



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 2nd and 9th October 2022
Trinity 16 and 17

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

SUNDAY 2nd October

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

MONDAY 3rd October

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 5th October

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

7.15pm – Alpha course fellowship & learning (8, Cropwell Butler Road, Cropwell Bishop)

THURSDAY 6th October

6.30pm – Alpha course – meal, fellowship & learning (Colston Village Hall)

FRIDAY 7th October

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 9th October

10.30am – Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

4.00pm – Evensong (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

MONDAY 10th October

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 12th October

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

7.15pm – Alpha course fellowship & learning (8, Cropwell Butler Road, Cropwell Bishop)

THURSDAY 13th October

6.30pm – Alpha course – meal, fellowship & learning (Colston Village Hall)

FRIDAY 14th October

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 16th October

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

10.30am – Harvest Festival (St Johns, Colston Bassett) followed by lunch in the Village Hall

READINGS

Sunday 2nd October Philippians 4.4-9, John 6.25-35

Sunday 9th October Deuteronomy 26.1-11 & John 6.25-35

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

14th November – PCC meeting 7.00pm at St Andrew's, Langar. If you have any matter which you would like to raise, please contact your churchwarden/representative.

19th November – Parish Refresh Day, at the Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton, 10am -3.30pm – all welcome. Revd Canon Richard Kellett will lead us in worship, prayer, teaching and encouragement. We shall enjoy a bring and share lunch, so please help by bringing a contribution to the feast.

If you need transport, please do let either your churchwarden / representative know, or contact Jane Travis admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

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



ALPHA

There is still time to join in with one of our Alpha courses running this Autumn on Wednesday evenings 7.15-9.00pm in Cropwell Bishop or Thursday evenings 6.30-9.00pm in Colston Bassett. Please do contact either Hilary Tabron hilarytabron@uwclub.net or Edward Hine edward@edwardhine.co.uk respectively if you would like to come along.

UPDATE ON REVD RACHEL

We are sad to announce that Revd Rachel Mitchell will be retiring and leaving us at the end of November following her recent period of illness. Please keep Rachel and Sid in your prayers as they settle into their new home. The PCC would also be grateful for your prayers as they work with the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Diocese to find a replacement. Our thanks go to all our wonderful, retired clergy who have helped and supported the Parish through Rachel's long illness. Please keep them in your prayers too as they continue to help through an interregnum.

Message from Rachel:

As you may have heard I am retiring due to ill health and will be leaving the Parish at the end of November. It has been a long, trying and at times disappointing process and I know we were all hoping for a better outcome.

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped to keep the Parish going on a day to day, week to week basis. Sid and I have been very grateful for all your support and prayers.

With much love and thanks

Rachel

LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Hilary Tabron

We're in the wonderful season of Harvest, a time of fruitfulness and thankfulness, and a time when we are encouraged to respond with generosity to others who are not so fortunate.

Harvest comes at a time of change, in the transition between the long bright days of summer and the shorter, colder days of winter. We hardly need it pointed out that we are in a season of change in many other ways too, with a new monarch, a new Prime Minister and plans to be made in our Parish towards the appointment of a new incumbent all in the mix. That's a lot to process, bringing additional stresses overlaid on pre-existing post-pandemic stresses and whatever additional situations or losses might be affecting us personally. How can we deal with all that?

We can take lessons from nature – God's creation. As autumn fades into winter, trees may look dead, but they are resting and protecting themselves in readiness for the season to come. But they are still rooted, held in readiness for a new season of growth in spring, when the sap rises, buds swell and leaves unfold.

And we can take lessons from His son Jesus. From Gospel narratives we read that Jesus prioritised making special time for prayer with his Father, getting alongside Him and his rhythm. We also read that, rooted in his Father's love and power, Jesus was able to calm the wind and the sea when he and his disciples were caught in a storm. The disciples had been in fear of their lives, but Jesus, in effect, said "I've got this". Calm was restored. As our way of 'staying in the boat' we too need to prioritise time for prayer, as well as for soaking in his word through the pages of the Bible. If change and challenge threaten to overwhelm us, we can turn to Jesus and receive his peace, trusting him to say "I've got this".

We will have the opportunity to do that collectively when we have the Parish Refresh Day on 19th November, offering time to reflect and restore, in readiness for whatever the future holds for us in this Parish. Further details are available in these notices.

Provider God, as autumn light ripens the grain, ripen too our souls.

As brown leaves fall and sheaves are stored,

help us to fall into your ground and store up deepening compassion.

Amen

Ray Simpson, Celtic Prayers.

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:

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

**Copy deadline for items to be included in the next two weeks' Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 12th October 2022, to the Parish Administrator.**