



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 30th May 2021
TRINITY SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY 30th May

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

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)



Life in the Spirit: Salvation
through Jesus Christ and the messages of the Gospel
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 31st May

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

FRIDAY 4th June

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 6th June

9.00am – Holy Communion, Trinity 1 (St John's, Colston Bassett)

10.30am – Sunday Service (on our website)

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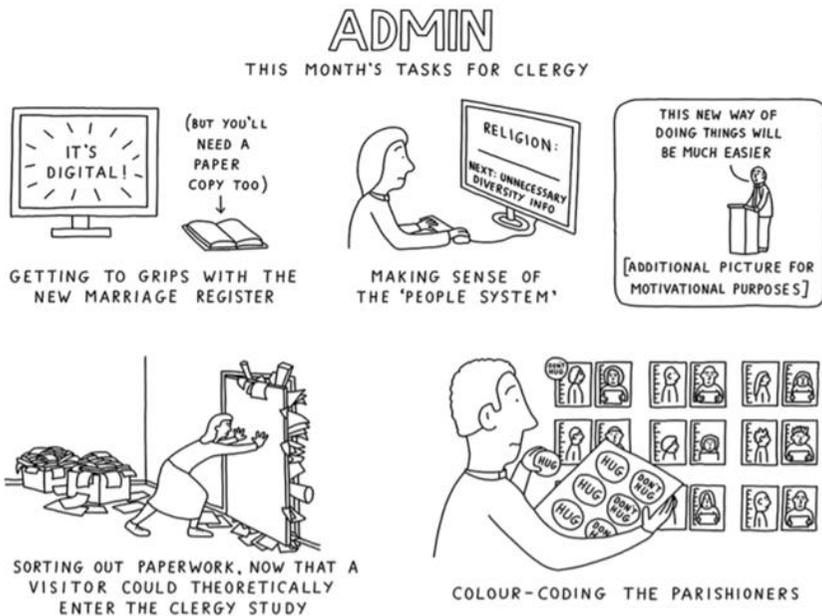
READINGS

Sunday 30th May Romans 8: 12-17, John 3: 1-17

PARISH TREASURER NEEDED

The PCC is seeking to appoint a new Treasurer.

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.



LOCKDOWN LETTERS From The Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY by Peter Hills

We read that Nicodemus is a significant man, he is a Pharisee and a leader of the Jews and quite probably a member of the Sanhedrin. Now the Sanhedrin are instrumental in having Jesus arrested but we read later in John 7 that Nicodemus tries to ensure that Jesus gets a fair trial and then subsequently (John 19) upon Jesus' crucifixion he brings 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes for Jesus' burial.

Like us, Nicodemus is on a journey of learning. He comes to Jesus at night perhaps to avoid being seen. He addresses Jesus respectfully calling him a teacher from

God and in so doing affirms the works of Jesus. Note also that he begins with the words “We know.....”, and yet he doesn’t, does he; he is seeking answers but in fact he knows and understands very little.

Now I suspect that Nicodemus would consider himself a devout Jew, one who obeys the Torah Law. He would believe that his entry into the Kingdom of God is assured but Jesus disturbs his thinking in saying that no one can see the Kingdom unless he or she is born again, spiritually, from above. Now this is something over which Nicodemus does not have control and would be especially challenging for him. He thus chooses to hear Jesus’ words as having to do with physical rebirth rather than spiritual. As Jesus points out, despite Nicodemus being a learned man, a teacher himself, he fails to understand.

At this point I have some sympathy with Nicodemus. Understanding the Holy Spirit can be a real challenge. The Spirit is invisible, mysterious, beyond our control and yet we can see its effects – in a sense a bit like the wind. It is a gift from God and we are encouraged to seek the Holy Spirit for ourselves. I suspect that it is our seeking and experiencing the Spirit that is important rather than coming up with a precise understanding or definition. I wonder if you agree with that sentiment. We might experience the Spirit in God’s whisper as we listen, or in a word or action from a neighbour, or in the beauty of God’s creation or in perhaps surpassing what we felt ourselves capable of doing... the list could be endless but I wonder what you would include in your list?

In our passage Nicodemus was struggling to get to know the exact nature of Jesus. But Jesus turns the conversation into one of how Nicodemus can experience God, so Jesus moves Nicodemus on in his relationship with Him.

And then the most powerful piece of teaching yet. Words that Martin Luther describes as the Gospel in miniature. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Some years ago, Helen and I were helping to lead a CPAS Falcon Camp with children from age 8 to 12. A group of the children were encouraged to learn the verse above. To do so they turned it into a rap, chanted to music. The effect was really wonderful, God’s Spirit certainly present in their young voices.

So Trinity Sunday is a day to celebrate our experience of God in our everyday lives. God the lover, God the forgiver, God the empowerer. Alleluia. Thank you Father.

TIME TO PRAY

Breathe in us Holy Spirit
that our thoughts may always be holy;
Act in us Holy Spirit
that our works, too, may be holy;
Draw our hearts Holy Spirit
that we love what is holy;
Strengthen us Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;
Guard us then Holy Spirit
that we always may be holy. Amen

KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 2nd June, to the Parish Administrator.**