



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021  
TRINITY 18**

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

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**10.30am – All Age Holy Communion** (St Andrew's, Langar), Harvest Festival

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October**

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

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

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October**

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

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

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am – All Parish Safeguarding Sunday Holy Communion** (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

**READINGS**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**– Joel 2.21-27 and Mark 4.26-29

**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, especially as we move around.
- We have started to sing inside, but encourage wearing of masks during singing.
- 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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**10<sup>th</sup> October – Safeguarding Sunday** – Holy Trinity, Tythby

**20<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Vision Day** at Jubilee House, Southwell, details to follow but for now, please Save the Date!

**Current Appeal – Self Help Africa** – check the website, [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal) for how to donate.



## HARVEST GIFTS

**the Friary** As in previous years our Harvest Gifts will be taken to the Friary in West Bridgford. They are **only** accepting the following

Essentials	Clothing	Household
<i>Urgently needed:</i> Bottles water, crisps, cartons/canned drinks, cereal bars Men's T-shirts Rucksacks, holdalls Sleeping bags, roll mats 1-2 person tents Non-perishable food	<i>Men's and Ladies Practical clothing &amp; Footwear incl:</i> Joggers, leggings, jeans, hiking socks, T-shirts, shirts, blouses, jumpers, hoodies, fleeces, waterproofs, coats, jackets, belts, gloves, woollen hats, trainers, shoes, boots	NO LONGER IN NEED OF BEDDING  <i>Do Need:</i> Small electrical items – microwaves, kettles, toasters, small TVs, radios, lamps Towels, T- towels

## CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!



Nick Perry visited an astonishing 45 churches when he participated in this year's Ride+Stride. He has raised around £1000 to be shared equally between Notts Historic Churches Trust and our own parish. You can still sponsor him using the Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/np-nhtc2021](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/np-nhtc2021)

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Tony, Vivien and Lucy will be collecting gift-filled shoeboxes again this year. Flat-packed boxes, leaflets and information will be given out in October.



## LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

### REFLECTIONS on GENEROSITY by Hilary Tabron

I have found inspiration this week from a passage of scripture touching memories. The gospel reading for Morning Prayer on Monday related the incident of the woman breaking open a jar of “very expensive ointment of nard”

and pouring it on Jesus' head. The disciples were outraged at the extravagance – but not Jesus. He recognised the woman's perceptiveness and her love: the way gestures can say more than words, and that some moments call out to be seized. He put aside the suggestion that this nard could have been sold and the money given to the poor. "You always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish..."

I was immediately taken back to 2018, which was a significant year for us in many ways. Derek's mum died in the January; our youngest daughter had her first baby in March; Derek was going to turn 70 later in the year. All in all we wanted to rent a big house in which the family with the new baby could stay with us, and the others living nearby with their children could come and go as they liked. We set a budget and pored over a bewildering number of websites, almost settling on something which ticked all the boxes. Then I spotted an amazing house – wonderful views, walking distance to beach and village, spacious house and garden - but much bigger than we needed, and more than twice the budget.

Holiday plans were put aside for a while in the run up to Easter and in this time there were lots of services, with familiar passages of scripture heard and mulled over. One such passage was of that woman's extravagant gesture of love for Jesus, and of his defence of her action. It prompted me to see that booking a seemingly extravagant house might not be wrong. The conviction grew that this particular year this would be the best and blessed course of action, and we went ahead and booked it.

Soon after we heard that our co-grandparents would be coming over from Australia to meet the new baby, and that their time would coincide with ours. Needless to say, we invited them to join us and stay in the lovely big house. More opportunities to share the house opened up, and through our week we were also able to accommodate other relatives and entertain a flow of locally based family and friends. There was enough room not to feel crowded or stressed and we enjoyed the privilege of not only getting to know our new grandson, but also getting to know his other grandparents. It turned out they are deeply involved in Christian ministry and, especially helpful in the circumstances, that they love cooking! In so many respects we felt truly blessed through the week.

Yes, the poor and the disadvantaged will always be with us, and we are called to play our part in supporting them. Jesus implied that that was an ongoing commitment, but that it need not rule out other costly, meaningful gestures! Thanks be to God for his word!

## PRAYERS

*Thank you that you are a God who speaks.  
Grace us to accept that we are hard of hearing.  
Help us to attune our ears to your promptings  
At the crossroads of each day  
And in the movements of our souls.*

**Ray Simpson**

## KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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## KEY CONTACTS

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**Copy deadline for items to be included in the next week's Notice Sheet:  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**