



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 7th and 14th January 2024
Epiphany 1/ Baptism of Christ and Epiphany 2

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

SUNDAY 7th January

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

MONDAY 8th January

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 10th January

9.00am - 11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Chat, with bellringers St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

FRIDAY 12th January

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 14th January

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

MONDAY 15th January

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

7.00pm - PCC meeting at the Rectory, Cropwell Bishop

WEDNESDAY 17th January

9.00am - 11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Chat, with bellringers St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

7.30pm – Open to Question at the Rectory, Cropwell Bishop

FRIDAY 19th January

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 21st January

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

10.30am – Morning worship (Colston Bassett Village Hall)

READINGS

Sunday 7th January Ephesians 3.1-8, Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 14th January 1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18, Revelation 5.1-10, John 1.43-end

DATES FOR THE DIARY

17th, 24th January and 7th February – 7.30pm Open to Question. In the new year Revd David is inviting people to join him for an hour in the Rectory over three evenings. Come with your questions, talk and listen together, get to know one another, and hopefully learn something in the process. Why not bring a friend?



15th January – PCC meeting 7.00pm at the Rectory. If you have anything you would like raising please let your warden / church representative know.

CURRENT APPEAL – PLEASE HELP!

Current Appeal – The Children's Society – check the website, www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal for how to donate.



The
Children's
Society

OPEN TO QUESTION



Open to Question



at the Rectory, 2 Dobbin Close,
Cropwell Bishop. NG12 3GR

7.30pm - Wednesdays

17th, 24th January and 7th February 2024

Join us!

Christmas is about hope. There was an old prophecy that spoke of the coming of God into the world at Christmas.

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78-79

I still believe that hope and it sustains me through the bleak news that we often see on our screens and read in the papers. This hope is not just wishful thinking – there is much substance to it, and many have found it leads to that peace that the prophecy speaks of.

After Christmas, as one of the ways of meeting people in the villages that the Wiverton in the Vale Parish represents, I am extending an invitation to our home for three evenings in January [one a week – for an hour] to join me for an opportunity to explore that hope in what I am calling “Open to Question”. Please do feel free to come with your questions and we can talk and listen together, get to know one another, and hopefully learn something in the process. Why not bring a friend with you. We need, even more at this present time, to build and strengthen our community and renew faith in the things that really matter and will endure through the storms of this time. Do come and join me.

Revd David Rowe

LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Revd David Rowe

Welcome to 2024 and a Happy New Year to you!

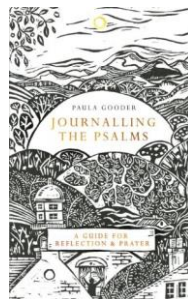
This month marks the season of Epiphany when we recall the early days of Jesus, including the arrival of the Magi from the East who come to pay their respects to the new-born King. It is a month of joy at the birth but also agony and heartbreak at the deaths of the infants in Bethlehem. The Christmas story is not just sentimental twaddle but encompasses real life struggles of displaced peoples, uprooted because of empire power plays; and those in positions of power feeling threatened and taking violent action to preserve their power. It seems that everyone is taken by surprise – thinking that “powerful people” will situate themselves in powerful places, not mangers in Bethlehem. Hence the Magi going to see Herod to enquire of the new-born king. Only the shepherds are in the know thanks to a host of angels. The King of Kings chooses humility and vulnerability, not pomp and status to arrive in our world. But it has repercussions for those around.

I have often wondered why the angel warned Mary and Joseph about the oncoming threat of Herod’s soldiers but not the other families in Bethlehem. It begs wider questions about suffering and evil in our world. Questions which I am keen to explore in our upcoming “Open to Question” evenings beginning on January 17th. If you would like to join me in such questions of life then please do register your interest and drop me an email so that we can cater for the right

numbers. [rector@wivertoninthevale.co.uk]. It is always good to seek to address questions of faith rather than shove them under the carpet. Perhaps a good goal for 2024 is to do just that.

LENT READING

Through Lent Revd David is planning for the Parish to study some of the Psalms and suggest you may like to buy the book *Journalling the Psalms* by Paula Gooder



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**Copy deadline for items to be included in the next two weeks' Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 17th January 2024, to the Parish Administrator.**