

## Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:

# One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures Notices 28<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Pentecost and Trinity Sunday** 

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

#### **SUNDAY 28th May (Pentecost)**

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

#### MONDAY 29th May

No All-Parish Morning Prayer (Bank Holiday)

#### WEDNESDAY 31st May

9.00am - 11.30am - Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners,
Methodist Chapel, Cropwell Bishop

#### FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June

- 9.00am All-Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
- 9.00am 11.30am Baby Club, Methodist Chapel Cropwell Bishop

#### SUNDAY 4th June

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

## **MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> June**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June**

9.00am - 11.30am - Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners,
Methodist Chapel Cropwell Bishop

#### FRIDAY 9th June

- 9.00am All-Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
- 9.00am 11.30am Baby Club Methodist Chapel, Cropwell Bishop

## SUNDAY 11th June

- **9.00am said Holy Communion** (St John's, Colston Bassett)
- 10.30am All-Parish Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

## READINGS

**Sunday 28**<sup>th</sup> **May** Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-37b, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13, John 20.19-23

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Isaiah 40.12-17 & Matthew 28.16-20

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**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

**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 at wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal or in a marked envelope in church services.

Thank you!

#### SEARCH FOR A NEW VICAR

Please continue to pray, the deadline for applications is approaching – 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.

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

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

It is exciting to see work underway on the re-ordering at St Giles. 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. **Coffee, Cake and Chat** and **Baby Club** are currently being held in the Methodist Schoolroom.

## **MOTH SURVEYS**



We are holding moth surveys in some of our churches again this summer. They were much enjoyed last year and people of all ages joined in. Watch out for more details in the next newsletter!

## LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

#### **REFLECTIONS by Revd Clare Le Marchant Connell**

This Sunday is known around the Christian World as Pentecost or Whit Sunday.

Personally speaking, I find that (apart from Christmas and the coming of Christ into the world, or of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus, and the defeat of death once and for all) Pentecost is the most inspiring moment in the Christian calendar.

We have celebrated the ascension, that astonishing moment when Jesus, in bodily form was lifted up into heaven. The earthly ministry of the Son of God had been completed.

Previously, when in Jerusalem, Jesus had forewarned his disciples, "Christ will suffer and rise from the dead, on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations,--you are witnesses of these things, I am going to send you what my Father has promised, stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Revd Fred, my husband, is always delighted to take a service on Ascension Day. Many years ago, he was worshipping in a church where, to celebrate the moment, bottles of prosecco, or even champagne were opened, much being made of visual aid of the ascending bubbles.

Following the Ascension comes Pentecost, the moment of which Jesus had spoken, the moment when he empowered the early church to carry on his earthly ministry.

"All of the disciples were gathered together in one place, a sound like a mighty wind came from heaven, they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that rested on them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit of God." They were all, as Jesus had promised, empowered in a new way.

There were, as we read, God-fearing Jews from many countries; from the account in the book of Acts some 15 very divergent countries and regions many who had no language in common, yet all the disciples were speaking in languages that they themselves had no knowledge of, all the people were astonished as they heard the wonders of God being declared in their own languages.

It must have been an extraordinary moment for the disciples, for by the proven power of the Holy Spirit they had been enabled to follow Jesus' instruction and with the "power from above" were enabled to take the good news of redemption, and salvation to all people wherever they came from.

As followers of Jesus, I believe that we too need to recognise the power of God in seemingly impossible circumstances.

I think that we often lose sight of that phrase that 'nothing is impossible with God.'

Pentecost is for me the re-awakening of that hope and sense of wonder, that God entrusts each and all of us to carry on the ministry to which we are all called, be it obvious or quietly working for the good of his creation and for the world and people whom he has created.

As Fred would say, we need to hold onto the precepts of Christian faith, built on Scripture, Reason, (application of our minds) and Tradition, (those creeds which we declare and believe) as have Christians throughout the centuries.

I hope that we, (as did John Wesley) make one addition - application. For myself application in increased reading of scripture and prayer. All things are possible with God!

#### 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

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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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, to the Parish Administrator.