



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 9th / 16th January 2022
Baptism of Christ / Epiphany 1 / Epiphany 2

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

Due to current COVID concerns our services may change at the last minute, please check website and notices in churches for changes prior to coming.

SUNDAY 9th January

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

MONDAY 10th January

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

7.00pm – PCC meeting (via zoom)

WEDNESDAY 12th January

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

FRIDAY 14th January

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 16th January

10.30am – Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

10.30am – All Age Worship (Village Hall, Colston Bassett)

MONDAY 17th January

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 19th January

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

FRIDAY 21st January

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

5.00pm – Colston Bassett's Evening Prayer (via Zoom) **1st & 3rd Fridays only**

SUNDAY 23rd January

10.30am – Holy Communion (All Saints, Granby)

4.00pm – Evensong (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

READINGS

Sunday 9th January Isaiah 43.1-7, Acts 8.14-17, Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Sunday 16th January Isaiah 62. 1-5, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, John 2.1-11

SERVICES

As we move forward Covid-19 guidelines for our churches

To allow as many people as possible to feel confident coming to church in these times of high COVID cases, we need your help, so please:

- do not attend if you have any symptoms or feel unwell;
- maintain the practice of hand hygiene. There will be sanitiser gel available for use before and after each service;
- wear a mask especially while singing, excluding primary/pre-school children and those exempt on health grounds;
- we recommend that over 11's take a Lateral Flow Test showing negative no more than one day ahead of the service;

We will have doors open for ventilation, so you'll need to wrap up warmly!

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

12th February 2022 – Parish Vision Day at St Andrews, Langar, to be led by Revd Richard Kellett, all welcome. Details to follow but for now, please Save the Date!

19th March 2022 – at St Mary's, Bingham - **Changed** by David Shenton. A play about people whose lives are changed after meeting Jesus. Tickets will be £10, £8.00 concessions.

Current Appeal – The Children's Society

– check the website,

www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal

for how to donate.



**The
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LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Edward Hine

Emmanuel – God is with us!

After Christmas Day I thought back to Bethlehem and to what Mary would be doing and thinking on the day after the miraculous birth.

The previous 9 months had been a roller coaster of highs and lows for her with encountering angels and nearly being an unmarried mother all on her

own. This was typified by having to give birth in a stable the day before but then was glorified and praised by the shepherds who told her all about the heavenly host of angels who had announced her son's birth. She would not have known what to expect next and of course nothing exceptional happened until probably the arrival of the wise men bearing fabulous gifts [as prophesied by Isaiah]. Whilst we celebrate their coming in Epiphany Sunday this weekend, I think in real life it may have been quite a bit later.

So for quite some time nothing happened and who knows what was going through her mind. In all probability she just got on with looking after her baby but let's not forget she had already demonstrated her deep faith.

But we know that God was with her all the time but only on occasion was his divine presence revealed to her.

As it was with Mary, so it is with us. I am sure many like me have had experiences when we have felt very close to God, felt his love and comfort, felt his peace or known he has guided our lives although often with the benefit of hindsight. It is wonderful and helps to boost our faith but what about the times when not much is happening, a bit like Mary between the departure of the shepherds and the arrival of the wisemen. We all have times like that but we must never forget that God is with us all at the time and all we have to do is reach out. A bit like Holman Hunt's famous painting 'The Light of the World' where it shows Jesus waiting outside a closed door with his lantern. Yes, he is that close! All the time.

But of course, that is why Jesus was also called Emmanuel which in Hebrew means 'God is with us'. That is partly why God sent his son to us; so, his presence would be with us always. So as God was always with Mary so he is with us and that should give us great comfort and hope for whatever 2022 has in store for us.

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father we give thanks that you sent your son to be born of Mary.

We give thanks that he was and is Emmanuel – 'God is with us'.

*Help us to remember that whatever difficulties we encounter you are with us
and your rod and staff will comfort us.*

*Give us the steadfastness to endure when our journey becomes difficult
safe in the knowledge that you have prepared a room for us in heaven.*

Amen

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX UPDATE

Our 56 shoeboxes were delivered to children in Bosnia on 23rd December. T4U sent out a record number of boxes this year, 66,757!
Thanks. *Vivien Hall*

KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



Going forward notices will cover 2 weeks and will be posted fortnightly on the Parish website:
www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk

To receive a copy of these notices by email, please subscribe to the website notification service at:
www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/subscribe

KEY CONTACTS

Rev. Rachel – on sick leave until the end of January, please address enquires to the Parish Administrator

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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 the next two-week's Notice Sheet: Wednesday 19th January 2022, to the Parish Administrator.