy).

Our Parish and those for whom we have been asked to pray:

- Personal and corporate observance of lent and support of Water Aid;
- inviting and welcoming people to events and services across the parish;
- home teams, PCC members, ex-officio members and Churchwardens;
- Growing disciples wider, younger, deeper in our parish;
- living and proclaiming the Gospel as followers of Jesus;
- the sick, lonely, homeless, vulnerable, housebound, their families and carers: Roger Fletcher; Kathleen Hardy; Trevor Rose; Jackie Swift; Dick Bond; Eric Calvert; others struggling with poor mental health, loneliness, anxiety, family break-down, those in debt, relationship/reconciliation issues;
- those who have died recently: Ken Lee, Patricia Price, Patrick Lilley; those who mourn their loss or the loss of another in the past.

READINGS: Exod 2.1-10 or 1 Sam 1.20-end; 2 Cor 1.3-7 or John 19.25b-27;

Psalms 34.11-20

11 Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who is there who delights in life ♦and longs for days to enjoy good things?

13 Keep your tongue from evil ♦and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; ♦seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous ♦and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, ♦

to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them & delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the broken hearted ♦ & will save those who are crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦from them all will the Lord deliver them.

20 He keeps all their bones, ♦so that not one of them is broken.

GENEROSITY IN GIVING: In response to God’s generosity in his gift of Jesus to us, the Bible teaches that the people of God are to give at least 10% of their income back to God. Many do, but we know that some struggle to meet this aspiration. No matter how much you do give, we want to say, “thank you” for your gift which helps to support the ministry, mission and ongoing maintenance of your churches, estimated at over £2000 a week.

Further information, on gift aiding your gift, how to give on a regular basis by standing order or leaving a legacy to the Church in your will, is available from our Parish Treasurer: Max Jordan: 0115 989 9299 or Bronwen, in the case of a legacy.

*Items for 18 March notices to The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble: 0115 9893172
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Your gift enables us to:

- help people to respond to questions of life, to grow in and deepen their faith;
- serve and support people of different ages, backgrounds and stages of life across 10 villages and hamlets and in three schools through: worship, friendship, mission, ministry, fellowship, teaching, pastoral care, thanksgiving for the birth of a child, baptism (christening), confirmation, marriage and funerals;
- play our part in the Deanery, Diocese and the world-wide Church;

All of this costs more than £2000 a week. As a charity, the Church of England receives no government funding, so we are reliant on people like you, so THANK YOU. If you are a taxpayer (ie Income and/or Capital Gains tax) & your gift is cash of more than £20 or a cheque (of any amount) please use the yellow gift aid envelopes for your offering today. Cash, envelopes and non-gift aided cheques should be placed in the plate/bag before or during the service. If you are a higher-rate tax payer and wish to claim higher rate relief on your Tax Return, please use a yellow gift aid envelope (regardless of the amount) so that your gift is recorded by the church and advised to HMRC.