

# Parish of Wiverton in the Vale: One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures Notices 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Trinity 10 and 11

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

### SUNDAY 21st August

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

# MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

# WEDNESDAY 24th August

**9.00am – 11.00am St Giles' Cropwell Bishop** Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners.

# FRIDAY 26th August

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

# **SUNDAY 28th August**

10.30am - All Parish Holy Communion (All Saints, Granby)

### MONDAY 29th August

No morning prayer

# **WEDNESDAY 31st August**

**9.00am – 11.00am St Giles' Cropwell Bishop** Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners.

### FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

# **SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

10.00am - 12noon - Pop up Café (St Andrew's, Langar)

### **SUNDAY 4th September**

10.30am - All Age All Parish Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Langar)

# READINGS

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August** Hebrews 12.12-29 Luke 13.10-17 **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August** Psalm 112, Luke 14.1, 7-14

#### LIVING with COVID

Now that legal restrictions have been removed, the onus is on us to take care of ourselves and one another. Please be mindful of the fact that some people are particularly vulnerable or are living with or caring for people who are particularly vulnerable. Therefore, we continue to recommend that:

- you do not attend if you have symptoms or feel unwell;
- we maintain the practice of hand hygiene, with sanitiser gel available in churches;
- you use your discretion as to whether to wear a mask according to the local setting and circumstances of the people around you;
- leaders consider taking a lateral flow test before services.

Following guidance from the Church of England and in consultation with our retired clergy, the PCC are keen to begin to offer wine again at Communion. From 1<sup>st</sup> August we shall follow simultaneous administration with the President briefly but carefully touching the surface of the Wine with the Wafer, allowing a small amount to be suffused into the Bread. The Wafer is then placed into the communicant's hands. The President drinks last of all. Hands of course should still be sanitised. People may still choose to take bread only.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**10**<sup>th</sup> **September – Ride and Stride** check the website to find out more and for links on how to sponsor Nick Perry *www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/rs2022* 



**12**<sup>th</sup> **September – PCC meeting,** 7.00pm at St Andrew's Langar. If you have anything you would like raising, please speak to your churchwarden or church representative.

19<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Day, at the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, 10am - 4.00pm (tbc) – all welcome. Details to follow, for now, please save the date!

**Current Appeal** – **DEC Ukraine appeal** – for July and August we will again be supporting the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal for how to donate.



# GREEN CHAMPION – CAN YOU HELP?

Climate change, zero emissions and Eco Church are becoming more of a focus in the Church of





England. We are looking to have a small team of Green Champions across the Parish who can help lead us on these important initiatives. If you are interested in helping us, please contact Jane Travis, our Parish Administrator, admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

# LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

#### **REFLECTIONS by Sid Mitchell**

#### The Parable of the ambitious guest

This week's reading appears to carry a warning about where people were choosing to sit. They risked being humiliated if they chose a place of honour and were then asked to move. Much better to humbly take a seat of less importance than risk humiliation in being asked to move.

Verse 1 is included for good reason giving a clue to what was going on, 'Jesus was being closely watched,.. at a prominent Pharisee's house,.. on the Sabbath'.

I wonder where Jesus was sitting?

I wonder, did He choose or was He shown were to sit?

What we do know is that Jesus knew what was really going on. He knew the Pharisees were trying to trap Him. He knew their hearts and was anticipating their unhospitable, evil intent in response to what He was about to do so He asked them 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?'

As often happened – they had nothing to say. They remained silent... Even after Jesus had healed the man.

I'm guessing that Jesus didn't have much respect for the Pharisees and while what had happened was still sinking in, I wonder if He saw the irony in the fact that the other guests were jostling to get the places of honour at the table - to sit with the very same men who had attempted to trap and dishonour Him.

Jesus didn't make any attempt to curry favour. I'm guessing Jesus was not given a place of honour at the table. I wonder whether His words were directed at the guests or the Pharisee host and his important friends.

I wonder to whom the parable was intended.

Jesus goes on to give a warning in another parable. The point being that they could miss out on the heavenly feast when His kingdom came, that God would fill the guest list with the least and the lost.

Lessons to learn perhaps about how we value ourselves. How we may try to fit in where we shouldn't? How we view our invitation to be part of something eternal, so much more valuable, so much more honourable. Somewhere were the least and the lost are welcomed!

I think I'll just be relieved to be there, to have a place, to be a part of what is to come - with Him!

# **PRAYERS**

Thank you, Heavenly Father, that you look at our hearts, at who we really are. Thank you that there is a place for us all in your Kingdom.

Help us to accept this privilege with humility and welcome the least and lost whom you intend us to share your Kingdom with.
In Jesus name.

Amen

### 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

Copy deadline for items to be included in the next two weeks' Notice Sheet: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, to the Parish Administrator.