



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 4th April - 18th April 2021
EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER MESSAGE

How wonderful to enjoy the Spring sunshine! Over the last few days I have been marvelling in the beauty of my neighbours' incredibly beautiful cherry tree in full blossom against a cloudless blue sky. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the infinitesimally greater miracle of our Lord's resurrection, defeating sin and death once for all, and even more incredibly still - he did that even for me, and you too! A gift of new life. What an amazing God we have. Cherry trees, new life, forgiveness and even chocolate.

I pray you will have a happy and peaceful Easter,
Rev Rachel

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

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY

No Holy Communion

9.30am – JOY! (via Zoom) For more information, please contact Vivien at: vivien_s_hall@yahoo.co.uk or sign up at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/joy

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

Katharine Bacon will be leading the service this Sunday, Revd Canon Keith Turner will be preaching, Ann Mansell 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 5TH APRIL

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL – EASTER 2

No Holy Communion



10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

Katharine Bacon will be leading the service this Sunday, Sid Mitchell will be preaching, Brenda Marrison will be leading us in intercessions, Mike Raines 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)

MONDAY 12TH APRIL

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

FRIDAY 16TH APRIL

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL – EASTER 3

9.00am – Holy Communion (St John the Divine, Colston Bassett)

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

READINGS

Sunday 4th April - Isaiah 25: 6-9 and John 20: 1-18

Sunday 11th April - 1 John 1: 1-2: 2 and Matthew John 20: 19-end

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD (*correct at time of going to press*)

APM & APCM, Monday 26th April (via Zoom)

IN-CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES RESUME 18TH APRIL

For the time being just in one of the bigger churches able to accommodate people without prior reservation. All are welcome, wherever you live. Remember your mask!

18th April: St John’s, Colston Bassett, 9.00am

25th April: St Andrew’s, Langar, 9.00am

EASTER RELECTION *by Revd Fred Connell*

Easter is the high point in the church's calendar throughout the world, for good reason. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave His Son, that all who believe will have everlasting life' (John 3:16) The greatest Love Story ever!! How Almighty God revealed his purposes to his people, through teaching and witness, encountering the presence of His Holy Spirit, and enabling an intimate relationship in Jesus. Not a historical figure alone, not a remote entity beyond understanding, not something that is a mystery and unknowing, not a God who requires justification by works alone or sacrifice, but by faith receiving His Son Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

The time we have had in Lent reflecting on the journey to the Cross at Calvary, the obedience of Jesus to be wrongly accused, flogged and crucified, so that He bears our sins, our wrongdoing, anxiety, fears, loss, grief and hurts, and overcomes them at the Cross. Jesus justified us and overcame sin and death, that we will have life in this world and that to come – By Faith! This is not just for you and me, but for the whole of God's creation! In acknowledging this gift of grace we are so profoundly grateful to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, that He should gift His Son, so that we will have life.

There is no cheap grace – it has cost Jesus his life!

How can we thank God for this Gift? It starts in acknowledging in thankfulness all that He has done for us and the world, and to share this loving intimate relationship of Jesus Christ with those we meet. In our daily renewal of faith, we are transformed in the Holy Spirit, and strive for Kingdom of God values for our community and world. This is hope based upon truth and the divine revelation for you and for me, in Christ alone.

Baptism into Christ at Easter is one of the great blessings in the church worldwide! An Iranian friend, who is a pastor and principal of a Theological College who, like many other Iranians is in exile because of persecution of Christians in Iran, and he asked us to travel with him to Turkey to share the joy of baptizing Christians in the diaspora. He needed help since there so many who wished to be Baptized into the Christian faith, drawn into that wonderful personal relationship in Christ Jesus! This is happening not only in the Middle East, but all over the world, even in our group of churches! Whether for children or adult, the thrill of new life in Christ Jesus is for Easter and for the future!

This Easter may we share our joy, our faith, our time and gifts with others, even sharing an Easter Egg or even chocolate Easter Bunny!!

GOOD FRIDAY RELECTION by Vivien Hall

I learnt something new about Good Friday this week. It was from the online “Unanswered Prayer Course” that we are following in our Home Group and I found it so mind-blowing that I’d like to share it with you.

The words spoken by Jesus on the cross are well known: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and “It is finished”. I knew that the first is a quote from one of the psalms. I didn’t know that they both come from the same psalm. They are respectively the first and last lines of Psalm 22. Was Jesus reciting Psalm 22 on the cross? Between those two quotes in Psalm 22 are some prophesies that precisely coincide with the harrowing Gospel accounts of the events on Good Friday.

Psalm 22:7-8

All who see me mock me, they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the Lord” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him since he delights in him”

Psalm 22:14-15

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.....My mouth is dried up.....you lay me in the dust of death.”

Psalm 22:16-19

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display, people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.”

This was written probably 1,000 years earlier, long before crucifixion had been invented. Was Jesus pointing us to Psalm 22 and making us aware of the prophesies being fulfilled?

Of course, these are not the only prophesies from the Old Testament that Jesus fulfils. There are over 400 of them some more detailed than others. For one man to fulfil them all, as Jesus does, has been calculated to being akin to winning the lottery – every day, year after year. That’s absolute proof for me that Jesus is the foretold Messiah, the Son of God.

But this remarkable Psalm 22 is not all lament. Verses 22-31 are full of glorious praise and proclamation. Was Jesus giving us this to help us through his darkest hour? I like to think that it helped him too.

TIME TO PRAY

A Good Friday Easter Prayer

We remember the pain and suffering of the cross, and all that Jesus was willing to endure, so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life.

Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost of it all. Forgive us for being too busy, or distracted by other things, for not fully recognizing what you freely given, what you have done for us.

Thank you Lord that by your wounds we are healed. Thank you that because of your huge sacrifice we can live free. Thank you that sin and death have been conquered, and that your Power is everlasting.

Thank you that we can say with great hope, "It is finished..." For we know what's still to come. And death has lost its sting. We praise you for you are making all things new. Amen



Easter Day

Christ our life,
You are alive - in the beauty of the
earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space
Alleluia

Christ our life,
You are alive - in the tenderness of
touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude
Alleluia

Christ our life,
You are alive - in the creative
possibility
of the dullest conversation
of the dreariest task
the most threatening event
Alleluia

Christ our life,
You are alive - to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart
Alleluia.

You set before us a great choice.
Therefore we choose life.
The dance of resurrection soars and
surges through the whole creation,
This is grace, dying we live.
So let us live.
Amen.

Almighty God,
who through thine only-
begotten Son Jesus Christ
hast overcome death and
opened unto us the gate of
everlasting life:
Grant that we, who celebrate
with joy the day of the Lord's
resurrection,
may be raised from the death
of sin by thy life-giving Spirit;
through the same Jesus Christ
our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with
thee and the same Spirit ever,
one God, world without end.
Amen.



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Eastertide

Forgive me, Lord. Right now, I confess my fears and my worries to you. I declare that you did not give me a spirit of fear or cowardice! You gave me a spirit of power, and of love, and of the soundness of mind and judgment. (**2 Timothy 1:7**)

I know that rejoicing and delighting in you is a safeguard for my spirit. (**Philippians 3:1**) Please help me to practise the discipline of thanksgiving every day, so that I will be filled with your peace. Thank you, Lord, that I can come to you with prayers and thanksgiving; in return you give me peace that is supreme over my worries.

I ask for that peace to fill me now, let it watch over and protect my heart. (**Philippians 4:6-7**) Let your peace have authority in my heart, because that is your calling for me. (**Colossians 3:15**) Give me the courage I need to tell others about you, so that they may also have peace with God and peace from God. In Jesus' Precious Name. Amen.

GIVING CAMPAIGN – Coming soon

We are so grateful to those who have kept our churches going financially through the challenging time of the pandemic with their donations. Because of this generosity we have been able to meet all our outgoings and commitments so far. However, in common with so many other organisations, our income from other sources has suffered. We need to address this as a matter of urgency to help us thrive in worship and in service for our communities. It's time for a renewed 'Giving Campaign'!

We will be writing to all villagers to ask them to contribute to the costs of running and maintaining our beautiful church buildings, taking advice that that is the best approach to increase the number of givers who are not necessarily involved with the life of the church, but who value their presence.

As people more closely involved with the life of the church, we know that there is much more to 'church' than the buildings. The costs of ministry, mission and administration are greater than those of the buildings, and these costs are also our responsibility and privilege to fund. With that in mind, we hope that, when you receive your envelope of information, you'll consider prayerfully how you are able to respond. Watch out for this information in the weeks following Easter! Robin Coles and Hilary Tabron

Any questions may be directed in confidence to Max Jordan, Treasurer and Giving Secretary (Details on last page).

PARISH TREASURER NEEDED

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

The holder of this position 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 advisable. Formal qualifications and church membership 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 if you wish to discuss this position further.

WATER AID APPEAL



While we face a particular challenge at the moment, we should not forget the ongoing basic challenges facing less developed countries all the time. That's why we have encouraged support for Water Aid during Lent for many years and are doing so again this year.

Visit their website www.wateraid.org/uk/ to read more about their work.

To donate to the charity through our appeal, visit the giving page on the Parish website: www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/water-aid or alternatively send a cheque payable to Water Aid, directly to our Parish treasurer, Max Jordan. Thank you!



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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 Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 14th April, to the Parish Administrator.**