



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 31st October 2021
4 before Advent**

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

SUNDAY 31st October

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

MONDAY 1st November

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

WEDNESDAY 3rd November

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

FRIDAY 5th November

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

SUNDAY 7th November

- 10.30am – All Age Holy Communion** (St Andrews, Langar)

READINGS

Sunday 31st October – John 11.32-44, Revelation 21.1-6a

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.

POSTPONED – Parish Vision Day due to Rachel being off we are postponing this till the new year.

22nd November – PCC at St Andrew's Langar. If you have any matters you wish to be discussed please contact your churchwarden or church representative.

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: 1) Cuddly toy, 2) Toy car(s), 3) A photo of you or a Christmas card with a written message.



Thank you, Any queries phone: Vivien 0115 9890250

NEWS FROM RACHEL

Following an appointment with my GP this morning I have been signed off as unfit for work for three months.

My health has been deteriorating rapidly over the last month. This is all extremely disappointing but very necessary for my health and wellbeing if I am to recover or learn to manage the ME/CFS.

I deeply regret putting you in this position again.

I have notified Archdeacon Phil and our Area Dean.

With thanks for all your support, help and hard work over the last year.

With love and prayers.

Rachel

LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Revd Canon Keith Turner

1st November is All Saints' Day but it will be celebrated in many Churches today, as here in this Parish. The 31st is also Halloween, and tomorrow the beginning of the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. I wonder what message we can find in this interesting combination!

In the collect for All Saints' Day we pray '*Almighty God ... grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living*'. We are encouraged to follow the good examples of those who have gone before us. How extremely important is that word 'example'! If we want to see the Christian faith in action, we need to demonstrate it by what we do and say. If we want to convince others of the truth and power of the Gospel, then those who claim to be Christians have to show it in the power of the Holy Spirit. Over generations that 'example' has ranged from brilliant to dreadful, and that is just as true in our day. One thing we often bypass when it comes to witness and Church growth is *our behaviour*; we can argue about all and sundry, but conveniently forget this.

Halloween is, of course, an increasingly popular celebration, but I wonder why there is this unhealthy fascination with 'horror'. I have a great dislike for it in its apparent glorification of what is dark and evil, which should never be fun. But in these two days, we have an interesting dichotomy which spills over into life, and, as COP26 begins, into how we honour and use the created order! We all know how our exploitation of the natural world can be both right and wrong, creative or destructive.

How good and heartening it has been to see the awards for five projects under the Earthshot Prize Scheme - the prizes funded by the Duke of Cambridge's Royal Foundation. At this present time, we are being encouraged to review our behaviour internationally, nationally and personally when it comes to 'greed' and a 'couldn't care-less' exploitation which effects the climate, land and sea. Organisations like Tear Fund, Christian Aid and CAFOD are urging us to pray for this Conference. Does '*virtuous and godly living*' apply to this aspect of life? Will future generations admire and follow our example? Will we oppose the sacrifices and changes that will inevitably be needed, or be glad to become trail-blazers?

PRAYERS

A Prayer by the Archbishop of York, the Most Rev Stephen Cottrell

Creator God, giver of life, you sustain the earth and direct the nations. In this time of climate crisis grant us clarity to hear the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor; challenge us to change our lifestyles; guide our leaders to take courageous action; enable your church to be a beacon of hope; and foster within us a renewed vision of your purposes for your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by and for whom all things were made. Amen.

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 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.

'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

Revd. Rachel – on sick leave until the end of January, please address enquires to the Parish Administrator

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Any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to:

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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 3rd November 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**