



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021  
EASTER 5

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

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

9.00am – Holy Communion (St John's, Colston Bassett)



10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

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 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

**FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am – Holy Communion (St John's, Colston Bassett)

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

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**READINGS**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Acts 8: 26-end, 1 John 4:7-end, John 15: 1-8

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

APCM, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (via Zoom), please note change in date



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May**, this year with a 'Climate Crisis' theme will be our chosen charity from 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Please check the website at [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal) for how to give.

## **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](mailto:treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk) if you wish to discuss this position further.

## **LOCKDOWN LETTERS From The Rectory and Beyond**

**REFLECTION** *by Katharine Bacon*

### **I am the true vine**

Pruning is something most gardeners know a lot about, especially vine growers. It seems vines and roses and a lot of fruit trees need pruning to thin out all the spindly branches that can grow and block out light to other branches. Left alone, as I found one summer, your apple tree produces lots of tiny apples which aren't big enough to eat.

Jesus talks about himself being the vine that we're growing in. If we're growing in him, as we should be if we have the Holy Spirit in us, we will be pruned by God the Father so that we will bear more fruit. I suspect the pruning is when God clears away all the rubbish we clutter our lives up with, the mis-placed pride, resentments of family members or work colleagues, bitterness, grievances, anger and such like. We're so much happier when all that stuff has been cut away and we can breathe freely. Our leaves unfurl

and the fruit of the Spirit blossoms. Sometimes, sadly, it may be that we are pruned through suffering.

Jesus tells us we can only really grow if we are growing in him. If we're cut off, we'll shrivel. This winter I tried an experiment, prompted by YouTube – perhaps not the best teacher! I took a lot of clippings from my rose bushes and stuck them in the ground with some muck from the horses. Well, they stayed green for most of the winter and I got really excited but guess what is happening now? Some of them seem to be clinging on but most are turning brown and drying up. I suspect the bonfire is their next outing! Just like the branches that withered away from the vine.

The story in Acts shows Philip allowing the Holy Spirit to guide him in the most amazing way.

And because he listens and acts on it, he does tremendous things for God. Prompted by the Holy Spirit to run beside the carriage of the Treasurer to Queen Candace of the Ethiopians, he has a chance to explain a passage from Isaiah that prophesies about Jesus. He's in the right place at the right time and he has the right words. So, the official goes home full of joy, baptised and ready to bring God to the Ethiopians. They, too, will be rescued! The whole country will be blessed because of one man's words. And Philip is whisked away by the Holy Spirit to carry on giving the good news to all the towns until he comes to Caesarea.

How? It happens because Philip is living in Jesus as Jesus described. All the sorrow at Jesus's death and the hardships the disciples have undergone and then the joy of the resurrection have readied them for this moment of spreading the good news, of growing God's kingdom. The fruit is that official's recognition of Jesus as his saviour. And that fruit will grow and grow to bring more people into God's kingdom.

We, too, if we live in Jesus and allow him to guide us, can be in the right place at the right time to speak the words that help God to grow his kingdom. And that's what he placed us here to do!

## TIME TO PRAY

Prayer:

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart,  
so that desiring you, we may seek and find you,  
and so, finding you, may love you,  
and so, loving you, may hate those sins  
which separate us from you,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*after St Anselm (1033-1109)*



## 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)

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## KEY CONTACTS

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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 5<sup>th</sup> May, to the Parish Administrator.**