



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 20th September 2020

TRINITY 15

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

If you would like to receive any of the Zoom links by email, please contact
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SUNDAY 20TH 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 21ST 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

2.00pm-4.00pm – All Saints Granby, open for private prayer

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

3.00pm-5.00pm – St Andrew's Langar, open for private prayer

4.00pm-4.45pm – St John the Divine Colston Bassett, open for private prayer

4.45pm – Compline (St John the Divine, Colston Bassett)

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

5.00pm – Colston Bassett's Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

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

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

FROM THE RECTORY *by Revd Rachel*

**²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.**

Psalm 31:24

I wonder how long you can hold your breath. I can remember spending many afternoons at the swimming pool seeing how far I could swim underwater. How long could I go without having to come to the surface, red faced and gasping for air?

Eventually we all need to come up for air, we all need good clean air to breathe.

As a parish I believe we have responded well to the current crisis. We have adapted quickly to moving our services and meetings online and our pastoral network is helping us to keep in touch.

We are now working to adapt to the 'new normal' with churches open for private prayer and the 9am public Holy Communion Service in our larger churches. Here we can meet adequately socially distanced and implement the necessary measures to keep us all safe.

However, there is still a sense of being stuck in the middle, of holding our breath and waiting for the 'new normal' amidst all the changes.

Even for those who cope well with uncertainty (are there many?) this is not simply uncertainty in one area of life, such as with a family member or moving home – which would be stressful enough – but uncertainty on national and, more accurately, a global scale.

Will this last weeks or months? Could it be over by Christmas? A year or two? We simply do not know.

For those of us already adapting to life changes brought on by aging, moving jobs or homes, and coping with the rapidly changing world around, navigating this 'new normal' is particularly difficult.

The consequences for many are rising stress levels and falling motivation; old weaknesses raise their heads and conflict escalates. We may feel overwhelmed. The temptation may be to retreat into nostalgia, to strive to return to all that is familiar or alternatively to hurtle headlong into a new and 'better' time to come.

Does this sound familiar? We are not alone. You are not alone.

How can we respond?

First, we can allow ourselves to take that breath. Take time out to breath in the life-giving breath of God. The breath of life that gave life to humankind; that gave life and being. It is time to simply be in the here and now with our God and with those we love.

Second, as a community of faith, it is time to refocus; to fix our eyes on Jesus, our hope and our joy. It is time to nurture our faith and to remember God's promises to us, his people.

God has promised never to leave us or forsake us. God is faithful, God is sovereign, God saves, God is good all the time, His love endures forever, He is a refuge in times of trouble, He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.....I am sure you will have your favorite bible verse or story that reminds you of God's faithfulness and love. God is love.

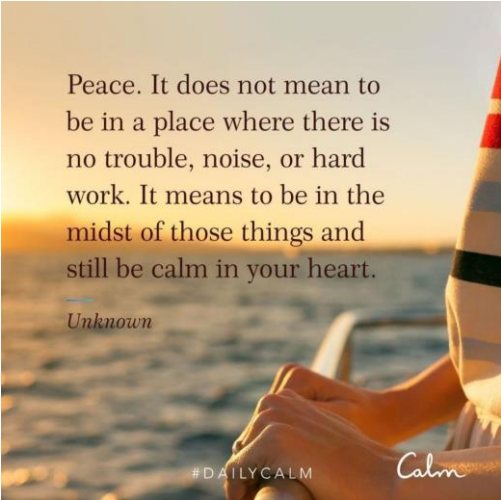
Third, we can take small steps, admitting that we cannot plan far ahead at this time. However, we can do the thing in front of us. The small things we can and take the small steps we are able. Small can indeed be beautiful...

And keep breathing...

God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

With love

Rev. Rachel



Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no trouble, noise, or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.

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(With thanks to James Lawrence, CPAS
2020.09.16)

#DAILYCALM

Calm

READINGS

Philippians 1: 21-30 *NRSV*

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

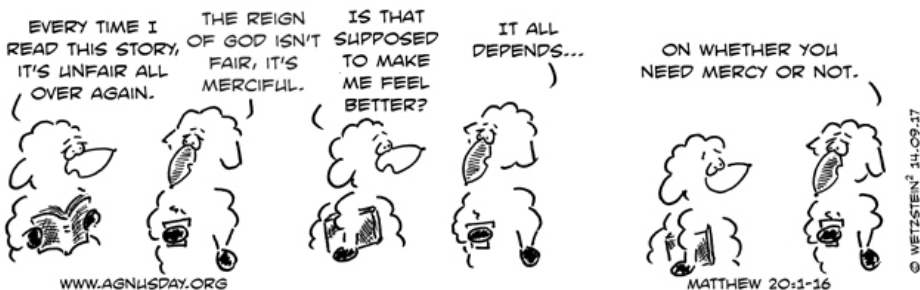
²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20: 1-16 *NRSV*

20 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'



COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of you love:
 grant that your people may be fervent
 in the fellowship of the gospel
 that, always abiding in you,
 they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
 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

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.



Letter from Bishop Paul



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am looking forward very much to the forthcoming Consecration of the Revd Dr Andrew Emerton as the new Bishop of Sherwood, at 2.30pm on Monday 21st September in York Minster.

Andy will be consecrated by the Bishop of Durham, the Right Revd Paul Butler, assisted by the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally and myself. The Archbishop of York will preside at the service.

The service will be held within the careful guidelines necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic thereby limiting the number of people attending to 30. As I am sure you will appreciate, such restrictions mean that we are not therefore able to invite you to attend in person. However, please be assured that this service will be live-streamed so you will still be able share in this significant moment for Andy and the Diocese. The livestream will be available on 21st September from 2.30 until 4.00pm on York Minster's website at www.YorkMinster.org/Whats-On

I am grateful to Dean Nicola and Southwell Minster who will arrange a diocesan Service of Welcome for Andy, when we hope to have the opportunity to celebrate together at an appropriate time in the future.

Please do uphold Andy, Liz and their family in prayer as they step into this new chapter in their lives.

With every blessing,

+ Paul

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

Lord help us to be a hope filled, thankful people. In these difficult times, help us to keep our eyes firmly on Jesus our Saviour and out hope.

Thank you for your many promises. Thank you that you are good all the time, all the time you are good. Help me to notice your goodness in the small things each day and to grow gratitude and hope in my heart.

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 Caroline. 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

These **notices** are posted week by week on the Parish website: 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

**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 23rd 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