



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 21st February 2021
LENT 1

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

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY – LENT 1

No Holy Communion

9.30am – JOY! Baby Moses in the bullrushes (via Zoom) For more information, please contact Vivien at:

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10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

Katharine Bacon will be leading the service this Sunday, Sid Mitchell will be preaching, Hilary Tabron will be leading us in intercessions, Peter Hills 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

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

Please join us for a cuppa after the online service.

MONDAY 22ND 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 26TH FEBRUARY

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY – LENT 2

No Holy Communion

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 9: 8-1 and Mark 1: 9-15

LOCKDOWN LETTERS *From The Rectory and Beyond*

by Revd Claire Connell

In the reading from the gospel of Mark this week we read of the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan,---as he was coming up out of the water the Spirit descended upon him like a dove ---a voice came from Heaven ***“You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.”***

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the desert.

I find myself wondering about the speed with which this took place. No time for Jesus to chat with his friends, no time to discuss with them the significance of the dove, (that ancient sign of peace) that had alighted upon him, no time to marvel together at hearing the voice of God, after this great and profound moment the desert experience for Jesus began. The heights followed so closely by the time of testing that followed.

How, I ask myself, would we feel and react to the audible voice of God, firstly acknowledging us as His children and then telling You and Me that he is pleased with us. Would our reaction be of exuberant joy, of fear that Almighty God had drawn so close, of humility, of awe, or a question maybe “Why Me”?

I am reminded of a simple and very beautiful hymn “How deep the Father’s Love for me, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure”. Whoever we are, whatever we have done or not done, we are above all loved by God as children of God.

In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians (Ch1 v5) he writes ***“God destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.”***

That is perhaps how we can come to realise THAT GOD HAS PLEASURE IN US and the ‘WHY ME?’ becomes the thankfulness and trust of a child.

In our thankfulness in this time of Lent, (the meaning of which was marking the lengthening of days) we can perhaps realise, that we need to start afresh in this new season of growth.

We all have our own ways of making the most of opportunities, perhaps for you, like me, it is a moment to think more deeply, accept more gratefully, seeking and preparing for the time to come.

Jesus went out into the wilderness.

Perhaps many of us have been driven into the wilderness at times in our lives (Maybe during this time of Covid-19). Perhaps in times of illness, pain, loneliness or despair, moments when we have found God to be far off.



I well remember describing my few years of that wilderness experience as that of trying to walk through a bog, each step I took the dark smelly bog tried to close over my feet, sucking me lower, yet release came like the coming of spring with all the hope that it brings.

Jesus knew all about the wilderness, wilderness that strengthens, challenges, leaves time for silence, for thought, for prayers of repentance, prayers seeking, prayers praising, prayers of entreaty, silent prayers of simply being, and listening -----“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD”

In the gloom of this present time I am reminded again of those much quoted words “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way”

This Lent, this lengthening of days brings us hope, we have been in a shared wilderness for many months, we have been tested, we continue with Jesus on our journey towards Easter.

Jesus in that great 40 days of temptation was “Tempted by Satan,” was with the wild beasts and “the angels waited on” him.

In all the hardship the angels were present, God’s Beloved was not forsaken.

God is with us in this time, may we in those words of old, “See Him more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly, and come to know again, or maybe for the first time, the full wonder of God’s Grace and the immensity of his love for each and every one of us.

TIME TO PRAY

Benediction for Lent by Joanna Harader

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen.



Dear Lord,

I know that wherever I am, You are with me—guiding, protecting, providing.

You make a mountain into a way;

You make streams flow in the desert;

You cause a root to grow out of dry ground.

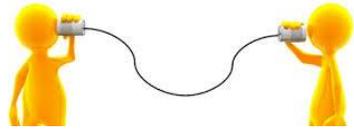
Thank You for giving me the opportunity to see You work when all hope seems lost.

In Jesus’ Name, Amen

by Jennifer Kennedy Dean

IT'S GOOD TO TALK!

In these strange and worrying times, we realise that not everyone has someone to talk to, or that they may have concerns they'd rather not express to their nearest and dearest. If that's you, please feel free to give me a ring on 0115 9894836. If I'm not in, leave a message and I'll get back to you. We're all in this together! Hilary Tabron, RLM, Pastoral Care.



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**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 24th February, to the Parish Administrator.**