



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures

Notices 21st June 2020

TRINITY 2

DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Please email Revd Rachel at rector@wivertoninthevale.co.uk if you would like links to Zoom meetings sending to you.

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

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

The service this Sunday will be led by Sid, Revd Rachel will be preaching, Mike Raines will be leading the intercessions, Julie Coles will be reading and Dorothy will be leading sung worship.

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...

MONDAY 22ND JUNE

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

All are invited to parish prayers via zoom on Mondays and Fridays at 9am

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE

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

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

7.30pm – Alpha (via [Zoom](#))

Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. Please contact Rachel and Sid on 07944 992178 for more details.



FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

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

FROM THE RECTORY, BY KATHARINE BACON

I hope that, like me, you've had a chance to read a book or two while in self-isolation. I was recommended "[Mission-Shaped Grace](#)" by John McGinley by our Rector Rachel and picked it up a few days ago. It's a bit slow to get going but now I can't wait to get back into it to discover its treasures. Its title was a bit off-putting so I didn't feel drawn to read it when I bought it and only rediscovered it this week. Watch this space!

However, at the same time I bought that, I bought two volumes of [Celtic Daily Prayer](#) and I love it. I try to do evening prayer out of it each night just before I go to sleep. (Starting the day with the [Church of England Morning Prayer App](#) has been a real blessing during this shutdown.) The Celtic Daily Prayer has reflections for each day, each month with a different theme. This month it is the Desert Fathers, who were men and women who retreated from the world from the fourth century onwards to worship God alone in bare cells and sparse country away from the towns and cities in the deserts of Egypt, Syria and Palestine.

They may have wanted a solitary existence, but people sought them out to hear their wisdom and communities grew into monasteries around them with people trying to copy what they were doing.

So, through the month of June various snippets about the Desert Fathers' experiences and sayings have appeared and I thought you'd enjoy this one:

'A brother came to visit Abba Sylvanus at Mount Sinai. When he saw the brothers working hard, he said to the old man, "Do not work for food that perishes, for Mary has chosen the good part." Then the old man called his disciple, "Zachary, give this brother a book and put him in an empty cell." Now when it was three o'clock the brother kept looking out of the door to see if someone would call him for the meal. But nobody called him, so he got up, went to see the old man, and asked: "Abba, didn't the brothers eat today?" The old man said, "Of course we did." "Then why didn't you call me?" he said. The old man replied, "You are a spiritual person, and do not need that kind of food, but since we are earthly, we want to eat and that's why we work. Indeed, you have chosen the good part, reading all day long, and not wanting to eat earthly food." When the brother heard this he repented and said, "Forgive me, Abba." Then the old man said to him: "Mary certainly needed Martha, and it is really by Martha's help that Mary is praised".'

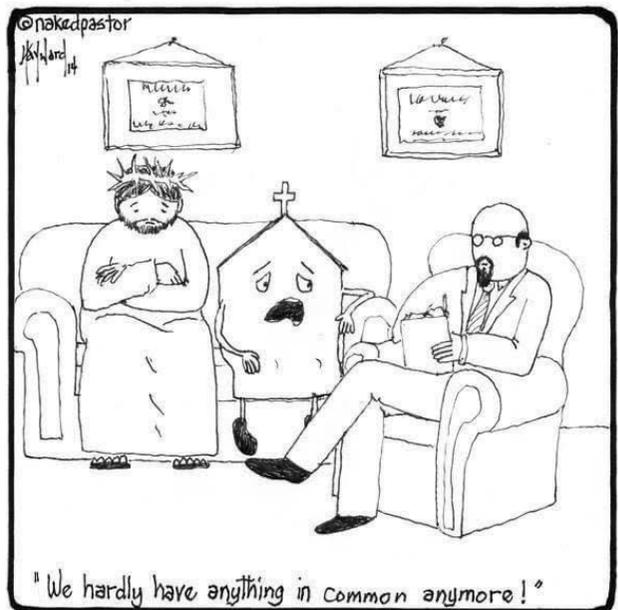
It gives another perspective to the Mary and Martha story, doesn't it? (I'm assuming we all know it – Jesus and his followers come to stay with Martha and she's rushed off her feet getting a meal ready and sees Mary sitting at Jesus's feet listening to him. She asks Jesus to tell Mary off and he doesn't. He says she's taken the better part. (Luke 10:38-42))

He responds to Martha but doesn't allow her preoccupations to change his answer. We recognise the enormity of his backing Mary because in that society women were not seen as equal to men and many teachers would have sent Mary back to the kitchen to help her sister. We also see that Mary is living the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. (Mark 12:30)

But that's what Martha is also doing in her hospitality. In her worry and anxiety, she has been led to angrily judge Mary and that's where she's gone astray. Again, and again, God the Father, through his prophets, and Jesus, his Son, have said we are not to judge other people. We are responsible for our relationships with God, individually. The monk judged the brothers. Martha judged Mary. It's a great temptation. It's very human.

I like Abba Sylvanus's simple way of opening the monk's eyes. How can we avoid the same pitfalls? By trying to be both Mary and Martha and placing our worries at Christ's feet while holding onto him as closely as we can.

God bless,
Katharine



READINGS

Mark 2:13-17

¹³Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Acts 2: 42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



RE-OPENING OUR CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Following the government's announcement that churches may open for private prayer from the 13th June the work has begun towards opening our churches. Please bear with us as we continue this work. Thank you to those who have volunteered their help.

Our churches have been closed for some time and are in need of a good clean. Before we open, we need to be sure that those who care for our churches and those who come to pray, are not placed at risk. It is essential we have high standards of safety and hygiene. As you can imagine, in our beautiful but ancient buildings this is not as simple as it might seem at first glance.

We are going through an unprecedented and yes, weird, season, in the life of our nation. We have not had to do all this before. Please bear with us as we figure out how to move forward. The churches may only be open for short periods of private prayer at first. Please look out for updates on village websites, our parish website and church notice boards.

If you are willing to come and help clean or could volunteer to help in any way to care for our churches and those who use them, please do contact Revd Rachel, she would love to hear from you on phone: 07944 992178 or email: rector@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

Southwell Minster

While all the Church of England's cathedrals and churches remain closed for public worship, the Minster has now reopened for individual and private prayer. The Minster will be open every day to individuals who wish to pray and reflect. All will be made welcome. The opening hours are limited to 11.00am-3.00pm. Only the Nave will be open, and entrance is via the north porch. All the necessary guidance and advice has been followed to maintain social distancing and hygiene measures. [Click here](#) to see the full list of restrictions or to watch the Dean's demonstration of the new hygiene and social distancing measures (www.southwellminster.org/covid19-update-12-june-2020)



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 if you wish to discuss this position further



COLLECT

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

We give thanks for:

Those who have the opportunity to be in a 'support bubble' and hug for the first time in a long time.

Breakthrough treatment of seriously ill patients with Covid -19. Thank you that dexamethasone is cheap and easily accessible throughout the world. The continued work for other treatments and vaccines.

We pray for:

Those longing to connect with others and God but feeling unable to do so. The Alpha course, that people feel able to connect with Rachel and Sid and join in, even at the last moment. That there is an excitement about getting to know Jesus, and all that might mean.

Our schools; teachers, children and staff.

All still working from home.

All facing the challenges of going back to work.

Business, both large and small, facing the challenges of doing business in these challenging times.

Our farmers and farm workers.

Our health workers and key workers.

A raising of consciousness of the issues faced by the BAME community and a desire to work together against all forms of injustice, racism and discrimination

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, John, Sarah and David. The family and loved ones of those who have died recently especially the family of Jim Price, Mary Mackie, David Campbell and Vera Hampson.

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 the Parish Treasurer confidence, see below for details.



KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED

These **notices** are posted week by week on the Parish website: www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk

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

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Any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Parish.

Further information and contact details can be found on the parish website at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who