



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 18th July 2021
TRINITY 7

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

SUNDAY 18th July

10.30am – Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

10.30am – Special with Baptism (St John's, Colston Bassett)

MONDAY 19th July

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

10.30am - 4.00pm – St Giles' Cropwell Bishop, open for private prayer

FRIDAY 23rd July

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 25th July

10.30am – Holy Communion (All Saints, Granby)

READINGS

Sunday 18th July Ephesians 2.11-22, Mark 6.30-34,53-56

SERVICES

We have changed the usual time of the Sunday morning services to 10.30am to make it easier for more people to join in person, but the schedule remains very limited whilst we are reliant on lay leaders and retired clergy and are yet to work out how best to serve the whole Parish post-COVID. Spacing and hygiene measures will continue for the time being. It's wonderful to see people in real life rather than on a screen!

Online Services - for those who are not able to join us in person yet, but have enjoyed the services online, we are recording a live service each week and then making it available on our website within a couple of days so that it can be enjoyed at a time convenient to you.

PARISH TREASURER NEEDED

The PCC is seeking to appoint a new Treasurer. Do you know anyone? Please contact our current Treasurer Max by phone 0115 9899299 or email treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk if you wish to discuss this position further.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th September – Join in with Ride and Stride this year to help raise funds for your local church and the Historic Churches Trust. Many of our churches in Wiverton in the Vale have benefitted from grants from this invaluable charity.



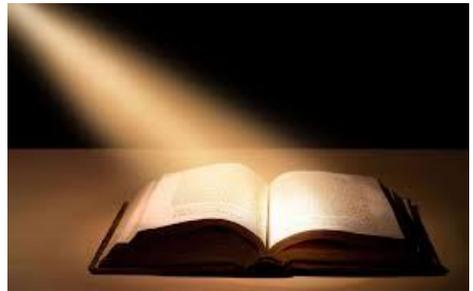
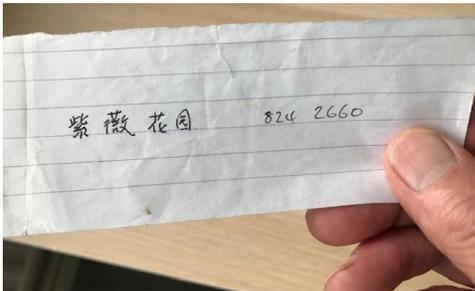
LOCKDOWN LETTERS From The Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTION *by Sid Mitchell*

From the infirmary Sunday 18 July

I wonder, do we ever think about the words of guidance that are available to us every time we open our bibles, hear a sermon, speak to friends at church? According to Psalm 119, God's word is 'a lamp to my feet and a light to my path'. The proverbs guide us to 'Do this and all will be well', and the prophets, apostles and Jesus (the Living Word) of course warn us to pay attention to them. We can be tempted to adopt the worldly values and practices before us instead of thinking about and applying the truth, life and guidance that the Scriptures contain.

Looking through some files this week I came across a note on a scrap of paper that I hadn't seen for 21 years:



It was from a trip to central China visiting some mission workers with whom we'd set up a translation business to support mission. I'd taken the chance to visit a tourist spot an hour or so's bus ride away.

I'd previously managed to lose my way on an early morning run around the city where I was staying (the road signs were meaningless to me, the only words I knew were 'Nihao' (Hello) and the only people I could see initially were busy with their early morning exercise routine of 'tai chi'). I finally found my way home by cutting through one of the many building sites in this rapidly expanding Chinese city, having to climb over a wall to cut across wasteland back on to a main road and running against the flow of 100's of cyclists who were now on their commute into the city, glancing at me with curiosity. I've always claimed it impossible to

get truly lost in the civilised parts of this world but this time I was getting concerned having no means of communication.

It ended well and I now looked forward to my trip out.

Having dropped me off by motorbike at the nearest bus station my host handed me the note pictured and assured me that it contained my return address and that all I needed to do to get home was get the right bus back and then show the note to a taxi driver. It struck me at the time how different this alien culture was to me and how challenging it would have been to navigate my way had I not had written words to rely on to get me safely through this journey. Also, I was depending on trusting someone who used different words to me to understand the note and take me where I wanted to be.

God has preserved the integrity of His words, trusting many generations of faithful people over 1000's of years to study, translate, understand and pass on their truth, direction and meaning.

But how often they can seem hard to understand in the context of the 'here and now' compared to the 'there and then' of when they were written. Cultures change. Words and instructions are not always clear.

I've felt privileged over the past year to be able to learn from passionate, authentic tutors who have spent years studying the Bible to understand the direction, meaning and purpose of the variety of written words and the context of the times in which they were written.

'We're telling you this stuff for a reason' is the mantra frequently spoken to us. Why? So that we can also try to understand as we read; words of direction, advice on how to live our lives and how to navigate our journey of life through this increasingly alien World in which we live, for which Jesus died to reveal to all a way home spiritually. It's useful to be able to get where we want to be without getting lost.

So when those times of uncertainty, feeling lost and confusion come along, which they surely do, we can be assured of the value of relying on what has been written down in the Bible to guide us and the conscientious hands in which these words have been placed to help us along our way.

TIME TO PRAY

Thank you, Heavenly Father, that through your Holy Spirit you continue to guide us.

Guide us now as we navigate our way through the easing of lockdown and all the unknown factors involved with that.

Guide our clergy as they seek to help us know you better and to follow your words.

Guide our Rector, Rachel, as she navigates her phased return to work.

Strengthen, heal and restore her.

Thank you for the faithful who have gone before us.

Help us to also play our part in helping the people around us to walk in the truth, love and peace of your will for us.

Guide us home to you we pray.

In Jesus name

Amen

KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 21st July 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**