



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 24th October 2021
Last After Trinity**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (correct at time of going to press)

SUNDAY 24th October

- 10.30am – Holy Communion (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)
- 10.30am – Holy Communion (All Saints, Granby)

MONDAY 25th October

- 9.00am – **All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)
- 10.30am - 4.00pm – **St Giles' Cropwell Bishop, open for private prayer**

WEDNESDAY 27th October

- 10.00am – 11.30am **St Giles' Cropwell Bishop** Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners

FRIDAY 29th October

- 9.00am – **All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)
- 5.00pm – **Colston Bassett's Evening Prayer** (via Zoom) **1st & 3rd Fridays only**

SUNDAY 31st October

- 10.30am – **All Parish Holy Communion** (St Johns, Colston Bassett)
- 4.00pm – **All Souls Service** (St Andrews, Langar)

READINGS

Sunday 24th October – Matthew 18:1-5, Acts 8:26-38

SERVICES

As we move forward Covid-19 guidelines for our churches

We continue to review and update our Coronavirus policy and risk assessments. We respectfully request that;

- We maintain the practice of hand hygiene. There will be sanitiser gel available for use before and after each service.
- We continue to wear masks in church, especially as we move around and sing.
- We will maintain social distancing of a minimum of one metre. For those wishing more space notices will be supplied with the wording '*Please leave this space free*' that people can place on the adjacent seat.

Holy Communion will continue to be offered in one kind, that is the bread only.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CHANGE IN DATE – 14th November - Higher a Choir Evensong Because Covid has struck the choir conductor & organist, the service which Revd Keith Turner was taking at Clumber Chapel on 17 October at 3.30pm has been postponed to 14 November. Two people in our own Parish are amongst the singers. All are most welcome. It would be lovely to see some familiar faces there.

20th November – Parish Vision Day at Jubilee House, Southwell, details to follow but for now, please Save the Date!

Current Appeal – Self Help Africa – check the website, www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal for how to donate.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

If you would like to join the appeal to bring joy to a child in great need this Christmas then you will need a leaflet/label that will explain what gifts you can put in the shoebox. These can be found in the churches in the Wiverton-in-the-Vale Parish along with flat-packed shoeboxes that you are welcome to take to fill, if you haven't got a suitable box at home. Please return the filled boxes to a church or the Rectory porch by November 22nd or earlier. We don't yet know which country the boxes will be sent to, (probably a cold one). We do know that each box will bring joy to a child living a tough life. The favourites of ALL the children, regardless of age and gender, are cuddly toys, toy cars, a photo of you or a Christmas card with a written message. Thank you. Any queries phone: Vivien 0115 9890250



LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS on Matthew 18:1-5 by Katharine Bacon

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' ² He called a child, whom he put among them, ³ and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

We see the disciples struggling to grasp what the kingdom of heaven is like. Jesus is here answering their questions. The huge thing is – how to ask the right question?

Quite clearly, asking 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' was the wrong question. I'm guessing it might've been James or John asking that leading question – the ones who got their mother to ask if they could be at either side of

Jesus when he came into his kingdom, ie, his right-hand men, his deputies. Yes, really pushy.

And Jesus goes straight to the nub of the matter: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

That's shocking! Here are adult men who have given up their livelihoods to follow Jesus and learn how to be closer to God. Surely, they are worth more than a child.

Children are noisy, impulsive, needy, little people – they're extremely tiring to have around – they need constant attention and looking after and teaching to do the most basic things like shutting the door when they come in or avoiding jumping in puddles, so they're not soaked through.

But they do soak up information. They hear and see and touch everything and they are amazingly loving and trusting. And they depend on us to keep them safe.

What's Jesus saying here?

Maybe he's saying we need to accept that we've grown into noisy, impulsive, needy, large people who need to remember how to listen, to see, to touch, to love and to trust and to depend on God to keep us safe – not throw our weight around – not think we know it all – because in the kingdom of God – we are beginners. We haven't even started yet.

We've got to accept that to even have a chance of entering the kingdom of heaven.

And it's so upside down. 'Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.' How can that be? Maybe by accepting that we have no control over our own lives? – that God, our Lord and Saviour, is the only one who has.

'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'

And that's the big ask, isn't it?

KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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HELPING AFGHAN REFUGEES

Few of us can have been unmoved by the images of Afghans seeking flights to safety. The UK has committed to resettle around 5,000 Afghan Nationals at risk in 2021 rising to 20,000 in the longer term. Priority will be given to women and girls, and religious groups and minorities. Through the Nottingham and Notts Refugee Forum we wish to support them and others reaching our nation either through direct donation to <http://www.nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk/> or by supporting the appeal for those commodities listed below:

Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Tinned Fish, Coffee, Washing Powder, Toothpaste.

Collections will be held at St Giles' Church Cropwell Bishop, 10.00 - 12.00 on

October 20th and 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

If you wish to donate but have difficulty in making those collection times, please contact Peter Hills on 07708 022201 or Sue Macdonald on 07756 806921.

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.' Matthew 25 v35.

KEY CONTACTS

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

Copy deadline for items to be included in the next week's Notice Sheet: Wednesday 27th October 2021, to the Parish Administrator.