



The Wiverton News

from your village churches and chapels

April/May 2020



In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and also Methodist Central Office, have issued advice that public worship is to be suspended until further notice.

Unfortunately there will be no Sunday Services until further notice and sadly we have had to

close all our churches, but we are offering support in new ways.

Please do [subscribe to our website updates](#) and check our website each week for [weekly notices](#).

If you would like prayer or a phone call please do use our [Virtual Prayer Box](#).

Other events are also suspended or postponed.

Rachel Mitchell, Rector 07944 992178



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*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy!
I look to you for protection.
I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings
until the danger passes by.
Psalm 57:1*



Over the thousands of years since this was written many have found shelter and security in their faith in the God who loves and cares for his people.

At weddings and funerals people still choose Psalm 23;
*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters...*

The Lord is our shepherd. Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd'. We are presented with a beautiful picture of serenity and generous provision. However, we are also reminded that there will be dark valleys of tough times;
*.....Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.*

God's promise is that he will walk through the tough times; his rod and staff, prompting and guiding us.

Part of our guidance now of course, is to follow government guidance, including washing our hands regularly, and self-isolation if we are at risk or if we have a new persistent cough or cold or flu symptoms.

In light of the government guidance around non-essential contact, and with great sadness, the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale have suspended all services and closed all church buildings until further notices.

However, as a community we can worship together. Why not set you alarm for 12 noon each day and join us for Midday Prayer. You will be able to find [resources on our website](#). Perhaps you have only a few moments to pray the Lord's Prayer or the prayer below; whatever your

words your loving Father in heaven will simply be happy to hear you and is closer than you can imagine.

There is also an opportunity for you to [leave your prayer requests on our website](#), or simply to ask for someone to call you.

We may need to pay attention to 'social distancing' but we are not alone. We will need to find new ways to connect in the days to come.

During Holy Week and each Sunday there will be a [short service posted on our website](#) when we can worship together. If you can please join us.

Finally, let us pray together.

Keep us, Good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious,

Be with those who care for the sick,

And lift up those who are brought low;

That we might find comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

And...keep washing your hands...Rev'd Rachel, Rector

Keeping in touch; staying informed

Through this challenging time, when contact is so limited, it's even more important to keep in touch!

*Weekly **notices/updates/resources** will be posted week by week on the Parish website:*

www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk

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Baptisms

8 March	Thomas and Emily Bellamy	St Giles', Cropwell Bishop
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Funerals and burials

3 February	Anthony Bellamy <i>late of Langar</i>	Grantham Crematorium
11 February	Roger Fletcher	St Andrew's, Langar
19 February	June Hindley	Interment of ashes at St Giles', Cropwell Bishop
7 March	Douglas Hackett	Interment of ashes at St Giles', Cropwell Bishop
10 March	Barbara Price	Holy Trinity, Tythby followed by burial at St Wilfred's, Screveton.

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Enquiries

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For dedications, baptisms, weddings, funerals and membership in the **Methodist Church**, contact the **Rev'ds Martin Smithson** or **Nel Shallow** (above).