



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 18th and 25th February 2024
Lent 1 and 2

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

SUNDAY 18th February

- 10.30am - All Age All Parish Holy Communion** (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)
- 10.30am – Morning Worship** (Colston Bassett Village Hall)

MONDAY 19th February

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

WEDNESDAY 21st February

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

FRIDAY 23rd February

- 9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)
- 9.00am - 11.30am – Baby Club**, St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

SUNDAY 25th February

- 10.30am - All Parish Holy Communion** (All Saints, Granby)
- 4.00pm – Family Praise with tea** (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

MONDAY 26th February

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

WEDNESDAY 28th February

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

FRIDAY 1st March

- 9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer** (via Zoom)
- 9.00am - 11.30am – Baby Club** St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

SATURDAY 2nd March

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

SUNDAY 3rd March

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

READINGS

Sunday 18th February Psalm 25.1-9, Mark 1.9-15

Sunday 25th February Psalm 22.23-end, Mark 8.31- end

DATES FOR THE DIARY

29th February – Reflections on Faith and Ministry, Dean Nicola tells her story, 7.30pm at St Mary's Radcliffe, refreshments from 7.00pm. Everyone welcome.



19th March – Lent Parish Retreat, 10.00am – 3.00pm, venue and details to follow, for now please save the date!

13th April – Concert by Paul and Alistair in St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. Join us for this joyous time of beautiful music. Details to follow, please save the date!

14th April – Party lunch and celebration with APCM. St Andrew's Langer following on from the 10.30am service. Come and give thanks for the last year, share fellowship and tasty food and look to the year ahead. Put the date in your diaries now, let's celebrate!

CURRENT APPEAL – PLEASE HELP!

Current Appeal – Water Aid – for February and March. Please see wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal for how to donate.



SNOWDROP SATURDAY



After a dismal week of weather the sun shone for Snowdrop Saturday at Holy Trinity, Tythby. The snowdrops were beautiful and plentiful in the graveyard, nestled amongst the gravestones under the soaring trees. Folks turned out from many of the villages in the parish and the welcoming people at church served teas, coffees and biscuits and chatted. Overall it was a great initiative and an encouraging success. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Revd Canon Keith Turner

Lent is one of the two 'thinking times' in the Church Year – the other is of course Advent. It has been wonderfully described as 'The Spring-time of the Soul' – a really apt description as we see snowdrops appearing! It is a 'purple' season, a time of reflection and renewal, beginning with the penitential day of Ash Wednesday.

I have been thinking recently about the spiritual power of music – with or without words. The other Saturday at the Albert Hall, during the Music for Everyone Concert, there was a performance of 'O Magnum Mysterium' composed in 1994 by Morten Lauridsen. I have heard it once before on the radio; it is utterly profound and deeply spiritual. It is based on Matins for Christmas. Now at the start of Lent, two powerful choral works are Gregorio Allegri's 'Miserere' based on Psalm 51 (composed during the 1630s) and Richard Farrant's shorter anthem 'Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake' (composed in the previous century). All these pieces can be found on 'You tube'. I encourage you to listen to them!

During Lent, we especially seek to grow in faith and seek God for our own spiritual journey and also his vision for us as Church. Our Rector, David, will be taking us through some Psalms to this end. But I want to suggest that music can take us beyond words as we engage at a deeper place with God: through it we can express worship, grow in faith and tell the Gospel at a different and profound level.

Last month, in a letter from the Wycliffe Bible Translators, there were these challenging words: "Every Sunday, Darbichu would go to the church and sit outside to listen to the songs being sung during the service. He was touched by them, and one day exclaimed, 'These Christians, when they sing, the earth shakes ...It trembles my heart.'"

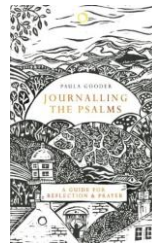
Music certainly helps me spiritually, and I'll let you into a secret! When I write a sermon, I often have music playing in the background – perhaps something by Margaret Rizza. It just helps me focus. The Prayer below is based on the song 'River wash over me' by Dougie Brown (1980). The tune that accompanies it is contemplative and takes us further into prayer. And as we pray this Lent for ourselves, we can also pray for our life as Church simply by changing 'me' to 'us'.

A Prayer for Lent

*River wash over me - cleanse me and make me anew.
Spirit, watch over me - lead me to Jesus' feet.
Jesus, rule over me - reign over all my heart.*

LENT READING AND LENT COURSE

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



The Lent course Revd David has produced starts in home groups week commencing 19th February.

LIFE EVENTS

As a Parish we are delighted to be holding baptisms, weddings, blessings and renewal of vows. If you know of anyone who would like to hold one of these important Life Events, please do ask them to be in touch with Jane Travis, our Parish Administrator, admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk.

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**Copy deadline for items to be included in the next two weeks' Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 28th February 2024, to the Parish Administrator.**