



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

Notices 29th November 2020

ADVENT 1

DIARY FOR THE NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – ADVENT 1

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

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

www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/online-services

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

Please join us for a cuppa after the online service.

3.00pm-3.40pm – JOY! (via Zoom)

For more information please contact Vivien at

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MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

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

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER – ADVENT 2

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

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

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FROM THE RECTORY by Edward Hine

My Dog and I !

What type of relationship does God want with us?

I will return to this later but first let me tell you about my black Labrador, Fhillie!

My previous lab died prematurely in 2018 and I did not rush to get a replacement but rather waited for a dog to find me. A year ago Lorrie was out riding when she bumped into a lady walking her lab with 2 six month old puppies. One thing led to another and Fhillie joined us and our other 4 dogs later that week!



A lovely looking dog and partly trained but she did not like leads, would not always come when called, and would only voluntarily come to me before mealtimes and walks! A bit like a surly teenager and she would only listen to me when it suited her! Also she was not sure who she belonged to with my brother Charles in the house as well. She was cute but we needed to work on our relationship!

I was patient and spent much time with her and she now comes and sits in my office with me every day. Also I take her in the car with me whenever I can, she can't wait to jump in! She also likes sitting with me watching the TV[see photo]. As a result our relationship has blossomed and she is now very happy in my company and generally is becoming much more obedient.

But we are not there yet and when we let her off the lead on the farm opposite and she is on to something interesting she becomes a lot less obedient and when a rabbit, hare or deer takes off so does she! When I whistle like mad she probably thinks I am trying to spoil her enjoyment but really I only whistle her if I think she is in danger of crossing the road. She doesn't realise yet that I want her to be obedient because I have her best interests at heart.

Whilst she has improved significantly, I hope that one day she will be completely responsive to my caring commands and will be able to walk with me, to heel, with no lead. I know she is a much happier dog now than a year ago but I feel there is more to come.

Well enough of Fhillie but what about our relationship with God? Very simplistically, I think God wants to have a similar type of relationship with us as I want to have with Fhillie. Going to church is wonderful (when we can!) but God

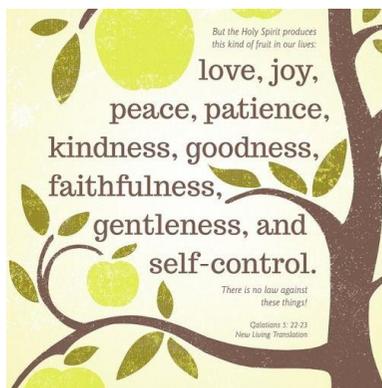
wants to see us more than once a week. He is a caring loving God and wants us to share our lives with him as much as we can. He wants us to talk to him through prayer not just on Sundays but every day and throughout the day! Through our Home Group Zoom meetings, where we are currently doing the new 8 week Character Course, I am finding that I am daily talking and consulting with God more often, which makes him feel closer.

He is like the father of the prodigal son [Luke 15] who must have constantly scanned the horizon in the hope that he might see his errant son and when doing so rushed out to meet him, kissed him and put new clothes and a ring on him.

God is not some distant Father but rather wants us to involve him in as much of our lives as we are able. Whilst he welcomes all contact it is not much of a relationship if we only pray when we want something! A bit like at the beginning with Phillie when she only came to me before meals and walks.

Also God wants us to be obedient not because he is a killjoy but rather he knows we will be happier in the long run if we follow his commandments and aspire to embody the fruit of the spirit [Galatians 5:22-23]. He wants us to walk through life with him at our side as we progress our journey in faith until that glorious day when we join him in heaven.

Phillie now delights in my company and I delight in hers as we become increasingly close. That's the type of relationship God wants with us.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

"In this season of generosity, many of us are supporting local community projects. If you are able, please also consider making a donation to The Children's Society which is our charity of the month. They work with the most vulnerable children across the country, with one example shown in their short promotion film on television at the moment. It's easy to make a donation through our Parish website www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/donate or using the DONATE button at the top right of the Home page, and down to the options where The Children's Society can be selected. If applicable, Gift Aiding this will help your donation go further. Alternatively, donations may be given to the treasurer, Max, see address on back page. Thank you!"

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37 (NRSV)

²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”



JOY! is now on ZOOM

bringing you

Craft, Bible story, prayers and songs.

November 29th 3.00pm - 3.40pm

December 13th 3.00pm - 3.40pm

December 20th (Christmas special)

3.00pm - 4.00pm

JOY! (Jesus Offers You) is for children to enjoy but everyone is welcome.

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SHOEBOX APPEAL

Sadly most of the collection and sorting sites have had to close during the Lockdown. There is still one open at St Michael's Church Bramcote, NG9 3HD. If you have any boxes or fillers to donate, then you can drop them off there. Otherwise, you could sponsor a box at the T4U website.



A CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR OUR LOCAL FREE SCHOOL MEAL FAMILIES

We have been thinking about all the campaigning and awareness work that has been happening on the issue of child poverty and hunger in the UK. In light of this campaign and with Xmas looming (which is a hard time for many and especially challenging this year with Covid), we contacted one of our local Headteachers to see whether we had a lot of children in our area that would need and depend on the free school meals during holidays to ensure that they had sufficient food when not in schools.

We were amazed when the Head Teacher advised us that yes in our area around 10% of our local children would currently fall into this category. With Covid this year more children and families fall into this category with families having experienced job losses, wage cuts or from being furloughed on reduced wages for extended periods so it is harder for these families than ever.

What's great is that our Local Council have committed to providing meal vouchers or meals for these children over the Xmas holidays, but we still think we could do more to help ease this period for those children and their families and to make Christmas a more special affair.

So we would like to reach out to our Parishioners for some help for these families...

Now, before we ask, many people are suffering particular hardship this year and we are all endlessly asked to support various causes so if you are realistically unable to help then please do not do anything to support this that would be to the detriment of yourself or your family..... and please do not feel guilty about that decision either; we can all help at different times and we all Need help at different times... if we just do what we can when we can then that is more than enough.

For those in a position to and would like to help, our idea is that for the next three weeks – we all order or pick up a few extra items in our weekly shops as many as we can reasonably afford. We will then provide details of a drop off point or arrange collection from you if you are unable to drop off during week commencing 14th December. The food we have collected will then be passed over to the Head at the local school on the 16th December who will review what we have collected and distribute it fairly in food packages amongst the most needy of our local children and families. These food parcels need to be able to be carried home on the assumption some families may not have vehicles so if you could collect your items in robust ‘bags for life’ or similar then that would be really helpful – and the more bags the better so we can distribute them into bags that aren’t too heavy to carry.

So What are we looking to collect?

Well in discussion with the Head, the school have suggested as the free schools meals vouchers are being provided that we could use our collection to give the families a real Boost over the holidays by using a Xmas themed food collection, that way it will also feel less like a charitable donation. The head rightly pointed out that although giving to us may feel good – receiving even though they need help can feel difficult, hard to accept and demotivating.

We think that it is a great idea to use the Xmas theme and it will be nice to provide the items that could bring a little extra magic and joy!!

So in terms of guidance on items please nothing fresh, so not fruit or vegetables or anything that needs keeping in a fridge or freezer and nothing with a short used by date that might expire before Xmas.

Please add whatever you find to your shopping list that would fit under a Xmas theme but to give examples of the sorts of items we are talking about – mince pies, Xmas puddings, Xmas cakes, yuletide logs, Nutella chocolate spread, preserves, pickles or jams, stuffing mix, tins of rice pudding, steamed tinned puddings/ desserts, jelly, hot chocolate drinks, milkshake powders, crackers for cheese (and also cracker to pull), nibbles like pretzels or chocolate covered pretzels, nuts, nuts and raisins, crisps even dried baking packs you can buy with all the ingredients in to make your own muffins/cakes (these would be nice as they are also something for the family to do together). I also think a few tins of hot soups, stews would also be well received

Please collect as many items as you want to BUT if you can only afford a tin of stew or a pack of mince pies a week thats fantastic and will still make a huge

difference, if you can order several items then that's also brilliant. We must remember that these children and families have very little, so everything helps!!!

Thankyou everyone for your consideration.

What should I put what I collect in?

As outlined earlier please put them in sturdy bags that the families can use to carry their items home

What shall I do if I have collected some items, but I cannot deliver them myself to the collection point?

Do not worry write to katharine.bacon@wivertoninthevale.co.uk and let us know and we will arrange for someone to collect them from you

When do I have to drop them off?

It is likely to be around the 14th December - we are still working on the details but will confirm that over the coming weeks

How many items shall I add to my shopping each week?

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A FAMILY PRAYER

Loving God, you know us and all that we are facing.

We thank you that we can come to you as we are – with all our fears and concerns, our difficulties and challenges.

Please draw close to each of us and those we remember before you now.

Bring to us your peace and comfort. And fill us with your Spirit that we may be bearers of your grace and hope to others.

As a country protect us, encourage us and keep us.

In the name of your Son Jesus we pray. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



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 at:

www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/donate



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 2nd December, to the Parish Administrator.**

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Any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Parish.

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