



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 20th and 27th August 2023
Trinity 11 and 12

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

SUNDAY 20th August

10.30am – All-Parish Holy Communion Methodist Chapel Cropwell Bishop

MONDAY 21st August

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

WEDNESDAY 23rd August

9.00am-11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Chat, Methodist Chapel Cropwell Bishop

FRIDAY 25th August

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

9.00am-11.30am – Baby Club, Methodist Chapel Cropwell Bishop

SUNDAY 27th August

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

WEDNESDAY 30th August

9.00am-11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Chat, Methodist Chapel Cropwell Bishop

FRIDAY 1st September

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

9.00am-11.30am – Baby Club Methodist Chapel Cropwell Bishop

SATURDAY 2nd September

10.00am-12 noon – Pop-up Cafe St Andrew's, Langar

SUNDAY 3rd September

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

READINGS

Sunday 20th August Isaiah 56.1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11.1-2, 29-32, Matthew 15.(10-20), 21-28

Sunday 27th August Isaiah 51.1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12.1-8, Matthew 16.13-20

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th September – Ride and Stride, support our churches and riders and striders raising money.



11th September – PCC meeting 7.00pm at St Andrew's, Langar. If you have any matters for discussion please speak to your churchwarden or representative.

14th September – Diocesan Day of Prayer These days of prayer are led by the bishops, archdeacons and local church leaders gathering in different locations across the diocese and throughout the day, culminating in Southwell for Evensong in Southwell Minster at 5.30pm and contemporary worship in the State Chamber at 7.45pm. The venues for prayer will be announced soon.

23rd September - Deanery Prayer Walk Join with people across our Deanery as we walk, pray and enjoy fellowship together in Cotgrave Country Park. Meet at Cotgrave Church 1pm, for a circular walk, roughly 6Km, followed by refreshments and a brief service. Everyone welcome! Book with Portia Newling portia.newling@southwell.anglican.org



15th October - Celebration Service with Bishop Paul at St Giles' Church, Cropwell Bishop at 10.30am, following the completion of the reordering work. Everyone welcome!



8th November – Institution, Induction and Installation of the Revd David Rowe at 7.00pm at St Andrew's, Langar by Bishop Paul Williams. Details to follow but for now please put the date in your diaries.

CURRENT APPEAL – PLEASE HELP!

Our Current Appeal for July and August is [Ukraine: DEC charities respond to humanitarian fallout after Kakhovka dam breach](#)

Donations may be made through the Parish website at wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal or in a marked envelope in church services. Thank you!

SPONSOR A SQUARE METRE OF CARPET AT ST GILES

There is still time for you to help complete the reordering at St Giles' Church, Cropwell Bishop by sponsoring a square metre (or more!) of carpet. If so, please contact Hilary Tabron hilary.tabron@wivertoninthevale.co.uk or check the website for more details www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/st-giles-carpet-appeal.

LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Peter Hills

I am a retired mathematics teacher; a job I loved and found so fulfilling, involving numerous interactions and one in which you could clearly see student progress being made day by day.

It has been said that Socrates and Aristotle each taught for 40 years, Plato for 50 years but Jesus for only three. Yet His influence far surpasses the combined 130 years of teaching by these men who are acknowledged as the greatest philosophers of all antiquity. He painted no pictures, yet the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelos and Leonardo da Vinci received their illumination from Him. He wrote no poetry, yet Dante, Milton and other great poets were inspired by Him. He composed no music, yet Haydn, Handel, Beethoven and Bach reached their highest perfection in hymns, symphonies and oratorios composed in His honour. Jesus is quite simply the greatest teacher who ever lived.

In today's passage Jesus and his disciples have reached Caesarea, interestingly an area where pagan Gods were worshipped. Jesus is patiently teaching them and slowly but surely their understanding is growing. Here Jesus asks "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

And Peter's response "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

God put those words into Peter's mind and mouth, but they were a product of Peter's faith and reflection. And we too have to answer the same question, "Who do YOU say I am?"

We also have to answer it in a world which is often hostile to Christianity. We can't just coast on our faith, for it is not merely something handed down to us. Our answer will not be made in words or church doctrine. It will be made by how we live, by who we are.

Jesus goes on to tell Peter he will be the foundation, the rock, upon which He will build the Church. 'The Church' being the people, and not buildings or properties. Christians thrived in the first and second century, under persecution, where they met secretly in small, informal home settings. The church is God's church, and we have to build it the way he wants us to build it. As the rock of the church, Peter and the disciples had to make decisions that would not please everyone. Church leaders today still have to make decisions that do not please everyone.

Soon we shall welcome David and Pixie to the Parish, under their guidance may the Church be built in the way God wishes it go.

OUR NEW VICAR

Please continue to keep our appointed new Rector, the Revd David Rowe and his wife, Pixie, in your prayers as they plan their move to the Parish and for all those involved in the planning and preparation of the installation service in November. We all have much to be thankful for.

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

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Pastoral Care Coordinator: Hilary Tabron RLM

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Parish Treasurer: Phil Stephenson:

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Any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Rosie Dulwich

phone: 07786 961399 email: rosie.dulwich@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

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 30th August 2023, to the Parish Administrator.**