



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

Notices 13th December 2020

ADVENT 3

DIARY FOR THE NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER – ADVENT 3

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).

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

vivien_s_hall@yahoo.co.uk



MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER

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 18TH DECEMBER

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER – ADVENT 4

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

10.30am – Carol Service (on our website)

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FROM THE RECTORY *by Katharine Bacon*

We're in that strange period which is Advent – a time of waiting for the arrival of the Lord Jesus as a tiny baby laid in a manger surrounded by cute animals (if we believe our Christmas Cards!)

'But, hang on!' I hear you say, "hasn't Jesus already arrived and, actually, departed? Maybe 2000 years ago?"

Yes, that's true. But we're also waiting for him to come back as was promised by the angels when he left. He's going to come in glory with clouds and angels and trumpets and he's going to set our whole earth to rights and get rid of evil and it's going to be incredible!

But, and it's a big but, we don't know when that's going to happen. Until it does, we need to keep on going, doing the best we can to bring heaven to earth by being as like Jesus as we can: that's what a disciple does. He or she copies the person they're being a disciple of and that's what we're meant to be trying to do.

It's not easy and it can sometimes be a bit dispiriting.

Just like now, while we're waiting for everyone to be given a vaccine so we can start seeing each other again in person and not on the internet or hear them on the phone. Although, both have been a lifesaver and I bless God for giving us all this technology so that we can SEE people even if we can't hug them. We can also be thankful for all that the brave NHS and care-workers are doing looking after us. We can be thankful for so many people trying to keep us going under such difficult circumstances and we can be hugely thankful that there's a vaccine (well, several!)

But we wouldn't be human if we didn't feel disappointed that we can't just get back to normal, especially as it's Christmas. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel! However, we've got to wait before we can hug friends and family, or the people we meet who really need a hug because they're upset.

We've got to wait.

And hold the hope in our hearts of what lies ahead.

And that's what we've got to do in Advent.

We've got to wait for Jesus.

We've got to be ready.

And we've got to hold the hope and light of him in our hearts, trusting that he will come.

He is the Way, the Truth and the Life; Love incarnate; Son of God; our Saviour and the light that lightens our darkness.

We can wait.

And we can celebrate, again, his arrival all those years ago as a tiny, defenceless baby – our Lord and Saviour.

Allelujah!

Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:6-8,19-28 (NRSV)

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ ²¹And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’

²²Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ ²³He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord”,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’

²⁶John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

JOHN IS REALLY
REWINDING UP THE
CROWD HERE!



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THIS WAS A TIME OF EXPECTATION. EVEN
THE ROMANS THOUGHT THEY WERE IN
THE DAWN OF A NEW GOLDEN AGE.



WAITING FOR **NEWS** THAT
WILL **CHANGE EVERYTHING**.
I WONDER WHAT THAT'S LIKE?



JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

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Christmas Events and Services

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



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.*



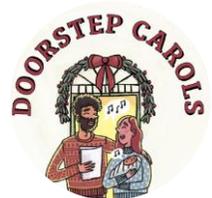
CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH THE NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST

A date with Bill Bryson, Huw Edwards and Michael Palin? Yes, these are amongst celebrities headlining the National Churches Trust's online Christmas Carol Concert at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16 December 2020. Admission is by donation. For more details and a link to their donation page to get your 'tickets', visit the Parish website at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/nct_carols



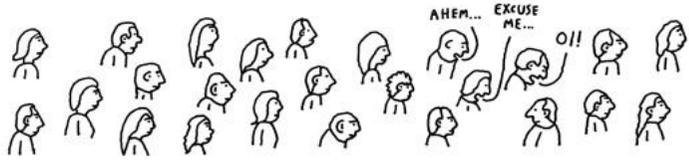
CAROLS ON THE DOORSTEP

More Carol Singing, for everyone, from the safety of their doorsteps. Sing along with Radio Nottingham's broadcast from 6pm on Wednesday 16 December. Visit the Parish website for information at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/doorstep



ADVENT

WE LOOK FORWARD



WE PREPARE



WE WAIT



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Prayers

COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son;
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

We give thanks for the long life of Dickie Bond and pray for his family and loved ones. We pray for all who grieve, are ill, exhausted, or lonely.

We pray for peace and joy as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, trusting that he is within and around us now, the one who is, and is to come. Amen

THE SEVEN GREAT O'S OF ADVENT *from The Book of a Thousand Prayers*

O Wisdom, mysterious Word of God,
coming forth from the Father
and filling all creation with your life-giving power:
Come and show us the way of truth.

O Lord of Israel, ruler of your ancient people,
you appeared to Moses in the burning bush
and gave the law on Mount Sinai:
Come and reach out your hand to save us.

O Flower of Jesse's line, Son of David,
you have been lifted up as a sign of peace,
drawing all kings and peoples to stand silent in your presence:
Come quickly and help us, we beseech you.

O Key of David, and sceptre of the house of Israel,
you have opened to us the way of hope,
and shut the door on the powers of evil:
Come and free us from our prisons of darkness.

O Morning Star, radiance of the Father's love,
you are the brightness that disperses the shadows of our hearts:
Come, cleanse and renew us in your glory.

O King of the Nations, you alone bring joy when you reign in our hearts,
and you are the cornerstone of our lives:
Come and strengthen us, who were formed by you.

O Emmanuel, God with us,
hope of the world, and Saviour of all,
come and live in us, now and for ever.

Western Rite (adapted by Angela Ashwin)



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 16th 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.

Further information and contact details can be found on the parish website at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who