



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:**  
**One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures**  
**Notices 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Sunday next before Lent and Lent 1**

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

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**10.30am – Morning worship** (Colston Bassett Village Hall)

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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

**7.00pm – Ash Wednesday service** (St Giles', Cropwell Bishop)

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)

**9.00am - 11.30am – Baby Club,** St Giles' Cropwell Bishop

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30am – All-Parish Holy Communion** (St Michael and All Angels, Elton)

**4.00pm – Family praise** (St Giles', Cropwell Bishop)

**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March**

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

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)

**9.00am - 11.30am – Baby Club,** St Giles', Cropwell Bishop

**2.30pm – World Day of Prayer service** (St Giles', Cropwell Bishop)

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March**

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

## READINGS

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February** 2 Peter 1.16-21 & Matthew 17.1-9

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February** Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

## INFECTION GUIDANCE

Covid has settled down from being an overriding concern, to being one of many infections we need to be mindful of if we are to look after ourselves as well as protect others who are more vulnerable or caring for people who are particularly vulnerable. Therefore, we continue to recommend that you do not attend church services or events if you have symptoms or feel unwell, and maintain good hand hygiene. Sanitiser gel is available in churches.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**13<sup>th</sup> March – PCC meeting** - 7.00pm at St Andrew's, Langar. If you have any matter which you would like to raise, please contact your church warden/representative.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April – Concert** featuring Paul and Alastair, Cropwell Bishop 4.00pm, with drinks and cake from 3.30pm. Tickets available soon from Hilary Tabron and Ann Mansell at £10, proceeds towards St Giles' improvements.

**17<sup>th</sup> April - APCM meeting**, 7.00pm St Andrew's Langar. If you would like to join the PCC and meet the criteria and are on the electoral roll please contact your church warden / representative or Jane Travis, [admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk) or call 07708 631623 for a nomination form.

## CURRENT APPEAL

**Current Appeal – Water Aid** – for February and March. Please see [wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal](http://wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal) for how to donate.



## ECO CHURCH



In the last couple of weeks, we have picked up momentum and St Giles' is expecting to receive 5 more nesting boxes made in the village and the school in Colston Bassett is making one for St John's! Each church now has a copy of 'Climate change for beginners' which is a very easy read but conveys a lot of interesting information and gives tips for saving energy and reducing our carbon footprint as churches, businesses, households and individuals. Each one of us borrow it in turn but bring it back to church after a week. More information to follow in the next notices! (more info from [edward@edwardhine.co.uk](mailto:edward@edwardhine.co.uk))

## **LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond**

### **REFLECTIONS by Vivien Hall**

My favourite words in the Bible are, unsurprisingly, said by Jesus. "Our Father", - just two words but both loaded with meaning!

"Our" is such an inclusive word and to appreciate that, it helps to think about what Jesus didn't say. He didn't say "My" which would have excluded us from being, together with him, the children of God. He didn't say "Your" which again would have separated him from us. He certainly didn't say "Belonging to only those who are Jews, or Very Good People or even, Baptised People". No, Jesus chose "Our", which anyone can say who wants to.

"Father", (or another translation, "Abba"), is a very intimate word. Again, looking at what Jesus didn't say, helps to appreciate it. He didn't say, "Creator of the universe", nor "Almighty King of Heaven", both of which would have been correct, but awe-inspiring and remote.

Human fathers are all flawed, some more than others. For those people who have experienced the worst sort, the word "Father" has painful associations. Feminists, the fatherless and others might also have problems with the word. Nevertheless, most people worldwide, in Jesus' time right up to the present day, have a good understanding of the qualities that describe a perfect father. So "Father" is a great way of conveying all the qualities in just one word. They include being responsible, faithful, wise, having authority, but above all having supreme unconditional, forgiving love. What a marvellous privilege we have because Jesus told us to use these two words!

## **WARM SPACE, WARM WELCOME**

In this cold and frosty season 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!

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FOCUS ON TAIWAN** This year's World Day of Prayer Service has been put together by a team in Taiwan, with the theme 'I have heard about your faith'. Men and women of any denomination or tradition are very welcome to come along and share in this inspiring service.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE**

Notices are displayed in each of our churches about updating the electoral roll in time for the APCM in April. If you would like to be added to the roll and meet eligibility, please follow the instructions or speak to your churchwarden or representative.

## THE NOTTINGHAM PASSION



Tickets are now on sale for the performances on 31 March and 1 April at St Mary's in the Lace Market. The production will follow the parts of the Bible that tell of Jesus' final days. You can get tickets from Nottingham Tourism Centre (Smithy Row), St. Peter's Church Office (St Peter's Gate), and online [here](#).

## KEEPING IN TOUCH; STAYING INFORMED



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## KEY CONTACTS

*The parish is now in interregnum, 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](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who)**

**Copy deadline for items to be included in the next two weeks' Notice Sheet:  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, to the Parish Administrator.**