



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY / TRINITY 11**

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

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am – Holy Communion** (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

**10.30am – Morning Worship with Baptism** (St John's, Colston Bassett)

**12noon – Blessing** (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August**

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

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

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**5.00pm – Colston Bassett's Evening Prayer** (via Zoom) There will be no evening prayer through August, with services starting again on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**10.30am – Holy Communion** (All Saints, Granby)

**READINGS**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August** - Proverbs 9.1-6 & John 6.51-58

**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](mailto:treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk) if you wish to discuss this position further.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**11<sup>th</sup> September** – Nick Perry will be taking part in the Ride+Stride this year to help raise funds for the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Go to [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/rs2021](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/rs2021) for more details of the event and how to sponsor him.



**Current Appeal** – Barnabas Fund – check the website, [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### REFLECTIONS by Hilary Tabron

I was delighted to have the opportunity to be involved in a school visit to St Giles' Cropwell Bishop a couple of weeks before the end of term. There were

boxes to be ticked as far as the curriculum was concerned, and one of the boxes I had been asked to tick was 'services'.

The eight-year-olds in front of me were wonderfully attentive, and before going on to talk about the elements of a typical service of worship, I pondered with them about that strange word 'service'. What kind of images did that word conjure? With a recent motorway journey fresh in my mind, I spoke of 'service stations' where road users can fill up with petrol, shop, eat, go to the toilet. Another image came to mind as we considered taking a car for a 'service' – helping it to stay in good running order, topping up the oil or tweaking the parts which are not working as well as they should.

I found this passage in the writing of Bishop John Pritchard, now retired, which particularly echoes the 'service station' image. I quoted it to them, realising that I was speaking as much to the staff and parents as to the children.

*“Worship is the moment when we’re both broken open to the majesty and love of God, and we’re broken out of our self-enclosed private worlds and placed on a bigger map in a larger family. We’re repaired because the nails of our life and faith will often have become loose during the week. Worship fits us together again, strengthening our joints and making us more serviceable in God’s work”*

Children are not the only ones with questions. In my conversations with people over the last few weeks some have expressed reticence about coming to, or coming back to, church. There’s a tension between wanting and fearing. COVID lockdowns and restrictions have imposed 'pause buttons' on usual routines and practices, and in some cases the pause buttons were pressed much longer ago, maybe as a result of a faith-sapping crisis. But the desire to “be broken open to the majesty and love of God” remains. Questions lurk. Will I be welcome? Will things be the same? Will I know what to do? Will people ask why I haven’t been or what brings me here? Does God want to know me? In the story of the Prodigal Son, the father shows us some answers, as he greets his returning son, not with a 'telling off' or an inquisition, but with open arms and signs of honour and belonging. A most encouraging image!

We have the prayer below on a poster just inside St Giles’ Church. It expresses beautifully how we want our church buildings, services and events to be, and our lives as well. Whatever our perspective, may this be a prayer for us all.

*O God, make the door of this house wide enough  
to receive all who need human love and friendship and a Father's care,  
and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and lack of love.  
Here may the needy find help and the sorrowing comfort,  
the careless be awakened and the penitent be assured of mercy.  
Here may all your children renew their strength  
and go on their way in hope and joy: through Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

Adapted from a 17<sup>th</sup> century prayer

## KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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## KEY CONTACTS

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**Further information and contact details can be found on the parish website at [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who)**

**Copy deadline for items to be included in next week's Notice Sheet:  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**