



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 21st November 2021
Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent

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

SUNDAY 21st November

10.30am – Holy Communion (St Andrews, Langar)

10.30am – Morning Worship (St John's, Colston Bassett)

MONDAY 22nd November

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 24th November

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

FRIDAY 26th November

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 28th November

10.30am – Holy Communion (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

10.30am – Holy Communion (All Saints, Granby)

READINGS

Sunday 21st November – Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37

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

21st November we've all been invited as part of the East Bingham Deanery to attend Evensong at Southwell Minster at 3.30pm which celebrates Christ the King. Katharine attended a couple of years ago and it was absolutely beautiful!

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.

19th March 2022 – at St Mary's, Bingham - Changed by David Shenton. A play about people whose lives are changed after meeting Jesus. Tickets will be £10, £8.00 concessions.

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



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Last call for your boxes please. You have up to November 22nd to return them to any of the churches in the parish. If you haven't yet started, there are still flat-packed boxes and explanatory leaflets in the churches for you to help yourself.



Thank you

Any queries phone: Vivien 0115 9890250

LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS on Revelation 1 by Peter Hills

As we begin to explore this amazing book, the opening chapter lays some important foundations for all that follows. Revelation was written by John to seven churches in the province of Asia. These seven churches are listed in the sequence that a messenger sent by John, would most likely have visited them. The messenger would have arrived by sea from Patmos at Ephesus, and then travelled along the major trade routes in a clockwise direction, stopping at each town in turn, finishing at Laodicea. The average distance between the seven churches would have been around forty miles or a couple of days walk.

The book of Revelation is very Christ centred. He is named explicitly in each of the first two verses, and we learn it is He who instructs John to write down all that he sees (verse 11). Notice how Jesus is described: "the faithful witness, the first born from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth" (verse 5). And when John lays eyes on Him, His appearance reveals His glory (verses 13-16). Try to imagine the picture of Jesus from these verses. I wonder what words you would use to describe Him either from this vision or indeed from your own image of Jesus.

So although the book of Revelation is a series of letters, we appreciate already that it is going to be a rather special one. Spiritual and physical pictures invade our senses. It will be hard to discern particular meaning from individual verses and so perhaps we should invite our God to help us absorb the overall messages the book contains by taking a Chapter at a time. The book will contain a great deal of symbolism. Count how often the (perfect) number 7 has appeared. And this is just the first Chapter! Perhaps like me you find such imagery and symbolism a little unsettling. But look at what Jesus says to John in verse 17 "Do not be afraid". Neither should the original readers. Neither should we. On the contrary, those who hear it and take it to heart are "blessed" (verse 3). The revelation is meant to comfort, to provide truth but not to confuse.

And so let us read with an open mind and a willingness to be taught by the Spirit of truth. We may not understand everything John describes but hopefully we will understand enough to experience blessing. Read, be encouraged and filled with hope for the future.

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word, and the truths it contains. Thank You that I am part of Your body and am privileged to be an ambassador on earth. May I reflect the light of Your love and truth to others in all I say and do - in Jesus name I pray, Amen

Heavenly Father, thank You for the revelation of Jesus Christ which You gave to your servant John to show us, all that must come to pass. Thank You that Christ took the terrible punishment for my sin and that I have been clothed in His righteousness... by faith in His death and Resurrection. I pray that my life would be a faithful and true witness of Your goodness and grace to me and that I will hear Him say well done, good and faithful servant. May I eschew every kind of evil, hold fast to His Word of truth, and listen carefully to all that the Holy Spirit says to the churches - for Your greater honour and glory. Amen.

CAN YOU SING? COME AND JOIN THE CHOIR

Friendly church choir would like to recruit new singers of every voice part (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) to support worship on an occasional basis. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals with the ability to sing in tune and at least a basic understanding of musical notation. Previous choral experience would be advantageous but is not essential. To find out more, contact Musical Director Mark Snelgrove at mark.snelgrove@btinternet.com or Hilary Tabron at hilarytabron@uwclub.net or on 0115 9894836.

HELPING REFUGEES

Thank you so much. Please keep donating, our targets of 100kg and 250 items still seem some way off and we have just 3 weeks left! There are so many needy people who need our support. Please help by supporting the appeal for those commodities listed below:

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

Collections at St Giles' Church Cropwell Bishop, 10.00 - 12.00 on **November 24th**

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

Asylum seekers being accommodated at the Belvoir Hotel on Redmile Lane

51 young men aged between 18 and 25 are currently residing at the newly re-named Belvoir Hotel at the junction of the A52 and Redmile Lane waiting for their applications to be assessed. Orston School and community have been donating clothing items for the men but apparently the hotel say that they are desperately in need of indoor items to help the men to keep busy, especially as the weather turns dark and cold. They suggest donations of the following items:

Board games, Packs of cards and card games, Jigsaw puzzles

Books including children's books for those learning to read English

If you would like to donate, there will be a collecting box in Granby Church

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:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Rosie Dulwich

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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 24th November 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**