



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 23rd May 2021
PENTECOST

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

SUNDAY 23rd May

9.00am – Holy Communion, Pentecost (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 24th May

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

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

7.00pm – AMP and APCM (via zoom)

FRIDAY 28th May

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

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

SUNDAY 30th May

9.00am – Holy Communion, Trinity Sunday (St Andrew's, Langar)

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

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READINGS

Sunday 23rd May Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27: 16:4b-15

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

APCM, Monday 24th May 2021 (via Zoom)

Please check the website at www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/apcm-2021 for how to join the meeting.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Although the official week has passed we will be leaving this appeal open via www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal until the end of May, where you can also see the moving video showing how your donations can make big differences in the lives of people and communities.



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 AND SECRETARY NEEDED

The PCC is seeking to appoint both a new Treasurer and a new Secretary.

The Treasurer will look after the finances of the Wiverton in the Vale PCC and 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. It requires a commitment of up to 6 hours per week and full training will be given. Please contact our current Treasurer Max by phone 0115 9899299 or email treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk if you wish to discuss this position further.

For information on the role of the Secretary, please contact Nick Perry, Vice Chair email nick.perry@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

LOCKDOWN LETTERS From The Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTION by Sid Mitchell

Ascension Day has passed and we are in that time of waiting for Pentecost. For the disciples, their master, Jesus, had returned to the Father and they were waiting for the promised Holy Spirit.

The disciples were to be the equipped ministry team. I've been reflecting on how 'team' can work and feel and the challenge of resting in Him while obediently applying ourselves to the task. It's not easy, it can be exhausting and this in no way suggests we shouldn't make time to rest and charge up our batteries. The sabbath was given for good reason! The following reflection came from an initial thought about how our work post creation should feel, work engaged in while still resting in God's 'Shalom' (*meaning* peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquillity)? On our LLM training we've been challenged to consider 'What is Church?

An image came to mind of a rowing crew. In this the water is not the chaos to which the bible often refers but the physical support of this fine racing shell which, while holding a greater weight than its own in crew, is the vehicle in which poetry in motion is achieved. A rigid structure crafted for performance. It will not let them down if they hold their course and pull true, looking not ahead, another has that task. They look behind, to a time and place they no longer occupy knowing they each share the task of moving all further away, responding to the call. Disciplined, committed, hours of dedication having formed this diverse bunch of individuals into a cohesive unit. They move as one, maintaining shared rhythm laid down from the stern. Urged not to look to the side – heads up, total focus. A glance left or right risks an upset balance, chaos to be averted. This is the one passion they share, eight blades in perfect unison, eight bodies moving as one. No longer individual strokes but perpetual, collective movement making the loading of each stroke look and feel effortless compared to how it used to be.

The shared work becomes easy and the training required has made them fit enough to maintain, stroke after stroke, heart and lungs, muscle and sinew, all applied in ruthless yet glorious efficiency - fitness maintained through panting lungs, pounding heart and burning legs. The ability to move the boat to maximum effect, stroke after stroke, breath snatched between. It's about the rhythm, the unity, collective purpose, unquestioning and confident reliance on each other.

The release of each stroke of work brings movement to the boat. Surging beneath them, propelled to the point of beginning the next stroke, carrying them effortlessly, they glide along slides, this is their rest, stretching for maximum length, maximum effect, poised and on their toes, ready and anticipating, relaxed shoulders allowing the blades to lower naturally to where they instinctively know the surface of the water will be, ready, anticipating the catch. An explosive force instantly driving them all past that point of connection on their journey. The swirls of water being sent spinning past the stern to a place where they used to be. The reassuring sound of water's wake trickling along sides of boat – it's singing! Now they're really moving! Balance, application, perfection. Thank you Lord. This is for you!

It's a beautiful thing. It's spiritual! This is Shalom! Could this be church?!

During Ascensiontide we like the disciples can be encouraged to also keep our heads up lifting our eyes to our Lord and Saviour, anticipating, waiting, preparing. What will our work look like when the time of (lockdown) release comes? What will church look like?

For them it was birthing something new. For us? A daunting prospect of maintaining what was before? Or could it be the release and inspiration of being together again as one, guided by the Holy Spirit, our work together eased and quickened like the crew on the water? Shalom!

TIME TO PRAY

Lord Jesus, as your disciples looked to you, obediently waiting for your promised Holy Spirit to empower, release and guide, so help us also to lift up our eyes this Ascensiontide so that we may also be refreshed and guided in our work together, that we may find and rest in your Shalom.

Amen

KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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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 next week's Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 26th May, to the Parish Administrator.**