



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 15<sup>th</sup> November – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**2 BEFORE ADVENT & CHRIST THE KING**

**DIARY FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

If you would like to receive any of the Zoom links by email, please contact [administrator@wivertonvale.co.uk](mailto:administrator@wivertonvale.co.uk)

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – 2 BEFORE ADVENT**

**10.30am – Sunday Service** (on our website)

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

[www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/online-services](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/online-services)

**11.30am – Time for a Cuppa** (via Zoom)

Please join us for a cuppa after the online service.

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**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**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)

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

**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING**

**10.30am – Sunday Service** (on our website)

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**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)

**10.30am-12.30pm – St Giles' Cropwell Bishop, open for private prayer**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)

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

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – ADVENT 1**

**10.30am – Sunday Service** ([on our website](#))

**11.30am – Time for a Cuppa** (via Zoom)

## FROM THE RECTORY by Clare Connell

“As long as one person remembers someone who has died, that person lives on.” As I write, it is 11 o’clock on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, we remember afresh those who have died in the service of their country and we are profoundly thankful for all who tell us their stories, the living memories and personal recollections.

This past Sunday there was an outdoor service of Remembrance at St John’s Colston Bassett, a service inevitably with a difference, traditional, yet in the present circumstances it helped us to look afresh at our act of Remembrance. As the service began, three riders, and their normally high-spirited horses, came and stood, motionless, at the church gate. I was reminded of my father’s recollections of being en-route for Palestine with his cavalry regiment. One bitterly cold night all their magnificent horses that were tied up on the lines, froze to death. The horses at the gate, motionless, even as the bugle sounded, bringing back that tragic memory. Not a hoof was heard, it was as if the very atmosphere held its breath.

Through the pain of remembering we grow in understanding and empathy for those who grieve.

Today we fight a different battle, others now in the front line courageously fighting a very different battle with an unseen enemy. We give thanks for them and grieve for those who have lost their lives in the service of us all, whilst also remembering our forces deployed far away, in the cause of justice and peace.

Much of the country is in mourning and dispirited through grief but also through dreams that have had to be set aside.

I’m reminded of St Paul’s words to the Thessalonians

***‘You are all sons of the light and sons of the day...***

***...let us be self-controlled putting on faith and love as a breastplate and the hope of salvation as a helmet...***

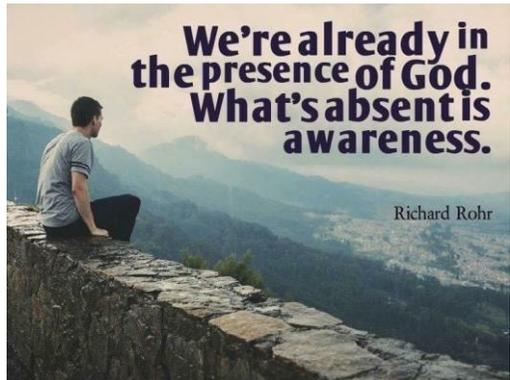
***...therefore encourage one another and build each other up just in fact as you are doing’***

I pray that through the spirit within us that we can do this even as we ourselves are able to thankfully receive the encouragement of others.

The clear sound of the bugle in the morning air sends its message of both remembrance and hope. Yesterday we heard news of the possible relief, in our present battle as a vaccine against the virus is likely to be produced before Christmas. Our spirits lift and we thank God for all those who have worked sacrificially to bring about this probable victory.

Sadly, wars and fighting continue, but, in faith and hope, ever seeking justice we continue to pray for reconciliation, for peace in the world, peace in our country, and peace within ourselves.

We are told to love our neighbour, perhaps they are the other side of the world or just next door, we recall "Perfect love casts out fear". It seems to me that even imperfect love helps!



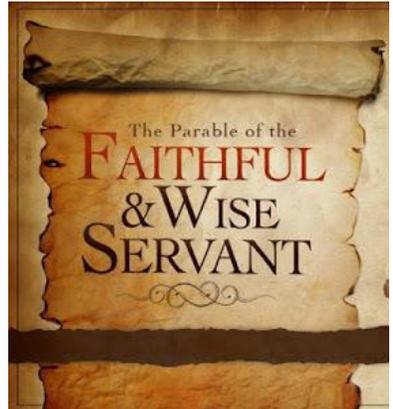
## 2 BEFORE ADVENT READINGS

### 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## Matthew 25: 14-30

<sup>14</sup> “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



## CHRIST THE KING GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 25: 31-end

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

I FEEL LIKE  
I NEED TO  
**STEP UP**  
MY GAME.



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THAT MAY  
BE TRUE...



BUT YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS COMES  
FROM JESUS, NOT YOUR SERVICE.  
AND YOUR SERVICE COMES FROM  
YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.



AND JESUS SEES IT ALL..

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MATTHEW 25:31-46

## PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and senior church leaders have called a month of Prayer for the Nation during the second lockdown.

The suggestion is that as many of us as possible unite to do this at 6pm each day.

Suggested themes for our prayers are:



<b>Sunday</b>	Family, friends and loved ones
<b>Monday</b>	Schools and colleges, children and young people
<b>Tuesday</b>	Elderly, isolated and vulnerable
<b>Wednesday</b>	Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing
<b>Thursday</b>	The NHS and other key workers
<b>Friday</b>	National and Local government
<b>Saturday</b>	All who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health

The Church of England has published resources to support us all in prayer, please visit [Prayers for the Nation](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/PftN%20Booklet%20spreads.pdf) to download your own prayer booklet.  
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### COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,  
You long for the world's salvation:  
Stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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

We live in very shaky times. In virtually every venue of life in our world, there is now instability. The psalmist assures us: God is our rock, our stronghold, our refuge, so that we shall not be greatly shaken. Amidst so many things that are dismantling, falling apart, washing away, we know that you love us and know us. Thank you for your gift of unconditional everlasting love. We know that you will help us to feel your gift of love which brings peace into our lives as we pray.

So Lord, at this difficult time, help us to pray. Help us to set aside a few minutes every day and bring our thanks and concerns to you.

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 infection 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, Caroline White 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/subscribe)

**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, to the Parish Administrator.**

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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](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who)**