



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:**  
**One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures**  
**Notices 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**  
**Easter 6 and 7**

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

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.00am - 11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners,**  
Methodist Schoolroom, Cropwell Bishop

**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**7.00pm – Ascension Day Holy Communion** (St Michael and All Angels, Elton)

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**9.00am - 11.30am – Baby Club,** Methodist Schoolroom, Cropwell Bishop

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**10.30am – All-Parish Holy Communion** (Methodist Chapel, Cropwell Bishop)

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

**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**7.00pm – PCC meeting** St Andrew's, Langar

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.00am - 11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners,**  
Methodist Schoolroom, Cropwell Bishop

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**9.00am - 11.30am – Baby Club** Methodist Schoolroom, Cropwell Bishop

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.30am – All-Parish Holy Communion** (All Saints, Granby)

**READINGS**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** Acts 17.22-31, Psalm 66.7-end, 1 Peter 3.13-end,  
John 14.15-21

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May** Acts 1.6-14, Psalm 68.1-10, 32-end, 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11, John 17.1-11

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**14<sup>th</sup> May – Dove Cottage Summer Fete**, 11.00am - 3.00pm at Stathern Lodge LE14 4EX. Live music and entertainment, craft stalls, fun dog show, BBQ, bouncy castle and animal encounters – fun for all the family!

**14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May – Christian Aid Week**, see below for how to donate.



**18<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May – Thy Kingdom Come**, Join with thousands of Christians around the globe and let's light up the world in prayer!  
[www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld)

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – 7.30pm** at St Mary's Church, Radcliffe on Trent, *'From Somerset to Southwell, Bishop Paul's Journey of Faith'*, with Worship and Prayer. All welcome!

<p>East Bingham Deanery is pleased to host <b>From Somerset to Southwell:</b> <b>Bishop Paul's Journey of Faith</b> with Worship &amp; Prayer</p>		<p><b>All Welcome</b> 23 May at 7:30pm</p> <p>St Mary's Church Main Rd, Radcliffe on Trent, NG12 2FD</p> <p>For more information, please contact Portia.Newling@southwell.anglican.org</p>
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**9<sup>th</sup> September – Ride and Stride**, support our churches and riders and striders raising money.



## CURRENT APPEAL - PLEASE HELP!

**Our Current Appeal** until the end of June is Christian Aid. Your gifts during this Christian Aid appeal could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children.



Donations may be made through the Parish website using this QR code, at [wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal](http://wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal), or in a marked envelope in church services. Thank you!



## SEARCH FOR A NEW VICAR

Our adverts in the search for a new vicar have gone live. If you have any contacts who may be interested, please do point them in the direction of the website for more details – [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/rector-vacancy](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/rector-vacancy)

Please continue to pray – for the right person to see the advert and for the selection team including our two representatives as they process applications and plan the interview process.

## **RE-ORDERING UPDATE FOR ST GILES', CROPWELL BISHOP**

Please remember that St Giles' Church is now closed for 3-4 months for the reordering works. Please do pray that works go to schedule and to budget. Bishop Paul is visiting on October 15<sup>th</sup> to help us celebrate the reopening.

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

### **REFLECTIONS by Peter Hills**

#### **Jesus Ascends into Heaven**

I was 19 years old when I had my first understanding of the importance of Ascension Day in the Church's calendar. I was playing cricket for Nottingham University 2<sup>nd</sup> XI against Southwell Clergy. We had batted and set them around 150 to win. Their early batsman had been dismissed but they were on course for victory. A message came from beyond the boundary that some of the clergy who had been dismissed were leaving. The time was approaching 5.30pm. We carried on playing for another 20 minutes or so before another wicket fell and the game just stopped. The remaining Clergy decided that time was up and they needed to be on their way to take the evening Ascension Day services! The sportsman in me was not happy but what this event did make me do was to consider what Ascension Day was all about.

As the name suggests, Ascension Day marks the day Jesus ascended into heaven, having spent the 40 days after his resurrection travelling with his disciples. Therefore, it always falls on the sixth Thursday after Easter, exactly 40 days after Easter Sunday. Our reading suggests that the disciples who watch him disappear are understandably awestruck. Two men in white robes appear, angels, who proceed to rebuke the disciples: "Why are you standing there staring stupidly at the sky?" They were puzzled, what was going on? Just as the disciples are puzzled so may we be too. As John Henry Newman puts it, "This, indeed, is our state at present; we have lost Christ and we have found Him; we see Him not, yet we discern Him." But he goes on, the ascension of Christ "is a sure token that heaven is a certain fixed place." However strange a picture, however stupidly it causes us to stare at the sky, Christ's promise to prepare a place for us means nothing less than this: a future life where all will be revealed and we shall be welcomed in.

As a nation we may not apparently celebrate Ascension Day in such an outward manner as is done in many other European countries, Germany in particular, where there is a national holiday and the men of the nation get together to enjoy a drink or more but perhaps this year we can take time to invite God to teach us what we should understand from Ascension Day. A thoughtful reading of Acts 1 verses 1 to 11 might be a good place to start.

## CORONATION CELEBRATION SERVICE



Huge thanks to everyone involved in helping with Coronation Celebrations in the various villages. The weather could have been kinder but in true British spirit the celebrations went on! Special thanks to Revd Canon Keith Turner for the



engaging and thoughtful celebration service at Langar and to all the bakers who supplied cakes to have with tea and coffee after the service.

## 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.

### KEY CONTACTS

*The parish is now in interregnum, please address enquires to the Parish Administrator*

**Parish Administrator:** Jane Travis – on leave 9-19 May 2023  
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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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, to the Parish Administrator.**