



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

Notices 5th July 2020

TRINITY 4

DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

For reasons of online security, we are no longer publishing Zoom links in the newsletter or on our website. Please contact Revd Rachel if you would like to receive these links by email. (rector@wivertoninthevale.co.uk)

SUNDAY 5TH JULY

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

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

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

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 6TH JULY

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

All are invited to parish prayers via Zoom on Mondays and Fridays

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

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

This week is the last week we will be meeting for Coffee, Cake and Chat this summer, meetings will resume in September.

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 10TH JULY

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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FROM THE RECTORY

Dates, events and changing perspectives, by Sid Mitchell

March 23rd is a date that meant little to most people until this year. It happens to be my birthday but my perspective of that day has changed as I now remember it as lockdown day.

As I write we are approaching July 4th which will have passed fleetingly, by the time you read this.

We remember eventful dates for the impact that they had on communities, cultures and nations.

July 4th, or 4th of July as it's known in America is Independence Day. The day America became free of British rule in 1776. This date, apparently, isn't accurate. Congress voted for Independence on July 2nd but the required signatures weren't gathered until August 2nd. Part of the celebration involved tearing down the statue of King George III.

July 4th brings memories for Rachel & myself being the day in 1997 that we joined a mission group in South Wales. It felt like a different kind of independence for us as a family.

July 4th will have different meaning for us in the UK this year, being the day we are at last allowed more freedom from the lockdown restrictions (unfortunately not so for those in Leicester).

It seems that recent world events have brought changing perspectives of historical events, to the extent of a call to remove statues that remind us of the actions of people perceived at the time as worth celebrating.

Frederick Douglass, living at the time of the first Independence Day, said that positive statements about American values were an offence to the enslaved population of the United States because of their lack of freedom, liberty and citizenship. Douglass referred not only to the captivity of enslaved people, but to the merciless exploitation and the cruelty and torture that slaves were subjected to in the United States. It wasn't much to celebrate for Frederick. He and the people of whom he spoke had a very different perspective.

The significance of dates and events can change over time. God has always been there, caring for and wanting to be in relationship with the people involved at those times, and He is with us in the present, looking forward.

God is outside of time, the Alpha & Omega, beginning and end. We are subject to time so it's not surprising that we tend to remember dates and events that have shaped our world and perspectives.

Jesus' birthdate may not be accurate either but our perspective of what He did for us on the cross should always be of vital importance and remain unchanged.

Our perspective of events changes over the years and subsequent generations, looking through a present lens, make changes as they seem fit. I believe that God's perspective never changes and that His priority for us is also for the present so that we can impact events for the better with eternal implications.

Maybe, as we allow God to change our perspectives, unhelpful personal statues of our past can be demolished and we can be more free to focus on the one who is all knowing and ever present. Maybe it is more about where we are at now and the plans He has for us, than where we've been in the past.

We can enjoy the prospect of eternity spreading out before us from the present. That is a perspective I find wonderfully helpful!

READINGS

Luke 4: 16-21

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,
¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

John 7: 37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

RE-OPENING OUR CHURCHES

We have completed policies, risk assessments and worked together to put everything in place to meet government regulations. From Monday 13 July, St Giles, Cropwell Bishop will open for Private Prayer for two hours each week, 10.30am-12.30pm each Monday.

Sadly, it will not be church as we once knew it. Like every other public building, there are measures in place to protect us and keep us safe, including strict hygiene measures and a one-way system. It will also be necessary to follow written instructions as to where you may sit: there will be signs to direct you.

Langar Church will be opening their door shortly after Cropwell Bishop and Granby later in the summer. Watch this space!

All of us who have been working on these plans together hope you will still find our churches welcoming, a place of peace and calm and somewhere to sit quietly and pray.

Our online service which can be found at wivertoninthevale.co.uk/ppr will remain our main act of worship for the foreseeable future. When services return to our buildings, numbers will be restricted, singing prohibited and services kept as short as possible. We will be carrying out the necessary risk assessments and paperwork over the summer and will keep you informed of our progress.

Like you, we crave normal, however we are working through what the new normal looks like first. We would welcome your prayers and support.

With love,

Rev'd Rachel

SOUTHWELL MINSTER IS OPENING FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Service times will be:

- 10.00am: Cathedral Eucharist
- 3.00pm: Evening Prayer (from the Book of Common Prayer)

Because of the continued risk from COVID-19 and the continuing restrictions: there will be no singing, all services will be held in the nave, and a booking system has been introduced to help manage attendance and keep everyone safe as numbers will be restricted. For further information visit:

<https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/attending-a-service/>

WELCOME TO ANDY EMERTON, BISHOP OF SHERWOOD (DESIGNATE)



On the 1st July the Reverend Andy Emerton was licensed as Bishop of Sherwood Designate by the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham.

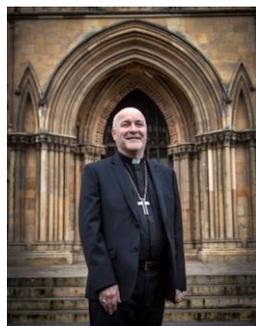
Andy was due to be consecrated as the fifth Bishop of Sherwood by the Archbishop of York in May but due to restrictions necessitated by COVID-19, it is hoped that this consecration will now take place in the autumn.

If you would like to read more information about Reverend Andy Emerton, please visit the diocese website page: <https://southwell.anglican.org/new-bishop-of-sherwood-returns-to-the-midlands-with-a-focus-on-developing-young-leaders-and-serving-in-deprived-communities/>

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION SERVICE

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell will be confirmed as Archbishop of York at 11am on Thursday 9 July, in a service broadcast entirely via the Zoom video conference app due to the coronavirus restrictions.

The service, which had been due to take place in York Minster, will be in two parts: a legal ceremony with readings, prayers and music; and a film marking the first day of the 98th Archbishop of York's ministry.



The service will be available on the Church of England website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

At our online service last week, we looked at how one of the characteristics of a healthy church is generosity.

These are challenging times, as we all know. Our treasurer Max has produced our half year figures and, even though we are not able to use our wonderful buildings to the full at the moment, our expenditure is exceeding our income. I'm sure many will recall those words written by Charles Dickens and spoken by the lovable character Mr Micawber, "Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen [pounds] nineteen [shillings] and six [pence], result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery."

It looks as though we may have some work to do.

Thank you to those of you who have switched from giving in the plate each week to giving by standing order. Your help is much appreciated. To those of you who are thinking about this, there is no lower limit, or indeed upper. All contributions are very much appreciated, whether weekly or monthly.

Thank you to the many who give on a regular basis. You are a blessing.

A big thank you to all who have contacted Max to give to your local church...

...and a huge thank you to all who have helped raise upwards of £1600 for the church in Bilborough.

There is still time to add your contribution.

[Click here](#) if you would like to listen to Peter Shaw's message to us again.

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

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

We give thanks for:

Rev'd Peter Shaw and the work of your church in Bilborough
The generosity of your people towards our own parish and towards the church in Bilborough.
The greater freedom from restrictions and the loosening of lockdown
Our own health and wellbeing
For our ability to love and encourage one another

We pray for:

Those in Leicester once more to experience the full force of lockdown
Those who are facing redundancy, uncertainty, and the loss of livelihoods
Our church leaders facing the challenges of navigating government regulations and church guidelines in order for our churches to open safely
Those who have joined the Alpha course. For fun, good IT and internet connection and a growing sense of awareness of the Holy Spirit and the person of Jesus Christ and God the Father.
Our schools; teachers, children and staff.
Business, both large and small, adjusting to 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 Mary Mackie and Mary Moulds.

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 in 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

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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