



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 4th and 11th September 2022
Trinity 12 and 13

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

SUNDAY 4th September

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

MONDAY 5th September

9.00am – [All Parish Morning Prayer](#) (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 7th September

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

FRIDAY 9th September

9.00am – [All Parish Morning Prayer](#) (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 11th September

9.00am – Holy Communion (St John's, Colston Bassett)

10.30am – Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

MONDAY 12th September

9.00am – [All Parish Morning Prayer](#) (via Zoom)

7.00pm – PCC meeting (St Andrew's, Langar)

WEDNESDAY 14th September

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

THURSDAY 15th September

6.30pm – Alpha Taster evening (Colston Bassett Village Hall)

FRIDAY 16th September

9.00am – [All Parish Morning Prayer](#) (via Zoom)

5.00pm – [Colston Bassett's Evening Prayer](#) (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 18th September

10.30am – All Age Harvest and Holy Communion (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

10.30am – Thanksgiving Service (St John's, Colston Bassett)

READINGS

Sunday 4th September Psalm 1, Luke 14.25-33

Sunday 11th September Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

10th 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



12th 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.

15th September – Alpha Course Taster Evening, 6.30 - 9.00pm at Colston Bassett village hall. Join us for a feast of food, fellowship & learning! See below for details

19th 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 – Self Help Africa – for September and October we will again be supporting the Self Help Africa charity. Please see www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal for how to donate.



ALPHA COURSE

We are excited to announce that an [Alpha Course](#) will run this Autumn on a Thursday evening from mid-September through to 24th November. Please join us for the taster evening on 15th September at Colston Bassett village hall starting at 6.30pm for food, fellowship and learning. If you are interested, or know someone who might like to come, please contact Edward Hine on edward@edwardhine.co.uk, or call him on 07887 787890.



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GOOD NEWS FOR ST GILES CHURCH, CROPWELL BISHOP

Great news! After five years of hard work towards plans to reorder the west-end of St Giles' Church in Cropwell Bishop "Building on the Past: Looking to the Future", we are delighted to have received a Faculty (the permission) to proceed with this project. Thanks Be To God! Against a backdrop nationally and globally of challenge and tragedy, it's wonderful to look towards offering improved space and an upgraded interior for the range of groups we already welcome into church in the love of Christ, and to hope for increased outreach.

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 Katharine Bacon, LLM

Luke 14:25-33 and 15:1-10

Just before these passages, Jesus spoke about someone (God) setting up a great party and inviting great numbers of guests who all found excuses as to why they were too busy to attend. Then the host becomes angry and tells his servants to bring in the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind and then just pull people in. And the original invitees are left out.

Not a gentle picture of God, is it? Not all soft and woolly.

His next words, in our first passage, sound pretty harsh, too. "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

The word for 'hate' is a Semitic idiom that means 'love less.' So, it is to not hold something in value above something else, in other words God, Jesus, comes first. Familiar, isn't it? The very first commandment is, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matt 22:37.) And, when we do, everything is enriched with God's love flowing into us, our lives find the right balance and God lends us his strength to live the life he wants us to.

Here, he warns about the cost of declaring that we are followers of Jesus Christ. It is nothing in comparison to the cross that Jesus carried for us. But it is something we accept when we follow him. And we do not carry it alone. God is with us, helping us to shoulder our burdens and giving us his joy in the midst of

the worst hostility. Sometimes from the friends and family we hold dear. We are not promised an easy road.

In the second passage, Jesus is criticised for ‘welcoming sinners’ and eating with them and he tells the Pharisees the story of the shepherd’s delight at rescuing his lost sheep while the other 99 are fine, and about the woman rejoicing over the finding of the lost coin. He speaks of “the joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” He’s trying to tell the Pharisees that God loves us passionately, whole heartedly and unconditionally. Whatever we’ve done, however terrible we think it is and we are, God’s love is so huge it wipes it out and cascades over us.

God is not soft and woolly. He is immensely powerful and he loves us, his creation, despite ourselves, and he wants to rescue us. He wants us to turn to him so that we can be healed and brought home to join in his huge feast. We need to accept that invitation!

PRAYERS

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that you have invited us into your kingdom, that you gave us Jesus to save us and the Holy Spirit to guide us. Help us always to put you first and to trust you. Thank you for your love. Amen.

KEY CONTACTS

Rev. Rachel – on sick leave, 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 weeks’ Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 14th September 2022, to the Parish Administrator.**