



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures
Notices 16th and 23rd February 2025
3 and 2 before Lent

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

SUNDAY 16th February

10.30am - Morning Worship with Choir (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

10.30am – Morning Worship, Village Thanksgiving (St John’s, Colston Bassett)

MONDAY 17th February

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 19th February

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

2.45pm - 5.00pm Bereavement Journey Cropwell Bishop

FRIDAY 21st February

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SUNDAY 23rd February

10.30am –All Parish Holy Communion (St Michael and All Angels, Elton)

4.00pm – Family Praise with tea (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

MONDAY 24th February

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 26th February

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

2.45pm - 5.00pm Bereavement Journey Cropwell Bishop

FRIDAY 28th February

9.00am - All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

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

SATURDAY 1st March

10.00am - 12noon Pop Up café (St Andrew’s, Langar)

SUNDAY 2nd March

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

READINGS

Sunday 16th February Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 6:17-26

Sunday 23rd February Luke 6:27-42

CURRENT APPEAL – PLEASE HELP!

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



DATES FOR THE DIARY

3rd March – PCC meeting, 7.00pm . If you have any matters you would like raising please contact your church warden or representative.

12th March – Prayer and Worship Night

6th April – Party lunch and celebration with APCM. St Andrew’s Langar 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!

8th April – Lent Parish Retreat Day, postponed, see below

13th April – The Passion – 5.00pm at St Andrew’s, Langar. LAMPs Collective who staged the wonderful performance of Salt and Light in October will be back in April to stage The Passion. Come to our great tasting cellar and bring your friends – for now save the date and let Jane know if you would like to reserve tickets! admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk

REVD DAVID

Many of you will know that Revd David is on sick leave until the end of February. After that we are planning a phased return to work for him. As a result we are not going to have a Lent Parish Retreat in April. Instead, we shall focus on the APCM on 6th April and the production of The Passion on 13th April. Your help and support at these events would be very much appreciated, thank you. In the meantime, please continue to keep David and Pixie in your prayers.

LENT COURSE 2025

I am looking forward to being back with you at the beginning of March. Thank you for your grace and patience while I have been off. During Lent I have decided to make a slight alteration to our regular theme of the Grand Narrative. A few weeks ago, I was due to speak at Lee Abbey for a week-long conference, where I used to serve as warden and leader of the community. Unfortunately, though I had done much of the preparation, due to health issues I was unable to do the sessions. The theme was “Changed from glory into glory – finding faith through adversity and affliction.” It seems to me that this would make a great Lent series as we approach Easter. Hopefully, you can join me for the messages on Sundays and into home groups during the week.

David

LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond

REFLECTIONS by Revd Canon Keith Turner

Between March and May, “Threads through The Bible” is coming to Southwell Minster. You may have seen some of these tapestries in 2022. This time the completed exhibition – Creation, Cross and Revelation is touring the country. It will have taken 10 years to produce; there are some 25 million stitches in 42 panels! This tremendous work of art will be essentially missional; it will remind us powerfully how the arts can speak to us of God and Faith.

This reminds me of a stunning, modern altar frontal that was made for the re-ordering at St Michael’s Linby where I was Rector. The memorial window behind it provided the colour pallet, and the design was wonderfully creative. It draws one’s eyes spiritually.

But at a family funeral in a Brussels crematorium recently, there were no soft furnishings, no flowers, no religious symbols or words. It felt empty, cold and without hope. On the following Sunday morning, it was so uplifting to sing the song at Langar - “There is a hope that burns within my heart, that gives me strength for every passing day”.

In last week’s Church Times, there was an article about one of many debates in which the Church Synod will engage; this one will be “an urgent choice about buildings”. The Rev Dr Diarmaid MacCulloch and the Rt Rev Dr Tom Wright (with whom I was at Theological College!) urge the Synod to reject the proposals which if passed would damage the Church’s mission through its buildings. There is this surprising statement they make: “No wonder, in a rootless society, our young people are looking increasingly to worship in places of beauty and time-depth. History and the mission of God cannot be separated.” I like that expression ‘time-depth’!

Church members themselves of course have a core role of witness and faith-sharing, by what we are and what we say, individually and together. But what of our six fine, very different ‘old’ churches in the Parish. For many years, I chaired the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches, and my core aim was to encourage an appreciation of church buildings in providing a real mission focus in their care and development. As also with music, art, literature and drama, faith can not only be expressed but also discovered. There is something really so spiritually challenging about exploring faith and engaging with God in this broader way.

Lord God, we thank for the ways in which you reach out to us – in Creation, your Word and supremely in Christ, through your Church and each other, and also through the arts as they express the Grand Narrative in art and architecture, visual arts and design, performing arts and music. Help us to listen and to learn, and to engage spiritually with our senses. In Jesus’ Christ’s name, we pray.

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL

This year the electoral roll needs to be completely renewed so **everyone** needs to sign up again. You will need to complete and return a form, either in paper form or electronically. If you would like to be on the roll again or added and meet eligibility, please speak to your churchwarden or representative. The deadline is **20th March**.

CEILIDH

Huge thanks to everyone who came to the fundraising ceilidh, it was quite a night! Thanks to your generosity we raised an amazing £1300 to be split between the parish and the Children's Development Project in Mongolia!

THREADS THROUGH THE BIBLE

Some of you may already have put 8th April to one side for the parish retreat day. As we are no longer having this that day we are thinking of having a trip to see the [Threads Through the Bible](#) exhibition in Southwell Minister instead. It is a great way of exploring the Grand Narrative we have been following in the weekly sermons. If you are interested please contact Jane Travis, our Parish Administrator, admin@wivertoninthevale.co.uk.

KEY CONTACTS

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**Copy deadline for items to be included in the next two weeks' Notice Sheet:
Wednesday 26th February 2025, to the Parish Administrator.**