



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 1st August 2021
TRINITY 9

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

SUNDAY 1st August

10.30am – All Age Holy Communion with baptism (St Andrew's, Langar)

MONDAY 2nd August

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

FRIDAY 6th August

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 8th August

10.30am – Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

READINGS

Sunday 1st August 2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.13a, Psalm 51.1-13, Ephesians 4.1-16, John 6.24-35

SERVICES

As we move forward

Covid-19 guidelines for our churches

Our Coronavirus policy and risk assessments are being updated to take into account the removal of restrictions and growth of new variants of the virus. In the interim, bearing in mind our collective sense of a need for caution, we respectfully request that;

- We maintain the practice of hand hygiene. There will be sanitiser gel available for use before and after each service.
- We continue to wear masks in church.
- We continue to sing outside, before or after each service, weather permitting.
- We will maintain social distancing of a minimum of one metre. For those wishing more space notices will be supplied with the wording '*Please leave this space free*' that people can place on the adjacent seat.

Holy Communion will continue to be offered in one kind, that is the bread only.

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.



Current Appeal – Barnabas Fund – check the website, www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal for how to donate.



EXPLORING CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

I am holding a series of meetings for those interested in forming a new team to serve the young people of our parish. This meeting is open to the committed, the curious and those wondering if this ministry could be for them.

If you would like to explore the possibility of this exciting new initiative, please contact me by text or email and let me know your availability for the week beginning the 16th of August.

This will not be a one-off meeting but one of three, in order to discuss, pray and discern the way forward together with this incredibly valuable ministry.

It would be good to meet in person but let me know if you need to attend via Zoom.

With love and thanks,

Rachel

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LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTION *by Revd Clare Le Marchant-Connell*

Now we see Him, now we don't. (John 6:24-35)

The context for what was to follow we can well imagine. Jesus was out in the country with his disciples, word had no doubt got around that not only had he been teaching, he had also been healing people, clearly a man worth listening to. A great crowd had followed him, all of them hungry. Jesus asked Philip how they could be fed. Quite a question to which Philip could make no reply. Simon Peter's brother observed that there was a boy with five small loaves and a couple of small fish, -- not much good amongst 5000 people.

We recall perhaps how long ago God had provided manna (bread) in the desert for the grumbling people who had followed Moses. This seems to be a bit of a replay for Jesus took the bread and the fish, blessed them and there was so much bread and fish for everyone that twelve baskets were filled with the remains. A wonderful and unforgettable miracle that continued to illustrate God's provision for hungry people.

We are perhaps hungry people, but we often hunger for things that are not of primary importance.

The following day the people who had witnessed this extraordinary miracle realised that Jesus was no longer with them.

The gospel relates how they found Jesus and His disciples on the far side of the lake, so Jesus began to teach them once more, --- he told them not to look for food that spoils but for different food, food that endures.

In our own context we perhaps sometimes look for the wrong food in the wrong place or even the right food in the wrong place, tempting perhaps within areas of some of the cults and also in other areas purporting to be good.

Now and again it is helpful, I find, to look at my priorities, they can so easily become out of balance, "first things first" I say to myself as I get swept up into seemingly essential daily tasks. In so doing I might well not be one of the people in the crowd who determinedly go off to search for Jesus, thus at the end of another day there is a vague dissatisfaction, all is not quite right, there is a disconnect.

It is time to look with renewed commitment for the living and abundant bread that never goes stale.

Jesus said "it is my Father who gives the true bread from heaven, for the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven"

Those who followed Jesus and found him the far side of the lake, asked the question that we might ask "what must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus replied "The work of God is this "to believe in the one he has sent".

It is interesting that work and belief appear in the same sentence.

In every day we need to pursue Jesus, if needs be to the other side of the lake. It could be a rough crossing, at moments we may be becalmed but it is without doubt worth the voyage, for in his presence we find all that we have been searching for Jesus, the living bread. The living bread that we receive in the Eucharist.

Jesus said, "My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day."

So, in unity we travel onwards, our routes may vary but our destination remains the same.

TIME TO PRAY

Dear Lord, we pray that we may always know that you journey with us. As we pray for a world where many suffer, we ask for relief. Through your Holy Spirit may there be hope and healing and an ever greater sense of your love and peace amongst all people.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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KEY CONTACTS

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Any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to:

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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 4th August 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**