



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

Notices 13th September 2020

TRINITY 14

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 13TH SEPTEMBER

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

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 14TH 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

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am – [All Parish Morning Prayer](#) (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 20TH 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 Revd Rachel*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

For many children and young people this is the season to return to their studies and renew friendships after a long break from our schools and colleges. However, after the excitement of being reunited with friends and teachers, some face the disappointment of finding themselves back home for a fourteen day quarantine period.

After a season of the 'new normal', on the 14th September another 'new normal' begins, as the meeting of more than six people indoors or outdoors is banned. Thankfully, as the Archbishop of York tweets as I write, this is not understood to affect our gathering to worship in church or the opening of our churches for private prayer. Phew!

There is a season for everything; good and bad, to love, to hate, to laugh, to cry, to embrace and to refrain from embracing.

As we watch the leaves on the trees begin to change and marvel at the beauty of the berries, hips and haws, and the incredible quality of the Autumn light, we are reminded of the ever-changing nature of life. Nothing remains the same except change itself. The world is constantly changing around us, as indeed are our own bodies as we grow and age.

Some of us are excited by change and find it energising, for others it can be exhausting and draining.

In the Celtic calendar Autumn began in August and as the harvest began before the children had finished their holiday, we can see why. As the



harvest begins, the nights cool and the evenings draw in. I confess I do begin to mourn the loss of the summer with its warmth, long evenings, and the joy of my garden, however Autumn brings its own bounty of field and hedgerow. I love crisp juicy apples fresh from the tree and picking, and eating of course, plump blackberries. I'm not sure many make it to a pie or crumble!

Each season passes and is replaced by another. Spring, Summer, Autumn Winter, even this Covid-19 season will pass. Each season brings its gift to us, as does each stage of our lives. Age brings aches and pains to muscles we never knew we had, it can also mellow, bringing fresh perspectives and wisdom.

There is much talk and much written of what we might learn from this time of living with the virus in our midst. Have we, as a society learned to value nature and our planet, or will we continue to damage and pollute our world?

What can we as a Christian community learn at this time? What might God's gift to us be in this season?

I would love to hear what you have learned about God, yourself, or our church community at this time. Why not put your thoughts in writing and let me know? With your permission I may share some of them in the coming weeks and months, they may be a gift to us all.

With love
Rev. Rachel

Can we all agree that in
2015 not a single person
got the answer correct to
“where do you see
yourself in five years
from now?”

READINGS

Romans 14: 1-12 NRSV

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

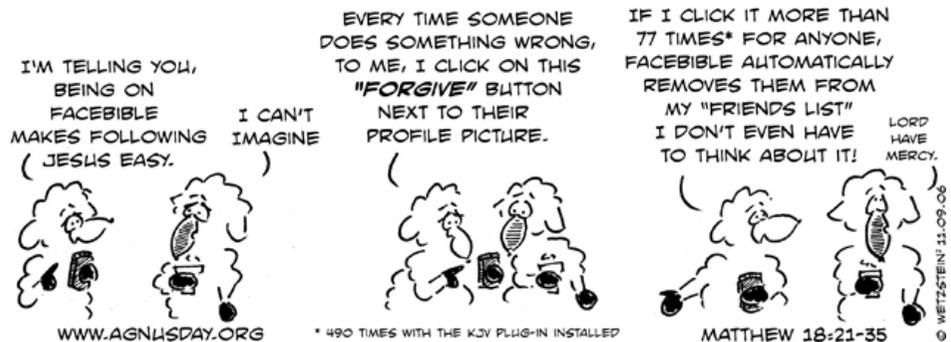
⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.



Matthew 18: 21-35 NRSV

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

ALPHA

New Alpha course starting Wednesday 30th September.

Alpha is an 11-week series of interactive sessions which creates a welcoming, judgement-free and safe space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God.



For more details of how you can join contact Rachel and Sid on tel: 07944 992178.

A LETTER FROM GOD *written by David Adam*

When you awoke, I was there, waiting upon you. I wanted to share in your love.

At breakfast you listened to the radio and rushed your breakfast. You had no time to speak to me. I waited but you did not turn to me.

Though you travelled by rail you spent your time on your laptop and reading the news. You did not once give me a thought. And I waited for you to turn to me.

During your work there were lots of small gaps. There was more time at lunch. But you did other things and had no time for me. Yet I waited for you to turn to me.

At the end of the day you watched the television and played a game. For a while you dozed before you had your last drink of the day. And I waited for you to turn to me.

Now, I thought, you will have time – just before you go to sleep. Instead, you read until you were tired. You worried about tomorrow and at last fell asleep.

I will surround you with my love this night. I will wait for you tomorrow and if you do not remember I will be there the day after. I will wait until you turn to me.

All my love,
God.

COLLECT

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Lord, it can be so hard to forgive. 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 grasp just how much we have been forgiven, that we might freely offer that gift to others.

We give thanks for:

Our schools and Colleges.

Our Parish Council, business community, shops, council workers, health workers and local services.

All who serve in our churches, cleaning and maintaining our beautiful buildings and enabling us to meet to worship together once more.

We pray for:

Our teachers.

Staff and pupils facing quarantine following the local and national rise in Covid-19 cases

Parents caring for children home once more, but needing to work fulltime too.

Those affected by and fighting forest fires in California.

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.

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.

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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To receive a copy of these notices by email every Saturday, please subscribe to the website notification service at: www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/subscribe

**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 16th September, to the Parish Administrator.**

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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