



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 5th December 2021
Advent 2**

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

SUNDAY 5th December

10.30am – All Age All Parish Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Langar)

MONDAY 6th December

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 8th December

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

FRIDAY 10th December

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 12th December

10.30am – Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

4.00pm – Carol Service (St John's, Colston Bassett)

4.00pm – Christingle Service (St Giles', Cropwell Bishop)

READINGS

Sunday 5th December – Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

SERVICES

As we move forward Covid-19 guidelines for our churches

To allow as many people as possible to feel confident coming to church in these times of high COVID cases, we need your help, so please:

- do not attend if you have any symptoms or feel unwell;
- take a Lateral Flow Test showing negative no more than one day ahead of the service;
- we maintain the practice of hand hygiene. There will be sanitiser gel available for use before and after each service;
- wear a mask, especially while singing, excluding Primary/pre-school children and those exempt on health grounds;

We will have doors open for ventilation, so you'll need to wrap up warmly!

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th December - Our annual "Christmas Cheer" sing-a-long concert will be held in All Saints Church, Granby on Saturday 11th December at 7.00pm with seasonal songs for all the family. Tickets £5 each (children free). Numbers will be limited this year. Contact Carole Headland (01949 850940) or Isabel Daw (01949 851212). Please wear a face mask.

20th December - A Christmas Celebration, 7.30pm in Southwell Minster. Southwell Music Festival is holding an evening of seasonal words and choral music performed by Southwell Festival Voices, conducted by Artistic Director Marcus Farnsworth with readings from stage and screen actor Philip Franks. Book online www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwell-music-festival or call the Box Office on 01636 330014.



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 – The Children's Society – for how to donate please check the website, www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal



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LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Hilary Tabron

Well, how did that happen?! We're a few days into December, it's the second Sunday of Advent, and for me, and I suspect most of us, any hopes of having already sorted Christmas presents and cards by now have been dashed.

When so much of our life requires planning and action, watching and waiting do not come easily. But in the cycle of church life and worship, this season of Advent calls us to do just that, requiring us to slow down in order that we might indeed watch and wait. We look both to the past, to the birth of Jesus, marvelling once again in its mystery and impact, and forwards to the future second coming when God's full purposes will come to fruition.

Looking even further back, the Jews waited patiently for the Messiah. But it seems they were so intent on their imagined conquering Messiah that they failed to live faithfully in the light of the fullness of their scripture, rather than working towards that hope. When the time came, most of them were unable to recognise Emmanuel, God with us: the Messiah who, when he grew up, taught and ministered among them. He didn't match up to their expectations.

Are we so different? We look forward to a second coming, about which there are confusing and mixed messages in the New Testament. Could we, like the Jews, be fixing on a certain image rather than keeping an open mind, trusting God and living faithfully in the light of Christ's teaching, allowing that light to lead us forward day by day?

These are good questions as we journey through the weeks leading up to Christmas which we call Advent, or 'coming towards'. How we approach that depends on where we are. Are we feeling somewhat shell-shocked from the underlying uncertainty of the COVID situation, with its crises and stresses? Or maybe frenetically dashing around sorting and doing, with no time to rest or to reflect? In either case, and anywhere in between, surely there's no better time to remember Emmanuel, 'God with us', not just through the voices of the prophets; not just as he was knit together in Mary's womb, wonderfully and fearfully made (borrowing words from Psalm 139), or as the man in his years of ministry for whom John the Baptist prepared the way, but with us now; with us in our questioning, our difficulties, in our praise and in our tears.

In John 1.9 Jesus is described as "the true light, which enlightens everyone". Maybe we can set aside time each day to look to his light through this season. May we find calm and comfort, with fresh confidence to be all we need to be, one day at a time.

PRAYERS

Like a candle flame
Flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes



God is with us, alleluia! *Graham Kendrick*

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

Asylum seekers being accommodated at the Belvoir Hotel on Redmile Lane

Thank you to anyone who donated games, books, jigsaws and other pastime activities to Granby church. Belvoir Hotel are now fully equipped and no further donations are needed at the moment.

Collections for Refugees

Thank you – we have reached our targets. Thank you so much for your food commodities for the refugees arriving in Nottingham. We have donated some 116.7kg covering 275 items to Nottingham Refugee Forum during the 7 weeks of our appeal. Our targets of 100kg and 250 items have been surpassed. We shall for the time being cease our collections; that said, many people have benefitted from your generosity and will continue to be in need. So further donations would be hugely valued. Take any food donations to reception at NNRF or contact Gemma on gemma.pillay@nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk.

Thank you again to you all. *Peter Hills*

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 8th December 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**