



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

Notices 30th August 2020

TRINITY 12

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

If you would like to receive any of the Zoom links by email, please contact Revd Rachel rector@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

9.00am – Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Langar)

Please see the ['Returning to Public Worship'](#) article for further details.

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

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

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11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

Please join us for a cuppa after the online service.

MONDAY 31ST 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 2ND SEPTEMBER

7.30pm – Alpha (via Zoom)

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

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

FROM THE RECTORY *by Revd Rachel*

“Here I am the servant of the Lord; Let it be with me according to your word”
Luke 1:38

This is Mary’s famous response to the announcement by the angel, that having found favour with God she was to be the mother of “the Son of the Most High”, Jesus.

Mary, quite understandably, faced with an angelic being and this mind-blowing news, struggles to understand how on earth this would happen, after all this was not the natural order of things. However, as the angel pointed out and as Mary knew from the scriptures “nothing will be impossible with God”.

Mary, in her simple and humble response takes a step into the unknown. How could she, a young, village girl, betrothed, yet unmarried, have an understanding of what her “Yes!” to God would mean. What new parent has any comprehension of the joys and sorrows, celebrations and trials that await them as they hold their new-born child for the first time?

Mary gave herself up to God’s plan and purpose for her life. As a woman and as a mother she was to express her love for God and her child with all her heart, her soul, her mind and all her strength, and how she would need to do so.

God introduced himself to Moses as “I AM WHO I AM”. There is so much meaning in these words and yet, simply they mean that God exists. God is. God has been, God is with us now and God always will be. He is God. And, what is more, He is everything we need, God is all sufficient.

Mary’s response to the God who is “I AM WHO I SAY I AM” is “Here I am...”

I am blessed by all the offers of help over the last few months. We have and are facing unexpected and frequently unwelcome challenges that require creative solutions. We also face the ongoing challenges of caring for all our beautiful churches and creating opportunities to worship together. Our churchwardens and home teams do invaluable work for which I am sure we are all thankful!

Thank you!

I am incredibly grateful to all the brave souls who grasped the challenges of modern technology to record stories, prayers and readings for our services and to those willing to meet online and via Zoom. I am also thankful to our pastoral network of caring people who faithfully work to keep us all in touch with one another.

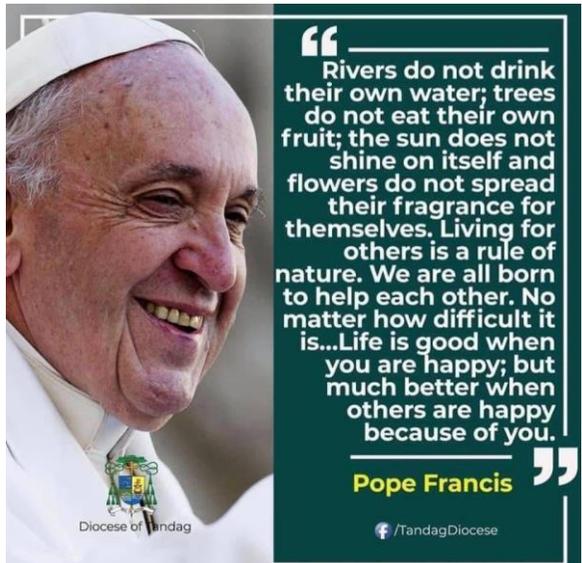
All these people have in one way or another said “here I am” to God, trusting him to be enough; sufficient for them to help them to meet new challenges. And God has been working through our church community, ‘the body of Christ... hands and feet, not to mention encouraging smiles on Zoom, or a friendly voice on the phone, encouragement, shopping, even tech support when needed – thank you Nick and Robin and all who have been such a support!

Thank you for the kind offer of interim help with Health and Safety, and to the kind person who is considering the post of PCC Secretary. It takes courage to step into new roles and to say ‘Yes!’

I wonder if you might be feeling a nudge to take on the role of Treasurer. Are you good with numbers (numerate), have accountancy or banking skills, or is there another role you could do? Do you find yourself thinking “Someone should do that!”? That someone maybe you. After all, “nothing will be impossible with God”.

Why not call me? The answer to the Our God who tells us that “I AM WHO I SAY I AM” is simply “Here I am”. The kettle is always on, it’s good to talk,

With love
Rev’d Rachel



READINGS

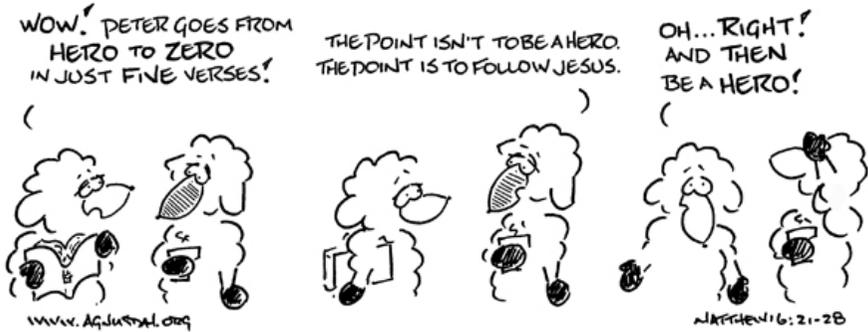
Exodus 3: 1-15 *NRSV*

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"¹² He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

Matthew 16: 21-28 NRSV



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²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

BREAKING THE MYTHS

 <p>1</p> <p>It's NOT illegal to cross the Channel</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Refugees are neither migrants nor illegal nor invaders.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Under International law, anyone has the right to apply for asylum in any country that signed 1951 Convention - to remain there until the authorities have assessed their claim.</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>Last year approx 79.5 million refugees were forced to flee their homes.</p> <p>For its share, the UK took 20,339 refugees - just 0.026 % of the world's refugees.</p>

RETURNING TO PUBLIC WORSHIP

This week we continue to meet at St Andrew's Church, Langar on Sunday at 9am for a short, simple service of Holy Communion. We are doing all we can to make sure that returning to church will be as safe and as welcoming as possible. Please see the *"Advice for Those Attending Public Worship"* document which will hopefully answer some of the questions and concerns you may have.

Last week, it was encouraging to hear comments such as "I think we were a little anxious" to "that was so relaxed" to "how lovely to be together again". The reality was also that we were all very grateful to take off our face covering as we left church, but also very thankful to have been together in worship again. Dorothy played for us which was such a blessing!

Please note, in line with updated guidance, face coverings are currently mandatory except when someone is leading services, for example when reading, preaching, or leading prayer, face coverings will be used by those leading when not addressing the congregation or if in close proximity.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give us more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation of
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, you have called us by name, we are yours (Isaiah 43:1).

Thank you for the privilege of being your children, loved and called by you; give us the courage to live out our calling to your praise and glory.

We give thanks for:

The opportunity to worship together once more in church and our continued fellowship online and via Zoom.

Opportunities to love, serve and worship you.

Opportunities to demonstrate acts of kindness and hospitality.

Friends, families and neighbours and the ability to communicate by phone, letters and the internet, and even across the street.

Laughter, humour and fun.

Our ability to love and encourage one another.

We pray for:

For those around the world affected by climate change; extreme weather events, floods, drought, including those suffering in Yemen and Louisiana.

For those affected by political turmoil, including the people of Belarus and Hong Kong.

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.

Your protection and comfort against the impact of a second wave.

Those who are facing redundancy, uncertainty, and the loss of livelihoods.

Those on the Alpha course as it comes towards the end, for a good transition into church life and whatever comes next.

Our schools; teachers, children and staff. As they return to school in September.

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, David, Edna and Iris. 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.

If you would like to set up or to change an existing order, please contact the Parish Treasurer in confidence, see below for details.

You can also now make one-off donations through a link on our website.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED

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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