



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 5th and 12th March 2023
Sunday Lent 2 and 3

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

SUNDAY 5th March

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

MONDAY 6th March

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 8th March

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

FRIDAY 10th March

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 12th March

10.30am – All-Parish Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

MONDAY 13th March

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

7.00pm – PCC meeting (St Andrews, Langar)

WEDNESDAY 15th March

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

FRIDAY 17th March

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 19th March

9.30am – All-Parish Holy Communion (said) (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

10.30am – Family Mothering Sunday Service (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

10.30am – Mothering Sunday Service (St Johns, Colston Bassett)

READINGS

Sunday 5th March Genesis 12.1-4a, John 3.1-17

Sunday 12th March Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

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

2nd April – Spring Serenade concert at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop 4.00pm, with drinks and cake from 3.30pm, ticketing details to follow. Proceeds towards St Giles' improvements.

17th 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 churchwarden / representative or Jane Travis, 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 for how to donate.



DUST & GLORY DAILY REFLECTIONS



The Church of England's Lent theme Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them. There is a free app available to download now or you can sign up for daily email reflections [here](#).

ECO CHURCH

Nesting boxes are going up in our churchyards with more initiatives to follow! We should all look at possibly trying to reduce our personal carbon footprint and the Climate Crisis books [featured in the notices of 19/2/23] circulating in all our churches gives some good tips! The book encourages us to walk to church [and other places!] if possible or cycle and if you do need to drive can you give a lift to anyone? In Genesis, God made mankind stewards of the earth and so we need to set a good example.



LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Katharine Bacon

John has two great stories for us over this fortnight. Nicodemus, visiting Jesus at night to find out more about him, and the woman at the well in the Samaritan village. In neither does Jesus speak to them as they would expect.

Nicodemus expected respect. He was a high-ranking Pharisee and he had come specially to see Jesus, by night, admittedly, so that he would not be seen by anyone else. He wanted to test him out. But Jesus seemed to be speaking gobbledegook. What was this about being born again? Impossible! And then Jesus explains about the Holy Spirit and teases him about not knowing this despite being so learned! Nicodemus has said he recognises God's at work in Jesus's miracles but he doesn't recognise the Son of God when he's stood right in front of him. His own status as a wise man and leader blinds him.

Then the woman at the well is sparky. She almost flirts with Jesus and ducks and dives away from his questions and statements. But then he tells her who he is and she runs away. She runs away when it gets too personal and it's all about her, and him. She runs away but then she tells the other Samaritans about him and asks that question, "He can't be the messiah, can he?" It's almost as if she doesn't trust herself to make that judgement.

How often do we duck and dive away from the intimacy of a deeper relationship with God? Are we prepared to have those conversations with him? Can we let him scrutinise our lives? Or do we tiptoe back into the night, deeply puzzled and disgruntled, or run away when it gets personal?

Lent is a perfect time to let God come deeper into our lives, let him start those conversations and let our souls respond. This is a time to give God centre space and wait and see what happens.

PRAYERS

The Praying Life

He (the Christian) will pray in every place but not openly to be seen of men. He prays in every situation, in his walks for recreation, in his dealings with others, in silence, in reading, in all rational pursuits. And although he is only thinking of God in the little chamber of the soul, and calling upon his Father with silent aspirations, God is near him and with him while he is yet speaking.

St Clement of Alexandria

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

**Copy deadline for items to be included in the next two weeks' Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 15th March 2023, to the Parish Administrator.**