



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

Notices 11th October 2020

TRINITY 18

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

If you would like to receive any of the Zoom links by email, please contact administrator@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

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

10.30am – Sunday Service (on YouTube)

Please [click here](#) to join the service at 10.30am (or later).

www.youtube.com/channel/UCC6WwuTuGil79wHne9ys79g

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

Please join us for a cuppa after the online service.

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

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

2.00pm-4.00pm – All Saints Granby, open for private prayer

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

3.00pm-5.00pm – St Andrew's Langar, open for private prayer

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

All are invited to parish prayers via Zoom on Mondays and Fridays

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

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER – Trinity 19

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

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

FROM THE RECTORY by Sid Mitchell

*“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
... “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

There is hope for all. Salvation is not about works, being good or earning our place or about what we do for God. It is available for everyone, even in the final hour of our lives.

We are familiar with the image. The crucifixion. Three crosses, two criminals, one hurling abuse.

Jesus dying on the cross brings the presence of God, forgiveness, and reconciliation to us, including that criminal, at that moment in time. In the depths of agony, confronting all evil, paying the price for everyone who has and who will ever live, he proved his desire for that personal relationship with us all by reaching out, comforting and responding to the repentant criminal.

The two criminals' lives in one sense were identical until the point of death. The simple revelation caused one to receive eternal life whilst the other appeared to be damned.

This for me is where heaven touched Earth in a wonderfully powerful and loving way bringing salvation through God's grace and sacrifice!

If this had not happened the gospel message would have lost meaning. Whatever discussions we get into about salvation, Luke's inclusion of this criminal's response means so much to me due to its simplicity and clarity.

Faced with imminent death, faced with himself and the life he had led, the criminal knew that he deserved death. I know that I also deserve death, regardless of how I have lived my life because I sin; I continually mess up whatever I do, I cannot possibly earn eternal life in my own strength, or through my own actions.

If there was ever a time during his life when Jesus would understandably not have responded, I think it would have been then. In the agony of crucifixion Jesus spoke, not reassuring words of false hope, but truth to the criminal at his moment of death.

He received his reward having done nothing but realise who Jesus was, responding with repentance at the point of death. The final hour.

Many times over the years when I've been discussing with people how they are doing with God, or when they've been struggling in their faith I have asked them to consider if they are walking towards or away from Jesus. Believing this to be the crux of so many issues and situations I have encouraged them to simply keep walking towards him and to keep trusting him for the outcome. Sometimes this is our only possible response to the One who loves us.



I have often had to apply this in my own life.

I believe the criminal on the cross, recognised his unworthiness, saw Jesus for who he was and made that move towards him.

May we follow his example.

READINGS

Philippians 4: 1-9 NRSV

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22:1-14 NRSV

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.’



APM & APCM Wednesday 28th October, 7.00pm, via Zoom

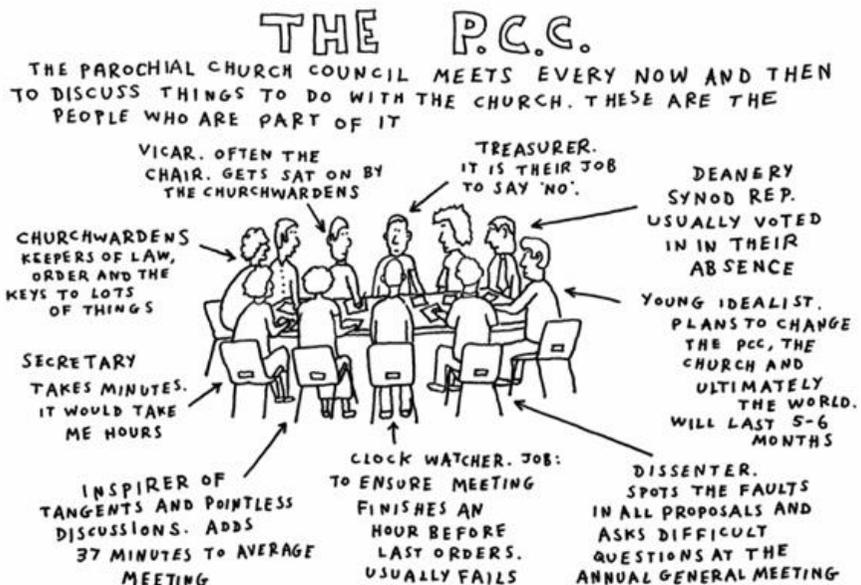
Please contact the administrator for joining info on phone: 07592 873751
email: administrator@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

Electoral Roll - If you have started to worship regularly with us over the last year and would like to be included on your church Electoral Roll please contact Hilary on phone: 0115 989 4836 email: hilary.tabron@wivertoninthevale.co.uk Additions welcome!

Treasurer - The PCC is seeking a new treasurer to look after the finances of the Wiverton in the Vale PCC.

The Volunteer will be required to be a trustee of the PCC and maintain the Bookkeeping System and Bank Accounts for this registered charity. Basic computer skills including the use of Microsoft Word and Excel Spreadsheets, E-mailing and an understanding of bookkeeping principles will be necessary but formal qualifications are not required. The position of Treasurer requires a commitment of up to 6 hours per week and full training will be given.

Please contact our current Treasurer Max by phone 0115 9899299 or email treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk if you wish to discuss this position further.



SHOE BOX APPEAL

If you would like to fill shoeboxes you may drop them off at the following collection points.

There are supplies of leaflets and boxes (35p) each at ShoeAid. Please let Wendy know if you need any/take any boxes.

ShoeAid

Beech Avenue, Basford, Nottingham, NG7 7LS
Weds, Thurs, Fri - 11am - 3pm Until 20 November
Contact Wendy Willan 077864 01332

St Michael & All Angels Church

Church Street, Bramcote, Nottingham, NG9 3HD
Mon - Fri 9.30am - 12noon Until 22 November
Contact: Wendy Willan 077864 01332

Southwell Baptist Church

Opening dates 3 - 19 November
Contact: Jenny Harris 07745 814892

For those who can't or don't want to go out, please either do a box online or sponsor one at: <https://teams4u.com/sponsor-a-shoebox/>

There is a wealth of information/video material etc on the Teams4U website.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that,
forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of
everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

PRAYER MATTERS *Please remember in your prayers this week:*

Lord when we are worried teach us to pray; to bring our cares and concerns to you, that our hearts and minds might be quieted by your peace that surpasses all understanding. We don't have to understand it Lord, we simply need to accept it. Lord, please help us to accept your gift of peace today.

In these difficult times, help us to keep our eyes firmly on Jesus our Saviour and our hope.

Thank you for your many promises. Thank you that you are good all the time, all the time you are good. Help me to notice your goodness in the small things each day and to grow gratitude and hope in our hearts.

We give thanks for:

Our friends, families, colleagues and neighbours

Our schools, colleges and universities.

Our Parish Council, business community, shops, council workers, health workers and local services.

All who serve in our churches, cleaning and maintaining our beautiful buildings and enabling us to meet to worship together once more.

We pray for:

Those struggling with fatigue, fear and anxiety as the level of infections rises. Medics, health centres and care workers as pressures mount once more on our NHS and care workers.

Restaurants, pubs and businesses affected by the new regulations

Those affected by and fighting forest fires in California.

For those around the world whose harvest will be damaged and impoverished by climate change; extreme weather events, floods, drought.

For those affected by political turmoil.

Those who are facing redundancy, uncertainty, and the loss of livelihoods.

We remember;

Those we know and love who are sick at this time in body, soul and mind. Those for whom we have been asked to pray and all who love them including Dick, John, Sarah and David. The family and loved ones of those who have died recently.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.



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 14th October, to the Parish Administrator.**

KEY CONTACTS

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Parish Administrator: Anna Hemati Kang Sofla:

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Working hours: 10am-2pm Tuesday & Thursday

Parish Treasurer: Max Jordan:

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Safeguarding Officer: Gareth Parker

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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