



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

Notices 6th December 2020

ADVENT 2

DIARY FOR THE NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER – ADVENT 2

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).

www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/online-services

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

Please join us for a cuppa after the online service.

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 13TH DECEMBER – ADVENT 3

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

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

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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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES – DON'T FORGET TO BOOK!

THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm – Holy Communion (All Saints', Granby)*

FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am – Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Langar)*

10.00am – Holy Communion (St John's, Colston Bassett)*

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS 1

10.00am – Holy Communion (St Giles', Cropwell Bishop)*

**Please note: we request that you contact your church warden (or Peter who has agreed to coordinate across the Parish pah17hills@hotmail.com) by 19th December if you (and how many with you) would like to attend one of these, in order to help us plan and manage the numbers safely. If there is no service offered at your local church you are welcome to request places elsewhere in the Parish.*



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.

For more information please contact Vivien at vivien_s_hall@yahoo.co.uk

GOSPEL READING

ACADEMIC QUESTION:
THIS BAPTISM WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DOES IT HURT?



WELL—IT'S HOW GOD
USES THE SIGN OF
BAPTISM TO BRING
YOU OUT OF THIS WORLD
AND INTO THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN.



SO... THE
ANSWER IS—
"YES"?



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Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight”’,

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

CHRISTMAS APPEAL COLLECTION POINTS



Thank you, everyone, for your wonderful support for our local families during the run up to Christmas.

So here are the details for how to get your marvellous offerings, however large or small, to the churches and churchwardens in our different villages.

Collection Points:

Sunday, 13th December – after the 9am Holy Communion – St John's, Colston Bassett

Monday, 14th December – 2 - 4pm – Maureen's porch, Granby (tel. 01949 850441)

Tuesday, 15th December all day – Hilary's porch, Cropwell Bishop (tel. 0115 9894836)

Tuesday, 15th December – 2 - 5pm – St Andrew's porch, Langar (not morning)

Wednesday, 16th December – 9am – 3pm – St Andrew's porch, Langar

All the bags will be delivered to Langar School after school on the 16th. The School will review what has been collected and distribute it fairly among the most needy of our local children and families.

Thank you so much for your amazing generosity.

Every blessing,

Katharine Bacon (LLM)

Wiverton in the Vale Parish

N.B. Just a reminder of what was suggested in the appeal:

Things with a Christmas theme - 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 crackers 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 or stews would 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, that's 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!!!

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PAUL

In his Advent & Christmas message for 2020, the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, Paul Williams offers a message of hope to every person living in each community across this diocese, especially against the backdrop of this past year with all the challenges we have been living through.

Bishop Paul offers words of encouragement, "Whatever this Christmas holds for you and for our world, may God bless you, and remind us that because of Jesus, there is always hope. God's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out."

You are invited to watch Bishop Paul's Christmas message via the diocesan YouTube channel www.youtube.com/watch?v=91YOA9FitLU or via the [Parish website](#).



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!

COMFORT AND JOY RESOURCES FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Comfort and Joy holds together the hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that – for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones – it may be the Church's role, both nationally and locally, to provide consolation, rather than assume everyone will be ready to join in jubilation.



Phone app – download the phone app on iOS or Android, just search “Comfort and Joy” and look for the symbol



Reflections - Weekly Advent reflections from 29 November - 20 December. Daily Christmas reflections from 25th December – 2nd January. www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/comfort-and-joy-our-advent-and-christmas-reflections

Online services - Services will all be broadcast on the Church of England's YouTube channel and Facebook page and are also available on their Weekly online services page. www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online/weekly-online-services

A PRAYER IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING by Bishop Bev Mason, *Prayers for Our Nation.*

I call you God.
Are you my God?
I speak!
Do you hear?
Are my words of any worth to you?
Do they make a difference?

I have accepted the invitation to pray
And so here I am.
The world feels a mess.
The pandemic instils fear and anxiety.
It causes sickness and death.
It strikes our NHS.
It causes division among family and friends.
It's wrecking our economy.
It's driving the poorest into the dust.

Please hear me.
Please come to our help.
Give us what we need to see this through.
And at its ending,
may it mark a new beginning
Of friendship,
Peace and kindness;
Of generosity, hope and faith.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour,
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
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 9th December, to the Parish Administrator.**

KEY CONTACTS

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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