



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:**  
**One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures**  
**Notices 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**Advent 2 and 3**

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

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December**

- 10.30am - All Parish Holy Communion (Holy Trinity, Tythby)
- 4.00pm – Christingle Service (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30am - 11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Chat, St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- 7.30pm – Alpha course, The Rectory, Cropwell Bishop

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> December**

- 10.30am –All Age, All Parish Holy Communion (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)
- 4.00pm – Carol Service (St Johns, Colston Bassett)
- 6.00pm – Carol Service with choir ( St Michael and All Angels, Elton)

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30am - 11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Chat, St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December**

- 7.00pm – Carol Service with choir (Holy Trinity, Tythby)

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

- 10.30am - All Parish Holy Communion (St Johns, Colston Bassett)
- 6.00pm – Carol Service (St Andrew's, Langar)
- 6.00pm – Carol Service (All Saints, Granby)

**READINGS**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** Malachi 3.1-4, Luke 3.1-6

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Zechariah 3.14-end, Luke 3.7-18

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – Ceilidh, St Andrew's Church, Langar.** A great chance for a church social and to raise money for good causes. Details on times and tickets to follow, but for now save the date, get your dancing shoes ready and prepare to come and listen, taste and see in our next tasting cellar!

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – The Passion – 5.00pm at St Andrew's, Langar.** LAMPs Collective who staged the wonderful performance of Salt and Light recently will be back in April to stage The Passion. Come to our great tasting cellar and bring your friends – for now save the date!

## CHRISTINGLE

Please come and join us for the Christingle service at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 4.00pm.



## ADVENT RETREAT DAY

What an amazing couple of days for the Parish Retreat. Tuesday saw 30 from the parish share fellowship, journey through advent and come closer to God through creative, imaginative prayer stations and thought provoking reflections. It was a wonderful, emotional and peaceful day. On Wednesday 80 children and all the staff from Langar Primary School came and experienced the Christmas story in a whole new way – it was such a joy!



## LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Katharine Bacon

### Promises Promises

In our readings, Micah tells us that God says he is sending his messenger to prepare his way and “the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.” And Zephaniah speaks of God’s promise that “The LORD, your God, is in your midst ... He will renew you in his love.” These are the promises that God made through these prophets and then there’s a gap – a long wait of about 400 years - and suddenly we have a new prophet!

So, in Luke 3 we have John, the son of Zechariah, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and telling the people that, no, he isn’t the coming Messiah though “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming: I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

This is the end of the old era and the beginning of the new one – the coming of Emmanuel, “God with us.” Jesus, the Son of God, born as a tiny baby in a stable, forced to be a refugee in Egypt in childhood to escape a violent death and brought up amidst all the trials of a working family with quantities of brother and sisters. Yes, God with us because he experienced all of life, and, yes, God with us because he poured out his love for us on the cross to break open the gates of heaven and allow us to come in. The promise that God made through Zephaniah, “He will renew you in his love” is fulfilled now and forever. We only need to reach out to him to feel it.

If you wonder how, we have so many wonderful services over Christmas and into next year, there will be chances to do an Alpha Course (that’s how I felt his renewal and I bless the person who invited me!) and we have these incredible Retreat Days. Do come and, as Pixie and David say, “Taste and See that the Lord is Good.”

### CURRENT APPEAL – PLEASE HELP!

**Current Appeal –Childrens Society** – for December and January. Please see [wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal](http://wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal) for how to donate



**The  
Children's  
Society**

## BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The Bereavement Journey is a widely-acclaimed resource for anyone who has been bereaved at any time, no matter how recently or long ago. Six week-by-week sessions of films and discussions provide a gentle guide to the most common aspects of grief and bereavement, enabling participants to process the implications for themselves and to discern their next steps. An optional seventh session discusses any questions of faith that may arise.



We will be running our first series of sessions on Wednesday afternoons from 12th February 2025. If you would like to take part, please email Jane Travis [admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk) as soon as possible as places are limited. Jane will then send registration forms and further details to you in the new year.

### KEY CONTACTS

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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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024, to the Parish Administrator.**