



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

Notices 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

TRINITY 6

**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](mailto:rector@wivertoninthevale.co.uk))

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

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

The service this Sunday will be led by Katharine, Revd Rachel will be preaching, Hilary will be leading the intercessions, Ann Mansell 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](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 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

**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 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

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

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

## FROM THE RECTORY

‘A CHURCH THAT UNDERSTANDS ITS CALLING’ by Revd Clare Connell

A Church that understands its calling is I believe a fellowship of people from around the world called to worship Almighty God, our spiritual Father, Creator of all, of Jesus His Son who in his great love gave his life for us, and for the Holy Spirit guiding, inspiring, protecting and enabling us to be more than ourselves in all of our lives and being.

As a church we are called together from all corners of the world to follow our Saviour in Spirit and in Truth. It is unrealistic to think that we do not have differences, yet as the body of the Church we share through the Spirit in the fundamentals of our faith. Of primary importance are the words of Jesus from John 13: 34 and 35. *‘A new commandment I give you-Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another’.*

We share one faith, one baptism, by that we are drawn together. It seems to me that it is the fellowship we share which draws people together and draws others to explore, dip the toe in the water to see if such faith in Jesus Christ could be relevant to them. Fellowship is described on the internet as ‘friendly association especially with people who share interests, friendly relations marked by communication, mature understanding, companionship, purpose in common. During this time of closed churches we have in some ways become more open to many people who would not go through a large and solid wooden door into a stone building, where they fear that they may feel ill at ease as a newcomer on the block. Once inside and into the pews or chairs, often set in straight rows, it is perhaps a little daunting for the visitor to be mostly aware of the back of people’s heads, the desire for inclusiveness and fellowship is met predominantly through the welcome at the church door, and hopefully following the service.

Zoom and the internet are drawing people together in a new way, faith being built from the comfort of home, child care not the customary problem, and anyone who finds ‘church’ on a Sunday morning difficult can, if they have the internet take advantage of church at home.

We miss of course the great sense of being together, sharing in the sacraments, breaking bread and being together to praise God.

We long for that moment, yet are so thankful that the mission of the church is spreading the good news of Jesus Christ wider, faith is growing in understanding and depth.

We are the Church, the body of believers, followers of Jesus Christ. We are all called to glorify and offer prayers to God.

Whoever we are, we need to call to mind the words from 1 Peter ch.2 *“We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

We have everything to be thankful for, even in such times as we face together now, times of uncertainty, confusion and grief. Yet by faith we know God is with us and the Church of God will extend the message of God’s love and his compassion and bring hope to all people that they may come to be part of God’s fellowship with Jesus Christ our Saviour.

We the church are reminded by Paul in 2 Corinthians ch.5 *“God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed us to the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors as though God were making his appeal through us”.*

What an awesome thought!

Faith is sometimes seen by others as being a crutch, yet that crutch has engraved upon it such words as love, forgiveness, compassion, unity, grace, hope, faith and joy. Perhaps there will be a sentence or two “I will never leave you or forsake you” “I am come that you may have life in all its fullness”. It is not that followers of Jesus are spared from the difficulties, challenges and sadness in life, but that he who suffered for all mankind is with his people. The church’s mission is to be alongside our fellow travellers, to be part of the journeys of others, to help them that they may come to know the love of God.

We have within the church all the God given gifts that are needed “to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

As for building ourselves up to play our part in the mission of the church, we pray for wisdom, for discernment, that we may love our neighbours around the world even as God loves us. We pray for a love of the Word of God that this may be our guide.

On this final point I am reminded of a young Nigerian friend of ours. She spoke of having to leave home for university. Utterly miserable she continued reading her bible and praying as had always been her practice. Most of all she missed her dear Father (we knew him well). He had always provided guidance, wisdom and encouragement. Now she said that she found that guidance in the book of Proverbs.

In our mission within the church we seek, we pray, we read the word of God and we seek to serve others, ever praising and giving Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## **RE-OPENING ST GILES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**



**St Giles'  
Church**

**Cropwell Bishop**

**is now able to offer**

**Limited Opening  
for**

**Private Prayer**

**each Monday**

**10.30am – 12.30pm**

**from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**



## READINGS

### Mark 1: 16-20 *The Passion Translation*

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee, he noticed two brothers fishing: Simon and Andrew. He watched them as they were casting their nets into the sea <sup>17</sup>and said to them, “Come follow me and I will transform you into men who catch people instead of fish!” <sup>18</sup>Immediately they dropped their nets and left everything behind to follow Jesus. <sup>19</sup>Walking a little farther, Jesus found two other brothers sitting in a boat, along with their father, mending their nets. Their names were Jacob and John, and their father Zebedee. <sup>20</sup>Jesus immediately walked up to them and invited the two brothers to become his followers. At once, Jacob and John dropped their nets, stood up, left their father in the boat with the hired men, and followed Jesus.



### Ephesians 4:4-13 (NRSV)

<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended<sup>[a]</sup> into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

## **SITUATIONS VACANT & *brief summary of the duties***

### **Health and Safety Officer**

- You will be required to use your administrative gifts and work alongside Churchwardens and a health and safety professional to produce risk assessments and documents to enable the opening of our churches and the commencement of worship.

### **Safeguarding Administrator**

You will be responsible for the administration of all Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) applications. This will include:

- Establishing the true identity of the applicant, through the examination of a range of identification;
- Checking and validating the information provided by the applicant on the application form;
- Ensuring the application form is fully completed and the information it contains is accurate;
- Keeping accurate records of safeguarding training

### **Treasurer**

You 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.

### **PCC Secretary**

- You will be required to have charge of all documents relating to the current business of the PCC, with the exception of the parish electoral roll.
- to keep the minutes and record all resolutions passed;

**If you are interested or feel encouraged to fill one of these roles, please contact Revd Rachel on [rector@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:rector@wivertoninthevale.co.uk).**

## COLLECT

Creator God, you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Lord, we thank you that we are called by name according to your purposes,  
help us to discover and discern all that you have for us to be and do.

We give thanks for:

The greater freedom from restrictions and the loosening of lockdown  
Our own health and wellbeing.  
Laughter, humour and fun.  
Our ability to love and encourage one another.

We pray for:

Your protection and comfort against the impact of a second wave.  
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 good communication with  
each other and with you, 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 desire to listen to the stories of others, a greater understanding and  
empathy towards the BAME community and a willingness 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 Debbie Rowell.

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**

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

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### **KEY CONTACTS**

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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](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who)**