

Notices 16th Dec 2018, Third Sunday of Advent
Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures

Welcome to our services on Sunday 16th December:

10.30am Holy Communion, St John the Divine, Colston Bassett
Rev Canon Christopher Wheaton

10.30am JOY! 😊, St Giles', Cropwell Bishop JOY! Team

6.00pm Carol Service, All Saints', Granby

Maureen Wright (Churchwarden) and Katharine Bacon (Reader)

Shoeboxes on their way

The Operation Christmas Child lorry has left Nottingham for Belarus with 5748 shoeboxes full of gifts for very needy children, and 69 of these were from this parish of Wiverton in the Vale. Very many thanks for your generosity on behalf of the children. *Vivien*

Your help needed! Please see information in our local churches and on the parish website, www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk for a simple questionnaire through which all parishioners, whether or not they are regularly involved in the life of the church, may offer insights and opinions to help inform the drawing up of a 'Parish Profile' which is a key part of preparing to appoint a new Rector.

DIARY for the week commencing 16th December:

- **Sunday Worship** as above;
- **Home Groups:** times and venues listed overleaf;
- **Monday and Friday: Morning Prayer**, 8.30am at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop, about 30 minutes;
- **Monday: "Time for you"** 9.00am-10am, St Giles, Cropwell Bishop;
- **Monday: Parish Prayer Meeting**, 7.30pm
5 Clarke Close, Cropwell Bishop;
- **Tuesday: Barnstone Under Fives Group**, 9.30 – 11.00am
for babies to toddlers under 5, Barnstone Village Hall;
- **Wednesday: "Coffee, Cake and Chat"** 9am-11am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop with Bell-ringer Beginners from 10am;

NEW BOOKLET: 'FAITH FOR FAMILIES' will be available at the JOY! Service.

The Children's Society. This year is the 50th anniversary of the link between Christingle Services and The Children's Society (formerly National Children's Society) with the services being a key focus for fundraising to enable this charity to maintain its vital role in supporting vulnerable children. Here in this Parish we have regularly supported this and are happy to continue to do so. Collecting candles will be available at St Andrew's, Langar and at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. Gift aid envelopes will be available in all our churches. Please return donations at any of the services between now and Sunday 20th January.

COMING UP and DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Services for Sunday 23rd December

- 9.00am Holy Communion, St Giles', Cropwell Bishop
- 10.30am Carol Service, All Saints', Tythby
- 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight, St Andrew's, Langar
- 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight, St John's, Colston Bassett
- 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight, St Michael's, Elton

Next **Parish Prayer Meeting**, 7th January: 7.30pm,
5 Clarke Close, Cropwell Bishop;

Next **Staff Meeting**, 7th January: 10.30am,
8 Cropwell Butler Rd, Cropwell Bishop.

Next **Superbowl**, 10th January: 12.20pm,
Colston Bassett Village Hall.

Big E Day, focusing on children's and youth ministry, 30th March 2019, Minster School, Southwell. £10 per head to include lunch. Worship, keynote talk with Bishop Tony, workshops, market place. Bookings now open, contact kate.hurst@southwell.anglican.org

HOME GROUPS

Monday evening (fortnightly) Langar Robin & Julie Coles 01949 860655, robin.coles@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

Tuesday afternoon, Cropwell Bishop 2.15 for 2.30 -4.00pm Hilary Tabron 0115 9894836

Tuesday evening Granby, 7.15 for 7.30 – 9.00pm Maureen Wright: 01949 850441 maureen.wright@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

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

LOST NATIVITY SET The knitted nativity set for St John the Divine Church, Colston Bassett can't be found. If you know where it might be, please let Dorothy Thompson know. Many thanks.

Thanks from Barry

“Barry and Marion Garner wish to thank all the Wiverton congregations for their good wishes and their generosity, and for their great kindness during our time with you. May God richly bless you all.”

READINGS for today:

Psalm 146, 5-end; Zephaniah 3, 14-end; Luke 3, 7-18,
or as otherwise advised by service leader.

Psalm 146, 5-end

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER MATTERS If you would like us to pray for you, someone else or a particular concern, please contact Hilary Tabron RLM, in confidence, 0115 9894836 or by email as on front page.

Please pray for:

all those who share responsibility for the ongoing worship, ministry and witness of the Parish while we are in vacancy, and for all those who are giving us extra support. We pray for the whole process of seeking a new incumbent, that God's hand will be in and over every part of this;

people who find Christmas difficult for whatever reason;
the ongoing work of The Children's Society and the many charities who rely heavily on the generous giving of people in this season;
those for whom we have been asked to pray: those suffering ill health or infirmity including Roger Fletcher, Kathleen Hardy, Dick Bond, Pam Mosely; those who have died recently including Wilfred Bellamy, Barry Carver, Jackie Swift, or whose anniversary falls at this time, and those who mourn them.

Keeping in touch; staying informed

These notices are posted week by week on the Parish website:

www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk

You may receive these by email by subscribing to the website notification service at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/subscribe

There will still be copies of notices printed for churches.

Please send information for inclusion to
hilary.tabron@wivertoninthevale.co.uk
by Wednesday for the following weekend.

To keep in touch via **Facebook Group**, search 'St Giles' Church, Cropwell Bishop' on Facebook and request to join the group.