



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

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

**SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

**No Holy Communion**

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



Katharine Bacon will be leading the service this Sunday, Edward Hine will be preaching, Sid Mitchell will be leading us in intercessions, Ann Mansell will be bringing us the bible reading and Dorothy Thompson will be leading us in sung worship. 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 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

**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 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

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

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

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – 2 BEFORE LENT**

**No Holy Communion**

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

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

**4.30pm – JOY!** (via Zoom) For more information, please contact Vivien at [vivien\\_s\\_hall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vivien_s_hall@yahoo.co.uk)

**Please note the later start time!**



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Isaiah 42: 1-7 and Luke 2: 22-40

## LOCKDOWN LETTERS *From The Rectory and Beyond*

Dear friends

“One thing this pandemic has given us is time to reflect”, said the BBC Countryfile presenter last Sunday. Amen to that!

Where is God in all this? That’s always a good question to ask and reflect on. The weather is a good standby for conversation openers and equally, for meditation prompts.

Last Sunday it snowed all afternoon, the gentle white downfall shrouding the hillside behind us in fog of flakes. Did this feel like a representation of brain fog whereby thinking processes seem to turn to cotton wool, or did it feel protective? Maybe it highlighted an inability to see ‘light at the end of the tunnel’? On previous grey, rain-washed days glimpses of the sun occasionally broke through. What joy that can give, with its light and the promise of better days to come!

But I’m aware that many are struggling in a way which dulls the brightest days and robs them of hope. Maybe this quote, from Bishop Andy’s New Year message, will help. It seemed to me to be a timely reminder that Christ is with us in darkness and confusion:

*“...I was walking past Southwell Minster early one morning, having recently started my new role as the Bishop of Sherwood. We were in the midst of a global pandemic, my family of three teenage children were dealing with the challenges of moving half-way across the country and I was wondering quite what I had done. Then I saw the beauty of the sun rising through the mist behind the Minster, a new day dawning, and I sensed the Spirit stir hope in my heart. Christ was very present. The One who entered darkness, his glory veiled, and yet the One whose light shines in that darkness, the risen One who the darkness cannot overcome”*

I pray that, come rain or shine, snow or fog, we’ll know the shining light of God’s presence with us through this coming week.

Hilary Tabron (RLM)

## ASH WEDNESDAY MEDITATION



**Ash Wednesday Meditation** - Wednesday 17th February, available from 7.00pm onwards, online via the website

## LENT READING

You may be interested in the Big Church Read which Revd Jon Wright from Bingham is introducing to his parish and is welcoming all to join in with if they wish.

*The 'Big Church Read' is to focus ourselves spiritually as we look forward to Easter.*

*If you'd like to join in can I recommend the following book called: 'An Ocean of Grace' by Tim Chester. It includes a short Bible reading, reflection, and prayer. I thought it'd be really good to do something as part of our personal devotions together, even though separated for a season.*

*One of the places you can purchase the book from and see further details is: [www.thegoodbook.co.uk/an-ocean-of-grace](http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/an-ocean-of-grace)*

*God bless.*

*Jon*

## TIME TO PRAY

... for ourselves, for those we love and pray for, for holocaust survivors, and survivors of other genocides, of ongoing persecution and for the millions suffering in this pandemic:

When we're enveloped in darkness, may we have the rest we need, and know your presence sharing that dark space with us;

When we're buffeted in storms and squalls, keep us secure in a solid foundation of faith, strong enough to hold us;

When our vision is obscured by fog, may the light of your love penetrate the gloom and guide our path;

When the sun shines, help us to be looking in the right direction. Amen

May God keep us in all our days.

May Christ shield us in all our ways.

May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us  
and pour upon us His blessing and light.

## TREASURER STILL REQUIRED

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 to ensure a smooth transition from the existing treasurer who is available to discuss the role with any interested person. Please contact our current Treasurer Max by phone 0115 9899299 or email [treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk) if you wish to discuss this position.



## 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)

## KEY CONTACTS

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

**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, to the Parish Administrator.**