



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

**Notices 9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**TRINITY 9 & TRINITY 10**



**The Parish of  
Wiverton in the Vale**

**is now able to offer  
Limited Opening for**

**Private Prayer  
at**

**St Andrew's church, Langar**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August

3pm – 5pm

**St Giles' church, Cropwell Bishop**

each Monday

10.30am – 12.30pm

**All Saints church, Granby**

each Monday from 17<sup>th</sup> August

2pm – 4pm

**Don't forget your face covering!**

Measures are in place to protect you and keep you safe, including strict hygiene measures and a one-way system. Please follow the written instructions as to where you may sit. There will be signs to direct you.

## **DIARY FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS**

### **SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

Revd Rachel and Sid will be leading and preaching at the service this Sunday, Josie will be leading the intercessions, Nick 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)

**Time for a Cuppa** – resumes Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**3pm-5pm – St Andrew’s Langar, open for private prayer**

### **MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

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

**10.30am-12.30pm – St Giles’ Cropwell Bishop, open for private prayer**

### **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**Alpha** - Resumes Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

### **FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

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

### **SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

The service this Sunday will be led by Katharine. Please [click here](#) to join the service at 10.30am (or later). [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/ppr](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/ppr)

**Time for a Cuppa** – resumes Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

### **MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

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

**10.30am-12.30pm – St Giles’ Cropwell Bishop open for private prayer**

**2pm-4pm – All Saints church Granby open for private prayer**

## WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**7.30pm – Alpha** (via Zoom)

Please contact Rachel and Sid on 07944 992178 for more details.

## FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

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

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

It isn't too late to  
access **United  
Breaks Out**  
online



## **RETURNING TO PUBLIC WORSHIP**

Hopefully, government regulations and Covid-19 permitting, soon we will be meeting regularly once more for public worship. Our first church service since the beginning of lockdown will be at St Andrew's Church, Langar on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 9am. It will be a short, simple service of Holy Communion.

There will be many changes including social distancing and the use of face coverings. However, we will do all we can to make sure that returning to church will be as safe and as welcoming as possible.

Accompanying these notices is a document called "*Advice for Those Attending Public Worship*", I hope this will answer some of the questions and concerns you may have about returning to public worship. I am about to take a period of annual leave but I will be back in my office on the 20<sup>th</sup> August and will be happy to try and answer any questions or queries you may have on my return.

I know that many of you will be happy to hear that our online services will continue for the foreseeable future,

Rev'd Rachel

## FROM THE RECTORY *by Katharine Bacon*

Just lately, we've had the most amazing growing weather – sun and rain – and everything's shot up. All the plants I've grown from seed, potted up and then dug into the garden are enormous! They've even started to flower!!! I get so excited about each one!

We got a glimpse of how pretty the cosmos was just before the horses discovered how tasty they were, too. I'm sure they'll produce some more buds, just on shorter stems. Horses don't like nasturtiums, thank goodness! And the candytufts are too short for them to reach.

But, strangely, the weeds are flourishing in amongst my wonderful plants – the plants I've cherished since their tiny little seedling heads popped out weeks ago. They're trying to sneak in and take over.

I've managed to pull some of them out but they're so good at getting close in and under and some I can't get out at all without hurting my plants.

It made me think of two parables, the first one is the wheat and the tares (or weeds) from Matthew 13:23-30, 36-43 and the second, the sower 13:3-8, 18-23. They're both about the Kingdom of God and they talk about how we live with Jesus's message in the world today with the help of the Holy Spirit.

God doesn't wave a magic wand and make everything perfect, but he does give us seeds – his word and his spirit - to grow in the soil, which is us. Just us, in our ordinary or extraordinary lives. Just as the right conditions bring an explosion of growth as they have just now in nature, so the Kingdom of God can surge within us when it isn't strangled by our distractions and our worries. Strangely enough, this long period of lockdown has cleared away a host of distractions for some and allowed many to find their way to on-line services.

But it has also been a time of huge worry and, again, in a time such as this, people do turn to God, our Saviour.

If we, as God's seeds, are growing so fruitfully and are about to flower or give out fruit, what about the weeds? There is so much in the world that is evil, violent, corrupt, oppressive and unjust. Our hearts are torn by so much of what we hear but God asks us to leave judgement to Him. It is so easy to follow the world in judging others and that judgement like bindweed can cling to our hearts, turns us away from God into harshness, which is definitely a weed.

Someone once said, one person's weed is another person's flower. A weed transplanted can be a beautiful flower. God does that a lot, doesn't he? His love transforms people. I remember Shane Taylor, an angry, dangerous young man, once Britain's 6th most dangerous prisoner, who found God in prison and now leads a home group of 30 and takes Alpha into prisons 6 days a week. God sees the beauty in each of our souls just as an artist delights in the poppy that to a farmer is an irksome weed.

And sometimes, we grow taller and stronger in our faith because of the opposition of others, of the weeds.

Now, look at the sower, our God, so generously scattering his seeds everywhere, onto the path feeding the birds, onto rocky ground, into the thorns. I would love to think I'm wheat but I know full well there have been times when I've been very much a weed.



Thank the Lord, God hasn't pulled me out but has given me time with Him to grow into wheat. It's still a work in progress.

During lockdown I ran out of compost so I scattered some candytuft seeds onto my newly dug garden and watered them with great care. Imagine my delight to see huge numbers of seedlings appear within a day or two, as if by magic! The seed packet had said 2 to 3 weeks but the conditions were perfect, so I waited. And waited.

Did you know that seedlings are virtually identical when they're small? At least, I had to wait till tiny hairs appeared on the leaves of these and I realised they were lambs ear plants. I did cull them, I'm afraid. There were too many in the wrong place but by the wonders of the internet, I found pictures of candytuft seedlings and was able find them, pull out the weeds and nurture them and am enjoying them now.

I love my plants. I know that God loves us so immensely more but there is a sort of connection. He created us and he watches us grow and he wants to be able to guide us on the right path so we can flourish in his marvellous light. Truly flourish.

And his door is always open for those weeds, too.

May we hold fast to the love of God, the seed of God in each one of us, and may God's Holy Spirit help us nurture, protect and recognise it in each other. Amen.

## READINGS

### TRINITY 9

#### Romans 10: 5-15 NRSV

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

#### Matthew 14: 22-33 NRSV

I WISH I HAD  
FAITH TO  
STEP OUT IN  
CONFIDENCE LIKE  
PETER.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

PETER STEPS OUT IN *DOUBT*.  
FIRST, HE DOUBTS IT'S JESUS.  
THEN HE DOUBTS JESUS HAS THE  
POWER TO CONTROL THE WIND.



HIS ONLY CRY  
OF FAITH IS  
“LORD SAVE ME!”

WELL,  
I CAN DO  
*THAT!*



EXACTLY.



MATTHEW 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## TRINITY 10

### **Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 NRSV**

**11** I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

### **Matthew 15: 21-28 NRSV**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged

him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.



## RealLIFE COURSE

RealLIFE is a diocesan-run course aiming to deepen discipleship, activate vocation and all-in-all empower and equip God's people in making the life-long journey of following-after Jesus Christ.

The next RealLIFE course starts week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and a typical evening runs from 7.30-9.30pm (including worship, input, discussion and prayer).

Take a look at the videos and read through FAQs  
<https://southwell.anglican.org/real-life-questions/>

RealLIFE is for anyone who wants to follow-after Jesus and into real life – living the gift of knowing God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit and shaping the world through their discipleship.

## SHOEBOXES

(for later this year)

This is just to give you advance notice that we shall be collecting shoeboxes full of love and gifts to send to very needy children again this year. Vivien ([vivien.hall@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:vivien.hall@wivertoninthevale.co.uk)) has a list of suggestions for gifts for teenage boys who are always the most difficult. For younger children homemade, stuffed cuddly toys are now acceptable so you've time to get knitting and sewing! More details to follow.



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

### **Health and Safety Officer**

Thank you to the person who has offered to take on this role for the short term.

### **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.
- To keep 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**

- The primary responsibilities of a PCC Secretary are to support the PCC Chair, Revd Rachel, in the preparation and organisation of meetings and to handle all correspondence on behalf of the PCC.

**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)**

## A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO A 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY NUN

Lord you know me better than I know myself that I am getting older, my body tells me so. Keep me from thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains but help me to endure them with patience.

I do not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me Lord the grace to tell them so.

**Amen.**

## COLLECT

### TRINITY 9

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your  
church: open our hearts to the  
riches of your grace, that we may  
bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### TRINITY 10

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your  
humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their  
petitions  
make them to ask such things as  
shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

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

Lord, thank you for the privilege of being your body here on earth. Thank you that we are your hands and feet; reaching out to others and willing to go the extra mile for our neighbours. Help us to be courageous and loving. In the words of Jackie Pullinger, to have "soft heart and hard feet" in your service.

We give thanks for:

- Opportunities for rest and relaxation
- Our own health and wellbeing.
- Laughter, humour and fun.
- Our ability to love and encourage one another.

We pray for:

The people of Lebanon. For those affected by the deadly blast in Beirut, those who have lost loved ones, homes, businesses, for the injured, the traumatised, especially those whose lives have been changed forever.

The people of Yemen facing the devastation of war, Covid-19 and floods and locusts.

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 growth in their knowledge of you and your word, and a deepening relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our schools; teachers, children and staff. As they break for the holidays may they find well deserved rest, relaxation, restoration and the energy and inspiration to look to returning to school in September.

We pray for parents facing the challenges of childcare over the summer months as they return to work after lockdown.

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.

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](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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*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)**