



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

PENTECOST

**DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

**10.30am – Pause for Prayer and Reflection** (on our website)

The service this Sunday will be led by Revd Rachel. Revd Clare Connell will be preaching, Peter and Helen Hills will be leading the intercessions and Dorothy Thompson will be leading sung worship.

You will find the relevant readings further into the Notice Sheet.

Please [click here](#) to join the service at 10.30am (or later).

<http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/ppr>

**11.30am – Time for a Cuppa** (via [Zoom](#))

Please join us for a cuppa after the service which is now starting at 11.30am. There should still be plenty of time to grab a drink first...

Please [click here](#) to join us for a cuppa after the service on Sunday.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74950866120?pwd=aFl6NC9lR0hwd0RCNVZjUUFLaTBUUT09>

Meeting ID: 749 5086 6120

Password:

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**MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via [Zoom](#))

All are invited to parish prayers via zoom on Monday's and Fridays at 9am

Please [click here](#) to join the All Parish Morning Prayer.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5166315225?pwd=bml2dGhaaGYrQ3NsVnVMRVVBYTlNXQT09>

Meeting ID: 516 631 5225

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**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**

**11.00am – Coffee, Cake & Chat** (via [Zoom](#))

St Giles Church, Cropwell Bishop invites you for Coffee, Cake and Chat...bring your own...

Please [click here](#) to drop in and say hello and meet old friend and new.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74290469807?pwd=L2dERHpXUmlzYVJJOWFrT050V0dvQT09>

Meeting ID: 742 9046 9807

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**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via [Zoom](#))

Please [click here](#) to join the All Parish Morning Prayer.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85047800264?pwd=Kzk0cFFCdHJyK2YwRmNZYkp4a0NCZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 4780 0264

Password:

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**'GOD IS NOT LOOKING  
FOR SOMEONE WITH  
ABILITY BUT SOMEONE  
WITH AVAILABILITY...'**

**JOYCE MEYER**



### **FROM SID MITCHELL**

I've been loving exploring the footpaths, tracks and lanes around our new home. Early mornings are my favourite time of day and although I do try to be disciplined about setting time aside each morning to read my Bible and pray if I'm honest I'm always relieved to have ticked that box and be free to get outside. Maybe I should make myself more available to listen?

Last week I was cycling along the canal path enjoying the early morning sunshine and birdsong. I find it so much easier to connect with God in the beauty of His creation.

I'd noticed previously how varied the sections of canal are; mostly overgrown with saplings and other wild vegetation, other areas still holding water but choked with bulrushes and reeds, and then a clearing of water with duckweed, algae and other growth. (I used to go to 'dipping' in ponds as a boy taking a net full of water, weed and mud home in a bucket, tipping it into an aquarium and being amazed at the life that came into view as the mud settled – I wondered what life this stretch of water held!) ... and at last a stretch of clear water reflecting the images of hedgerow, trees and clear sky above and even a pair of swans elegantly gliding along!

Such a diversity of natural habitat, each providing for wildlife and fauna, both seen and unseen.

I started thinking that as wonderful a picture this was it reminded me of how cluttered, congested and stifled my life and my heart so easily became. There can be a diversity of life in this congestion and yet sometimes it is useful to de-clutter, decongest and dredge out the unnecessary and make space for clarity, reflection and growth.

As I was musing on this a word popped into my mind.

Purpose.

(Was that from you Lord? Well thank you anyway!)

The purpose of the Grantham canal was initially for transportation of coal and later for water for agriculture. What is my purpose? To glorify God and tell others about Jesus? Maybe that should be my priority?

Perhaps this is a time where I should be reminding myself of my purpose and allow everything that is hindering that purpose, as enjoyable and beautiful as it may be, to be cleared away.

Maybe if we make ourselves available and find purpose during this restricted time it will open our eyes and give direction and greater purpose post lockdown.

I heard a lovely example of someone in our parish who has dedicated themselves to emailing or phoning someone everyday simply to see how they are coping. What an example that is.

Availability with purpose!

## READINGS

### Acts 2: 1-21

**2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

IT SOUNDS LIKE  
THINGS WERE  
**REALLY** OUT OF  
CONTROL



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OUT OF  
HUMAN  
CONTROL..



BUT **NEVER** OUT OF  
THE **SPIRIT'S** CONTROL



**RIGHT!**  
THAT'S WHAT  
I MEANT.



ACTS 2:1-21

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## John 20: 19-23

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## HONORARY TREASURER REQUIRED

The PCC is seeking a new treasurer to look after the finances of the Wiverton in the Vale PCC.

The Volunteer will be required to be a trustee of the PCC and maintain the Bookkeeping System and Bank Accounts for this registered charity.

Basic computer skills including the use of Microsoft Word and Excel Spreadsheets, E-mailing and an understanding of bookkeeping principles will be necessary but formal qualifications are not required.

The position of Treasurer requires a commitment of up to 6 hours per week and full training will be given to ensure a smooth transition from the existing treasurer who is available to discuss the role with any interested person.

Please contact our current Treasurer Max by phone 0115 9899299 or email [treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk) if you wish to discuss this position further.

## REFLECTION FROM THE REV. NADIA BOLZ-WEBER

The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, Lutheran pastor and author (and now podcaster - The Confessional) offered this reflection at St Thomas Episcopal Church, Saint Petersburg, FL. Deacon, the Rev. Martha Goodwill, shares with us.

"I do not know when we can gather together again in worship, Lord.

So, for now I just ask that:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder's Songs in The Key of Life Album, that it be counted as praise. (Happy 70th Birthday, SW!)

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, may it be counted as a Kyrie.

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier may it be counted as passing the peace.

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower may it be counted as remembering my baptism.

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer.

And that when I stumble upon a Tabitha Brown video and hear her grace and love of you may it be counted as a hearing a homily.

And that as I sit at that table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion.

Amen."

-Nadia Bolz-Weber



## COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## PRAYER MATTERS *Please remember in your prayers this week:*

Our mental wellbeing and wholeness.

We give thanks for:

Our farmers and all who are involved in the processes that take our food from field to table.

Our hard working and faithful NHS staff, and all key Workers.

The community support groups in our villages.

Care homes and care workers.

Our homes.

We pray for:

Our schools; in particular head teachers and governors as some children and staff begin to return to school this week.

Families facing severe hardship and children missing their school meals.

Good growing weather.

Adequate rains to enable crops and grass to grow.

All facing the financial impact of these times.

Guidance for the leaders in government and health officials.

Scientists, researchers, and medical personnel.

Food banks and distribution centres.

We remember;

Those we know and love who are sick at this time in body, soul and mind.

Those for whom we have been asked to pray and all who love them including Dick Bond, John, Sarah and David. The family and loved ones of those who have died recently especially the family of Thomas Ernest Selby, known as Ernie, and Joyce Bagnall, aged 89 from Langar.

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayers.

**HOW CAN WE GIVE?** The Church of England receives no government funding other than some tax concessions, and our churches are dependent upon money given or raised locally to fund their ministry and upkeep, including heating, insurance and maintenance.

Since we are not able to host services, if you are not already contributing by standing order, this might be the right time for you to consider this.

*If you would like to find out more about this, or to change an existing order, please contact Max in confidence via [treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk)*

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED**

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

[www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk)

To receive a copy of these notices by email every Saturday, please subscribe to the website notification service at

[www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/subscribe](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/subscribe)

### **KEY CONTACTS**

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**Rachel's day off:** Friday

#### **Parish Administrator**

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Anna can direct enquiries to the most appropriate person.

#### **Safeguarding Officer / Coordinator**

Any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to the

Safeguarding Coordinator for the Parish, Gareth Parker:

07738 091338 or [gareth.parker@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:gareth.parker@wivertoninthevale.co.uk)

**Further information and contact details can be found on the parish website at [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who)**