



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

Notices 6th September 2020

TRINITY 13

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 6TH SEPTEMBER

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 7TH SEPTEMBER

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 Granby, open for private prayer

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

3pm-5pm – St. Andrew's Langar, open for private prayer

4pm-4.45pm – St. John the Divine Colston Bassett, open for private prayer

7.30pm – Alpha (via Zoom)

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

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am – Holy Communion (St John the Divine, Colston Bassett)

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

FROM THE RECTORY *by Sid Mitchell*

We can't do this on our own

I love watching films. There have been some classics over the years that I happily watch again and again for the inspiration that they can bring. I still get tears in my eyes when the command module appears through the clouds in Apollo 13 after an agonising four minutes of blackout when the world realises that all is not lost. The crew have been saved! What amazing teamwork was necessary to do the impossible in 'working the problem' to get the three astronauts home.

In the movie *Gladiator*, Maximus and his fellow gladiators are in the Roman Coliseum standing before the new Emperor and a blood thirsty crowd facing whatever enemies the Emperor will send against them. Maximus says to the other gladiators, "Whatever comes out of these gates, we've got a better chance of survival if we work together. If we stay together we survive....' They did work together. They mostly did survive causing upset by overcoming the overwhelming forces that were unleashed against them. Hollywood at its best!

I'm glad Maximus was portrayed as needing a team because in the real world even heroes need a good team with them. No one can really go it alone for long. Maximus was a fictional character in a story very loosely based on a real person for dramatic effect.

Jim Lovell, Jack Swigert and Fred Haise were real people in a real event that happened when I was a child. They worked as a team selected for a specific mission within a much larger team at NASA. Inspirational lines are spoken by Gene Kranz the Flight Director when he was asked if it was going to be NASA's darkest moment. He responded, "No, I believe this is going to be our finest hour." The team did their job. Jim Lovell could not and did not do it alone. It was the finest hour for the whole team (especially the families of the crew!).

We've been looking recently at the account of Moses leading the children of Israel. God initially gave Moses his brother Aaron to help him but Moses soon realised that a larger team was needed. His father in Law, Jethro said 'What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will wear yourselves out....' It results in a wider team being appointed.

Jesus called the initial twelve disciples as a team and sent them out in pairs but promised after His resurrection that He would never leave them. A promise that holds today as we, part of the current church, look to Rachel and team to guide and lead us.

I've been enjoying joining the Zoom meetings and Coffee and Chat during this strange year and increasingly feeling part of the team here at the Wiverton Group. It's so encouraging to see the smiling faces and hear the words of love, support and encouragement.

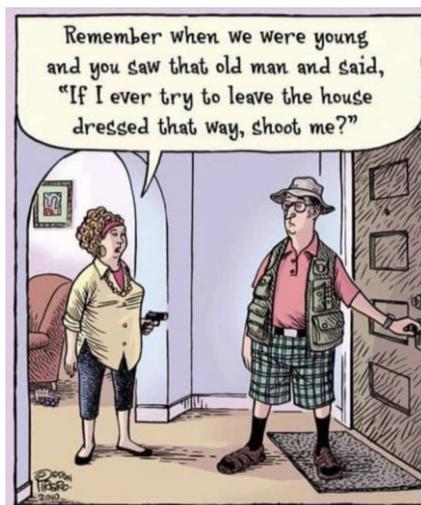
Thank you all for making me feel welcome. We are looking forward to physically meeting together increasingly as our churches open but in reality we simply do not know how events will unfold over the next weeks, months and years. The very thought can be daunting but maybe we can also apply the inspirational words 'Whatever comes..., we've got a better chance of survival if we work together.'

I'm very grateful for the team here at Wiverton. I'm sure Rachel would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to join the growing team.

READINGS

Matthew 18:15-20 NRSV

¹⁵ "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



Romans 13:8-14 NRSV

13 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

THIS IS QUITE A LIST!
GOOD THING I'VE GOT
MOST OF IT COVERED!



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PAUL'S LIST NATURALLY FLOWS
FROM OUR ENDURING DEBT OF
LOVE FOR EACH OTHER
AND ALL PEOPLE.



WHICH IS HARD TO DO
WHEN YOU CALL ME
OUT LIKE THAT!



ROMANS 13:8-14

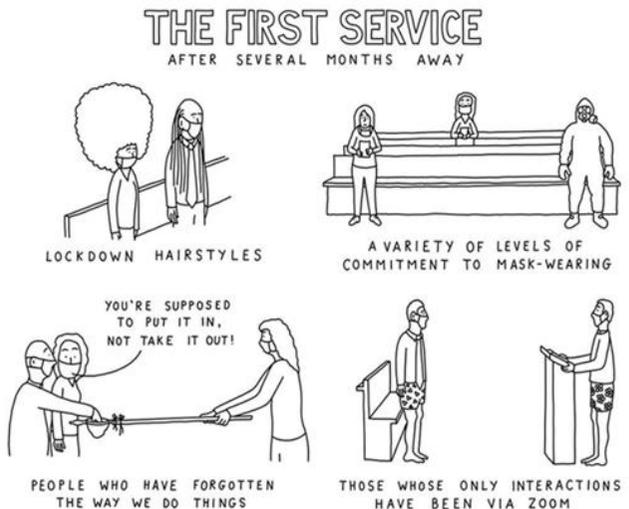
RETURNING TO PUBLIC WORSHIP

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.

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.

REFLECTION by Ann Mansell

I would like to say a huge "thank you" to Rachel and her team (Sid, ordained and lay preachers, Dorothy, other contributors, Anna and Nick) for the ways in which they are leading and enabling our worship during these challenging times.



I believe we are the envy of many a parish, with our beautiful on-line services, so professionally and exquisitely presented by Nick; our Zoom versions of Morning Prayer and the Zoom informal chat time after the Sunday service.

And now we are doubly blessed to be back at Langar for Communion at 9am on a Sunday morning. It is a real joy to be back, though perhaps the bats, mice and spiders would not agree!

Clearly, a great deal of thought, planning and cleaning has taken place to prepare for our comfort and safety; so a special "thank you" to the wardens

and all who have helped with that. I have felt completely safe at all times and everyone is obeying the Coronavirus regulations to the letter and beyond.

We are welcomed at the door by Sid who takes our names and phone numbers, then masks suitably adjusted and hands sanitised, we are shown to our socially distanced seats, service books already on our chairs. Then comes the “identification game” as we wave at others already seated and try to identify other worshippers coming through the door.

“Do I know them?” Maybe their different “Covid hairstyle”, new specs and a mask make me hesitate for a moment; until with relief I realise that it’s someone I’ve known for years but just haven’t seen since March! Great! It will be good to catch up afterwards, outside minus masks!

Each service has been so meaningful and special. We receive communion in bread only, which is carefully dropped into our hands by Rachel’s sanitised hands. The peace is exchanged by waving to everyone, Dorothy expertly plays and sings for us and preacher, readers and intercessors are allowed to remove masks only while they are actually at the front speaking to us. Afterwards, we meet outside, socially distanced of course, for a chat before making our way home to watch the on-line service, when we get a second chance to hear the sermon, readings and prayers and try to spot any differences!

I thank God for his continuous blessings on us and pray that everyone will continue to feel safe and welcomed back to our weekly communion service. Hope to see you there soon!

God bless!

Ann Mansell

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
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, it is easier to talk about unity than to practise unity. Help us to keep short accounts, to be slow to take offence, to be willing to give others the benefit of the doubt, to forgive and to love.

Thank you that in Christ you were reconciling the world to yourself. Help us to be your agents of reconciliation, showing your love to others in our lives, words and deeds.

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:

A good harvest; that all may be safely gathered in.

All who are involved with food production from field to table, and pray for those particularly in our villages and parish so employed.

For those around the world whose harvest will be damaged and impoverished by climate change; extreme weather events, floods, drought.

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

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 resume lessons in new and sometimes challenging conditions for all.

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 online through the service provided by our partners, Give A Little and SumUp.



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