

Notices for the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale

One flock, One Shepherd, Six pastures

25 March, Palm Sunday to Easter Day, 1 April 2018

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 Red for Palm Sunday and remains so through Holy Week until Maundy Thursday when it will be White for Holy Communion; after that service the altar will be bare (or covered with sackcloth) until Easter Day morning when the colour is White or Gold for the great celebration of the Risen Christ.

If you do not already receive these weekly notices by email, but would like to do so, please email me: brongamble@hotmail.com. We will not pass on your details to any third party without your express permission. **If you wish to unsubscribe** at any point, please send such a request, to that effect, to me, as above; *Bronwen*

PARKING AT ST ANDREW'S, LANGAR we have been advised by Langar Hall that it is OK to park on the grass again, in front of the church wall. However there are some traffic cones at the edge of the grass where it is still very wet and muddy, so please drive a little further along the access road to find a space.

SERVICES today PALM SUNDAY 25th March: Parish Holy Communion with a Donkey led procession starting at 10.30am from the Unicorn to St Andrew's church or 10.30am in church if you do not want to join the procession; (Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble, Rector of the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale); NO Noisy Church or evening service.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Morning prayer throughout Holy Week 26th to 30th at 8am at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

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

31st **Easter Eve** Morning Prayer at 9am at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

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 and beyond see: Wiverton News (Feb/March and April/May editions), website www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk church notice boards.

Holy Communion in church: 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 Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter).

HOT CROSS BUNS for the Good Friday Pilgrimage; offers of Hot Cross Buns are invited. Please slice and "butter" them, wrap in cling film or place in air tight container and leave them on the table outside the Millennium Room in St Andrew's, Langar, any time between 8am and 1pm on Good Friday. Don't forget to collect your container later in the day. Thank you, *Bron*

LITTLE SAINTS: NO SESSION on Good Friday, back on 6th April 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 in Holy Week and Easter week.

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*

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.

NOISY CHURCH meets 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 Palm Sunday, back in April on 8th and 22nd.

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM/CHRISTENING or CONFIRMATION or Admission to Communion before Confirmation for children aged 7 or older? please contact Bronwen 0115 9893172 or brongamble@hotmail.com. 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.

DIARY for the 2 weeks commencing 25th March

- **Sunday: Worship** as above
- **Home Groups:** please see above.
- **Monday to Friday: 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: East Bingham Lay Synod Members meeting** 7-9pm, St Andrew's, Langar
- **Wednesday: Coffee, Cake and Chat** 9am-11am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop.
- **Wednesday:** 7.30pm Chrism Service at Southwell Minster as above.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Holy Communion 7.30pm St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- **GOOD FRIDAY** pilgrimage and evening devotions (as above).
- **EASTER EVE Saturday: Morning Prayer** 9am at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop, about 30-35 minutes. All welcome.
- **EASTER DAY 1st April: Worship for Easter Day** as above
- **Monday:** Bank Holiday Monday so **no 8am Morning Prayer**
- **Monday:** Private Service of Prayer and Dedication, 1pm St Andrew's, Langar
- **Wednesday:** Wedding rehearsal 7pm St Andrew's, Langar.
- **Thursday :** Souperbowl, 12.20 for 12.30pm, Colston Village Hall
- **Thursday:** Wedding rehearsal 7pm St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- **Friday:** Funeral of the late June Ward, 10am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop.
- **Saturday:** Pop-up café 10am to noon, St Andrew's, Langar
- **Saturday:** Wedding: 12.30pm St Giles, Cropwell, Bishop
- **Saturday:** Wedding: 3pm, St Andrew's, Langar

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

- **PARISH PRAYER MEETING 45 mins** (2nd Monday of the month): next one **7pm**, Anne Mansell's home **9 April** This is vital to Growing Disciples.
- **SOUPERBOWL:** 12.20 for 12.30pm Colston Village Hall: **5 Apr**, 3 May
- **STAFF meeting for service rotas** 9am Rectory, **14 May**
- **Annual Meeting of parishioners (APM) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):** 7.15 for 7.30pm St Andrew's Langar, **30 April 2018**

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 Diocese of Lund, Church of Sweden

Prayer for the world: Syria: civilians in Ghouta and Afrin; international trading relationships; USA anti-gun protests; France;

Our own Nation: ongoing BREXIT negotiations; tensions with Russia; good weather over the Easter Holiday;

Diocese: as we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem so we pray for the peace of that city and for all people of faith who see it as a spiritual home The Most Revd Suheil Dawani Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem

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

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

- Rebecca & Jason and Sarah & Tim preparing for marriage next month;
- Personal and corporate observance of lent and support of Water Aid;
- inviting and welcoming people to Holy Week and Easter services;
- for people to hear the good news of the resurrection;
- New ways of 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; June Ward those who mourn their loss or the loss of another in the past.

READINGS for Palm Sunday: Mark 11.1-11; Maundy Thursday: Exod 12.1-14, 1Cor 11.23-26, John 13.1-17, 31b-35

EASTER DAY: Acts 10.34-43 and Mark 16.1-8

Bronwen's leave: I will be taking a few days during the two weeks after Easter so if there is anything urgent which requires my attention before then, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you, *Bronwen*

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 8 April notices to The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble: 0115 9893172
OR 2 Dobbin Close, OR brongamble@hotmail.com, by 5 April*

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.