



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 9th May 2021
EASTER 6

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

SUNDAY 9th 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

11.30am – Time for a Cuppa (via Zoom)

Please join us for a cuppa after the online service.

MONDAY 10th May

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

7.00pm – PCC meeting (via zoom)

THURSDAY 13th May – Ascension Day

7.00pm - Holy Communion (St John's, Colston Bassett)

FRIDAY 14th May

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 16th 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).

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READINGS

Sunday 9th May Luke 10: 25-29 and John 15: 9-17

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

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



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th - 16th May, this year with a 'Climate Crisis' theme will be our chosen charity from 3rd May, please check the website at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/donate for how to give.



THY KINGDOM COME 13th - 23rd May, join with thousands of Christians around the globe and let's light up the world in prayer! Check www.thykingdomcome.global for details of how to be involved.

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.

LOCKDOWN LETTERS From The Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTION *by Rev Canon Keith Turner*

This Sunday we come to the end of Easter and witnessing the forty days of our Lord's Resurrection appearances. It is also the beginning of Christian Aid Week and on Thursday, we celebrate the Ascension of Christ. Remarkably the disciples are full of joy and prayerful anticipation as they wait for the Holy Spirit and the beginning of their mission as the Body of Christ, the Church. There is a lot to think about in drawing these threads together!

But to me the challenge is perhaps about the renewal of faith when it becomes lacklustre, limited or not very meaningful. Is our faith personal, practical and profound?

I am in the process of reading 'The Wisdom of St Benedict' by Luigi Gioia which was first published in 2017. It is amazingly powerful as it explores St Benedict's famous Rule which is steeped very practically in Scripture. Sometimes I feel my faith is too superficial. There is towards the beginning a fascinating insight into Jesus '*embracing the desert*' and its implication for us. I quote: 'The fundamental reason for the crisis that ... Christianity (is) currently experiencing is that Christians ...have ceased to be men and women of prayer'. Prayer is liturgical, personal, corporate, being open to the Scriptures, contemplative, listening. One of the great insights of Benedictine spirituality is that worship includes everything practical also, like washing-up and daily work! All that we say and do is about giving God His worth.

Our mission as Church has to be bound together with prayer in a journey of discovery and obedience. We can be trapped by personal views or the latest strategies, when the focus for living out our Christian lives is to know God and discover his will and way. Whether it is to do with increasing years, I don't know, but more and more I am drawn to seeking to listen to God in prayer rather than making God listen to me. Jane belongs to a 'Julian Group' for clergy spouses; it is based on the spirituality of Julian of Norwich. The group enjoys fellowship and they do a lot of talking, currently via Zoom! But they also focus on God in a period of contemplative silence.

Our opinion can become more important than exploring God's Word and discovering His wisdom; in Church life, we can fail to listen together to the Holy Spirit in our midst and become true witnesses. The challenge - the renewal of faith in prayer.

TIME TO PRAY

The first and last verses of a hymn by Christopher Saward with Ascension Day in mind to contemplate on the Ascended Christ, linking earth and heaven.

**Christ triumphant ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining
Hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown
The high renown, the eternal name.**

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing,
This shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown
The high renown, the eternal name.*



Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York was interviewed by Sam Hailes, editor of Premier Christianity magazine, about the themes of his latest book, *Dear England*, which was published in March 2021. It's a great article, read it at:

www.premierchristianity.com/stephen-cottrell-the-archbishop-is-on-a-mission-to-convert-you/4298.article

KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 12th May, to the Parish Administrator.**