



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
TRINITY 20

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

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October**

10.30am – Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Langar)

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

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October**

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October**

10.00am – 11.30am St Giles' Cropwell Bishop Coffee, Cake and Chat with  
Bellringing Beginners

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October**

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

10.30am – Holy Communion (All Saints, Granby)

**READINGS**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – 1 Corinthians 12: 4-31a, Acts 11:1-24

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**CHANGE IN DATE** – 14<sup>th</sup> November - Higher a Choir Evensong Because Covid has struck the choir conductor & organist, the service which Revd Keith Turner was taking at Clumber Chapel on 17 October at 3.30pm has been postponed to 14 November. Two people in our own Parish are amongst the singers. All are most welcome. It would be lovely to see some familiar faces there.

**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.



## 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.

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES



If you would like to join the appeal to bring joy to a child in great need this Christmas then you will need a leaflet/label that will explain what gifts you can put in the shoebox. These can be found in the churches in the Wiverton in the Vale Parish along with flat-packed shoeboxes that you are welcome to take to fill, if you haven't got a suitable box at home. Please return the filled boxes to a church or the Rectory porch by November 22<sup>nd</sup> or earlier. We don't yet know which country the boxes will be sent to, (probably a cold one). We do know that each box will bring joy to a child living a tough life. Please see the website [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/christmas-shoebox-appeal-2021](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/christmas-shoebox-appeal-2021)

Thank you

Any queries phone: *Vivien 0115 9890250*

## HARVEST GIFTS

the Friary

We have received a grateful letter of thanks from the Friary for the generous gifts brought at Harvest, thank you to all who contributed to this most worthy cause.

## **PARISH TREASURER UPDATE**

We have had several offers of help for the role of Treasurer which is a real answer to prayer. Please continue to pray as we work through the interview process with a view to making an appointment.

## **LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond**

### **REFLECTIONS by Revd Fred Connell**

We are looking at Themes including this week 'Working together' (1 Corinthians 12: 4-31a) and 'Spirit led Church' (Acts 11:1-24) as part of the preparation for our Vision Day. These are foundational matters in seeking God's plans and purposes for us and all God's people.

How did you and I come to faith and belong to the church? For some we came to know our Lord Jesus through family, or relations, or friends or someone we met through school, college, work, events or travel. For some it was a blinding flash of revelation and for others it was a steady journey of realisation that we had moved from 'one place to another in our spiritual life'. It certainly is different for each of us and we are still journeying in our spiritual life. I grew up in a Christian family and as young man I thought I knew Almighty God in the heavens as my Heavenly Father, with Jesus Christ his son yet only as a historical biblical figure, and so far as the Holy Ghost was concerned! -that was what the grown-ups talked about in the Trinity. I asked my mother as to how she could pray for someone miles away, and remote from Almighty God? She smiled and said that in the Holy Spirit (Ghost) she could pray, and Jesus would answer in the Spirit and that was that! Struggling in prayer as a boy, I found that bent down facing the floor in the chapel, all I saw was floorboards! Where are you Jesus? The issue is not with God but with me. It was years later (after many years serving in lay ministry) that I came to an understanding that I have a will (or not) to want to receive Christ Jesus as my Lord and Saviour and my best friend- and I did. It was after many challenges and tribulations in my life, that I gave my life to Jesus in the person and presence of the Holy Spirit. Washed clean by His Blood of my sins and set free to reorder my life as Jesus wants it. Not as the world defines gifts and ambitions but Kingdom of God values. That gift is for you, me and the world-even though the world does not see it. Our task is to live our lives for the glory of Jesus in the Spirit, and to share it with others. The character and quality of our life defines us-before Jesus and those around us. If we honour Jesus in every aspect of our lives, in the home, in the church, in the community, in all our relationships in work or in social activities, in the Love of Jesus and in the Power of the Holy Spirit, we will find that people we meet will be drawn to

Jesus Christ. This world and the chaos of it needs the Divine Power of Jesus in the Holy Spirit, to bring Peace, Justice, Love, Reconciliation, Joy, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self Control. The evidence of the fruit of the spirit is as a result of divine activity not of human effort on its own.

I know Theological Colleges in Eastern Europe and Middle East that require students to establish a new church before they graduate, not in division, but as uniting work of Jesus to reveal His purposes to those who do not know him. The secular and non-Christian world does not recognise Jesus as saviour and healer, and yet who receive him gain eternal love and relationship in this life and that to come.

We stand on the shoulders of those who founded our churches. The challenge before us all is to take the hand of Jesus, to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, and share the love of Jesus with all those we meet –so that others to come to knowledge of him and his promises. We are all gifted, each differently, but together we are God’s people -His Church-for His Kingdom. Blessings.

## **PRAYERS**

### **Collect**

*God, the giver of life  
Whose Holy Spirit wells up within your church  
By the Spirit’s gifts, equip us to live the Gospel of Christ  
And make us eager to do your will,  
That we may share with the whole of creation  
The joys of eternal life;  
Through Jesus Christ your son our Lord,  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, now and forever.*

**Amen**

Please pray for

### **Our Queen**

*bles and protect our sovereign in thankfulness for her faith in Jesus Christ*

### **Our Nation**

*may we honour the Holy Spirit in all aspects of life*

**Our Armed Services**

*pray for all who serve and have served, for those whose families support them, particularly those who suffer as a result of conflicts*

**Our World**

*that peace may reign and justice amongst peoples flourishes*

**God's creation**

*that peoples throughout the world will honour all of God's creation and bring order not destruction*

**Farming**

*our food producers honour Jesus Christ in bringing our food, and that farmers be treated fairly and understood by consumers*

**Wealth Creation - commerce, industry**

*that our economic and social models bring fairness, equity in labour markets and conditions and justice reward, and bring recognition and responsibility to all*

**Education/ Healthcare/ Justice**

*pray for our schools, colleges, students, staff and parents; pray for our health service, the patients, all who care for them; pray for all who serve in seeking justice - police, lawyers, courts and prisons, for all who suffer as a result of crime, and for all who have done wrong.*

**Church – Worldwide and Local**

*pray for all who serve in this Diocese, this nation, in the overseas church, particularly for those who are persecuted for their faith. Pray for the Holy Spirit in the church to inspire and guide.*

**Sick**

*pray for those we know who are ill, for those families and friends who care for them and all those who love them – please name them, and also those we do not know.*

**Grieving**

*pray for those who are grieving for those who have died and for those with sorrow and loss*

*Please pray for those who are searching for meaning and purpose in life, that they may come to the knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ in the person and presence of the Holy Spirit.*

*Please pray for yourself that you will allow the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort you in all circumstances, in times of joy and challenge.*

**Amen**

## HELPING AFGHAN REFUGEES

Few of us can have been unmoved by the images of Afghans seeking flights to safety. The UK has committed to resettle around 5,000 Afghan Nationals at risk in 2021 rising to 20,000 in the longer term. Priority will be given to women and girls, and religious groups and minorities. Through the Nottingham and Notts Refugee Forum we wish to support them and others reaching our nation either through direct donation to [www.nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk](http://www.nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk) or by supporting the appeal for those commodities listed below:

### **Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Tinned Fish, Coffee, Washing Powder, Toothpaste.**

Collections will be held at St Giles' Church Cropwell Bishop, 10.00 - 12.00 on **October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

If you wish to donate but have difficulty in making those collection times, please contact Peter Hills on 07708 022201 or Sue Macdonald on 07756 806921.

*'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.'* Matthew 25 v35.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Has anyone got an iPhone or smart phone and would like to have a go at videoing the service very, very occasionally? It is really easy and fun to do. If you'd like to have a go, I can show you how to do it. It's so that I can help with the monthly Big Breakfast we run at Colston Village Hall in the summer and we would still have a service going out online. We can get you a parish tripod and either Nick or I could edit the video afterwards and put it up on YouTube. I do hope you'll have a go - or if you know all about this already - then that's even better! - I can learn from you.



Hoping to hear from you. *Katharine Bacon LLM*

## LIFE EVENTS

As a Parish we are delighted to be once again holding baptisms, weddings, blessings and renewal of vows. If you know of anyone who would like to hold one of these important Life Events, please do ask them to be in touch.



THE WEDDING

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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### KEY CONTACTS

**Revd. Rachel** - On a gradual, phased return, please address enquires to the Parish Administrator

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Any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to:

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Rosie Dulwich

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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 the next week's Notice Sheet: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**