



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

Notices 27th September 2020

TRINITY 16

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 27TH SEPTEMBER

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

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 28TH 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 30TH SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

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 4TH OCTOBER - Harvest

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)

4.00pm – Harvest Celebration (St Giles', Cropwell Bishop – by invite only)

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Entering this season of mellow fruitfulness and autumn glow, we recall the sense of thankfulness and comfort when entering the village church at Harvest Festival-the smell of apples, nuts, wheat and barley seeds, the sheaf of wheat, the local baked loaf shaped as wheat sheaf Ah! Even a small carved mouse next to the sack of corn! I remember it well! Hopeful we shall see this again in the future, but now in lockdown we have a different festival-is that the word-a festival? Yes, this is a time to give thanks-for all of God's provision- all that sustains life.

Two issues come to light:-

Our heavenly father created the world and all that is in it. You and me and all the plants and animals- everything comes from God. We have been given dominion over it! How have we done? Not well. David Attenborough is given us clear pointers and has done for years. Rather than beating ourselves up and being despondent, we need to look at what we can do to make the world a better place.

We do need to address the challenge of lifestyles where society has separated the knowledge of consumption and production. The Royal Commission in Scotland found in the survey of one thousand children, that 40% of them thought eggs came from chickens (the others said the supermarket), and over 40% said that oranges were grown in Scotland. In our cities most children do not know where our food comes from and not very interested. Mention Carbon footprint and air miles they get excited! I have found that village children know where their food comes from and much of what it takes to produce it. Those



"But why do we have to plough the fields and scatter when we get everything from Tesco?"

who grow their own vegetables know exactly what we are talking about. Dress and till the soil, plant seeds, water them and nurture them. Grow in season and pick in season. Some years the gardening will fail but we have to be determined and push on. Those who keep chickens will know more of what challenges the farmer has to face, compared to the urban buyer at the supermarket who is more concerned with price and availability. Everyone needs to be more concerned with welfare and fairness of farmers, land owners, all the others involved in growing and harvesting our crops and the stock, providing an equitable investment and income, having regard for sustainable land management and climate issues.

May we learn more about what God wants of us and all his people and all His Creation. Seek out the biblical pointers and address the moral and ethical issues in our lives and areas we can influence. Avoid waste. Eat seasonally. Reduce Carbon by reducing food miles. Buy local food. Ensure that all farming activities are supported thankfully.

Be thankful for the Grace of God in Jesus Christ-for all the provision of God's Creation.

HARVEST IN THE PARISH OF WIVERTON IN THE VALE - 4TH OCTOBER

**the Friary Working**
locally to end
homelessness

Next Sunday 4th October we will be celebrating harvest. This year all food donations will go to the Friary, please see further on in the Notice Sheet for more information about the Friary.

Donations may be left in the churches when open for private prayer or in the porch at the Rectory.

Our main harvest celebration service will go out online at 10.30am and will involve members of our community and the children from Langar Church of England School.

At 4pm at Cropwell Bishop there will be a small, brief Harvest Celebration for invited members of the local church and village community, mostly who have been unable to access services online and, or been unable to travel to Langar and Colston Bassett. The Joint Churches Choir have agreed to sing a small number of songs and hymns at this service.

COLLECT

Lord of all creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to our wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS

Philippians 2: 1-13 NRSV

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

YOU KNOW, NEITHER OF THESE SONS IS ANY GOOD. ONE IS *DISRESPECTFUL* AND THE OTHER IS A *SLACKER!*



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YES, AND REPENTANCE IS THE ONLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.



OH, RIGHT! I'M SORRY THAT I SAID THAT.



MATTHEW 21:23-32



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Matthew 21: 23-32 NRSV

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father^[a] went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

SHOE BOX APPEAL THANK YOU

After 18 years, I've reluctantly decided to give up coordinating the Shoebox appeal, as I've run out of energy. I've really enjoyed working with you all, and with the checking teams in Nottingham, and found it tremendously rewarding knowing the happiness it brings to the children. I'm earnestly praying that someone else will be called to the role and I will be happy to pass on my experience to help. To date, the Nottingham branch is going ahead with the appeal with Covid-19 regulations in place. So a huge thank you to all of you who have filled shoeboxes - some even for every one of the 18 years. With my love, Vivien

I am sure that you will want to join me in offering warm, heartfelt thanks to Vivien for her faithful service in coordinating the shoebox appeal for the last 18 years. Vivien you have done a wonderful job, your energy and enthusiasm is much appreciated. Through you and all who have taken the time to fill shoeboxes each year many children have been encouraged and blessed. Thank you, Rev'd Rachel

FRIARY HARVEST APPEAL 2020

the Friary Working
locally to end
homelessness

the Friary is a local charity that helps the homeless, long term unemployed and vulnerable adults.

Harvest time contributions are vital to the Friary; the donations stock the shelves for the following year. The food donations will be used to provide snacks for rough sleepers, as well as tinned products that are suitable for those who have cooking facilities. With the challenges of Covid-19 meaning it is harder to currently invite visitors into the drop-in centre, we are providing both food parcels and hot takeaway food from the door of the centre. We are currently distributing around 130 food parcels per week.



Your donations make a real difference to people's lives.

**Your support is really appreciated - please help us,
help others!**

All types of food can be re-distributed. Nothing goes to waste!

Donations may be left in the churches when open for private prayer or in the porch at the Rectory.

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

Lord when I'm afraid, anxious or in pain it's hard to lift my eyes from my own suffering, and yet on the cross, out of your great love, you willingly laid down your life and died for me. Help me to care for others as you care for me and to be willing to lay aside my own wants and needs for others when you ask, especially when it's simply the need to be right, win the argument or have the last word.

In these difficult times, help us to keep our eyes firmly on Jesus our Saviour and our 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:

Those struggling with fear and anxiety as the level of infections rises.

Medics, health centres and care workers as pressures mount once more on our NHS and care workers.

Restaurants, pubs and businesses affected by the new regulations

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.

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.

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



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**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