

Notices for the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale

One flock, One Shepherd, Six pastures

5th Sunday of Easter, 29 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, 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.

Throughout the Easter season the dominant colour is White or Gold for the glorious celebration of the Risen Christ.

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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 still 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 SUNDAY 29th April Holy Communion: 10.30am All Parish Service, St John's, Colston Bassett (Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble, Rector of the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale); **Songs of Praise** 6.00pm All Parish Service, All Saints, Granby, an opportunity to sing some favourites and some new ones too. (The Revd Canon Keith Turner).

SERVICES next SUNDAY 6th May: All Parish Service Holy Communion: 10.30am St Andrew's, Langar; **Rogation** (suitable for all ages) 4.00pm Holy Trinity, Tythby.

Everyone is welcome to all and any of the services; for full details of services & activities see: Wiverton News (April/May edition), website www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk church notice boards.

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 usually 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.

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

TOMORROW EVENING: ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (APM) AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM): 7.15 for 7.25pm St Andrew's Langar, Monday **30 April 2018**

LITTLE SAINTS: 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 unless otherwise stated; 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 (fortnightly) 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*) As Hilary is on holiday, please check for venue

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*

LAST DAY for your WATER-AID Alms giving in Lent – Please hand over your Water Aid gift (preferably as a cheque payable to Water Aid, not cash) direct to our Treasurer Max or via your church warden or worship leader **TODAY**. 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. What ever you give will be welcome. **Bron will be happy to collect them this morning at Colston Bassett and Maureen Wright in the evening at Granby to give to Max first thing tomorrow.**

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. 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.

CONFIRMATION COURSE proposed dates: 6 weekly sessions on Mondays (except 2 July which is moved to 3 July) starting 4 June to 9 July inclusive, 7.30pm at the Rectory. Please let Bron know if you intend to come even if you can't manage all 6 sessions.

NOISY CHURCH meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 3pm at St Andrew's Langar. We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends on 13th and 27th May.

DIARY for the week commencing 29th April

- **Sunday: Worship** as above
- **Home Groups:** please see above.

- **Monday and 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: Annual meetings 7.15 for 7.25pm**, St Andrew’s, Langar
- **Tuesday: Funeral**, the late Philip Whitley, Wilford Hill.
- **Tuesday: 7pm St Andrew’s Langar**, Deanery Leadership Team Mapping Meeting
- **Wednesday: Coffee, Cake and Chat and Bellringing Beginners** 9am-11am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. All welcome.
- **Friday: Little Saints** for babies, toddlers, pre-school and their carers **10.30am to 11.30am**, the Old School, Fern Road Cropwell Bishop;
- **Saturday: Coffee and Cake** 10am St Andrew’s, Langar
- **Sunday: Worship as above** and a service of baptism at 2pm, St John’s, Colston Bassett
- **Monday: Bank holiday**

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 **14 May**, 11 June, 9 July. This is vital to Growing Disciples.
- **PCC MEETING** 7.30pm **8 May**, St Michael’s, Elton
- **SOUPERBOWL:** 12.20 for 12.30pm Colston Village Hall: **3 May**, 7 June, 5 July
- **FUNERAL** for the late Maggie Brewill, noon 9 May, St Andrew’s, Langar
- ****STAFF meeting for service rotas** 9am Rectory, **14 May**, 9 July
- ****THY KINGDOM COME** global prayer for Mission: special events: **Ascension Day (10 May)** 11am to 2pm, St Giles, Cropwell Bishop and 7.30pm service at All Saints, Granby; **Friday 18 May** 7.30pm service at Trent Vineyard and **Pentecost Sunday (20 May)** in our parish.
- *****HUNGER LUNCH for Christian Aid:** Sunday 20th May from 11.30am to 1.00pm, **Parish event** hosted by St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. **ALL WELCOME, look out for posters**

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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and Diocese of Gothenburg, Church of Sweden:

Prayer for the world: Syria: refugees; North and South Korea; refugees from renewed fighting between the army and ethnic Kachin rebels in Myanmar's northernmost state.

Our own Nation: give thanks for the birth of a 3rd child to The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge; immigration issues for “Windrush” people; the Home Secretary; **BEXIT Diocese:** The Archdeacon of Newark (David Picken)

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

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

- couples preparing for marriage; our support of Water Aid, our Lent Appeal;
- living and proclaiming the Gospel as followers of Jesus;
- the sick, lonely, homeless, vulnerable, housebound, their families and carers: Roger Fletcher; Kathleen Hardy; 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: Eva Bint, Trevor Rose, Alice Whiteman; Philip Whitley; Maggie Brewill; those who mourn their loss or the loss of another in the past.

READINGS for today: Psalm 22. 25-end; Acts 8.26-end; John 15.1-8

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦ those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦
and he rules over the nations.

29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, ♦
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

30 He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; ♦
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, ♦
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

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, costing over £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.

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 6 May notices to The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble: 0115 9893172
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