

Parish of Wiverton in the Vale: One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures

Notices 30th October and 6th November 2022

4th and 3rd Sunday before Advent

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

SUNDAY 30th October

- 10.30am Holy Communion (St John's, Colston Bassett)
- 10.30am Joint service at Cropwell Bishop Methodist Church

MONDAY 31st October

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 2nd November

9.00am – 11.30am St Giles' Cropwell Bishop Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners.

FRIDAY 4th November

- 9.00am All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
- 5.00pm Colston Bassett's Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

SATURDAY 5th November

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

SUNDAY 6th November

- 10.30am All Age All Parish Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Langar)
- **3.00pm All Souls** a service to reflect and give thanks for those we love but see no more. (St Andrew's, Langar)

MONDAY 7th November

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 9th November

9.00am – 11.30am St Giles' Cropwell Bishop Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners.

THURSDAY 10th November

10.30am – funeral of the late Eve Corrall, 10.30am at Wilford Hill Crematorium and 11.30am at St Andrew's, Langar

FRIDAY 11th November

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 13th November

- 9.00am said Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Langar)
- 10.50am Remembrance Service (Holy Trinity, Tythby)
- 10.50am Remembrance Service (St John's, Colston Bassett)
- 10.50am Remembrance Service (St Giles', Cropwell Bishop)
- 10.50am Remembrance Service (All Saints', Granby)

READINGS

Sunday 30th October 2 Thessalonians 1, Luke 19.1-10 **Sunday 6th November** Psalm 17.1-9, Luke 20.27-38

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.



HELPERS NEEDED - COULD IT BE YOU?

The recent success of CCC at St Giles has led to a desire to run a Mums and Little Ones Drop-In Café at St Giles on a Friday morning from 10-11.30am. Some parents have stepped up to lead and other parents will help out bringing cakes and treats. What we are looking for are a few adult helpers to go on a rota to welcome, socialise and make teas/coffees. Can you help? If so, please contact Jane Travis admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk or call 07708 631 623.

LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Peter Hills

Thoughts on 1 Corinthians 13

Our reading from 1 Corinthians speaks of our gifts and all that we are being offered in love. It emphasises that love is patient, kind, does not envy. It keeps no record of wrongs and rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. God's love for each one of us is all of these and more. This then is something to reflect upon and embrace however we are feeling at this very moment.

There is a story of a family, with one son, whose name is Richard. He is 8 years old. He moves with his family to a new area and starts at a new school. His parents are naturally worried about how he will settle. So they are delighted when after a few days Richard brings some friends home with him from school and this is repeated several times over the following weeks but then it stops. Richard stops bringing any friends back to the house.

His Dad is concerned. He takes Richard aside and says.

Why? Why don't your friends come back to the house anymore? Richard doesn't answer. So Dad probes again. 'Why is it Richard'? Still no answer.

Is it because of your Mother? Richard quietly says 'Yes, yes it is'.

Is it because of your Mother's hands? 'Yes'.

You see Richard's mother's hands were deformed, they were claw like, discoloured and disfigured. They were ugly to look at.

So Dad says to Richard.

'When your Mum was younger she worked on the make-up Department in John Lewis. She needed to have beautiful hands and she did indeed have beautiful hands. Now when you were 2 years old, Mum was in the kitchen you were in the living room. She heard a scream. Mum rushed in. You had fallen onto the fire. Mum pulled you off the fire. You won't remember it but you were in hospital for a few days and then you were fine but your Mum's hands, well they were destroyed but they show just how much she loves you.'

The following day Dad heard Richard as he came through the front door with his friends.

'You must look at my Mum's hands, they show how much she loves me.'

God's love for us is somewhat like that Mother's for her son. It is sacrificial. And that sacrificial love brings together the story of the first Christmas with the story of Easter.

How do we respond to God's unceasing sacrificial love for us?

WARM SPACE, WARM WELCOME

In this season, while all of us are dealing with increased fuel costs, please note Coffee, Cake and Chat, Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.30am, St Giles' Cropwell Bishop and Pop-up Café, first Saturday of each month 10.00am—12noon, St Andrew's Langar, both offer a warm welcome to all regardless of whether otherwise involved with church. We heat, you save!

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

We are supporting the T4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. There are flat-packed shoeboxes and explanatory leaflets in each church in our Parish for you to help yourself. If they run out, then please collect as many as you need from St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. Once you have filled your box, please return it to Langar church before November 6th to be blessed during the 10.30am service, or to St Giles church before November 14th.

We don't yet know to which country they will be sent but most likely one in Eastern Europe. Thank you on behalf of the children who will receive your boxes.

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KEY CONTACTS

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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 9th November 2022, to the Parish Administrator.