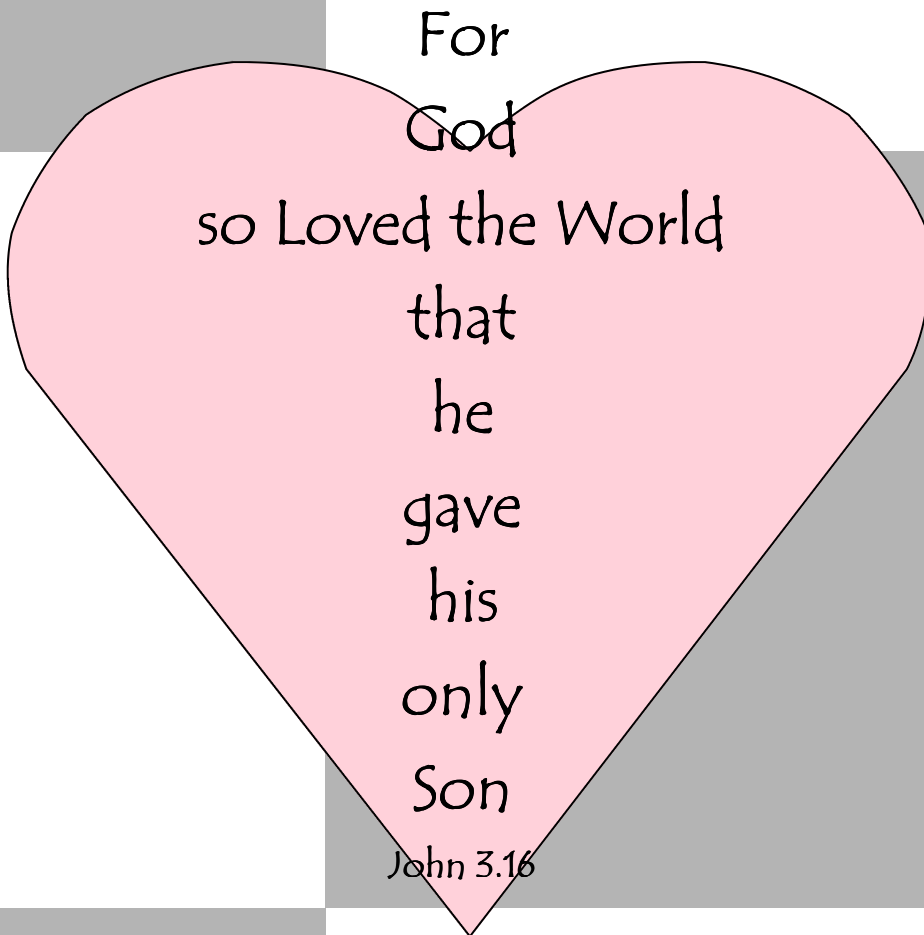




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from your village churches and chapels

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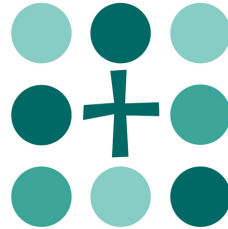


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John 3.16

<http://www.wivertonchurches.org.uk>

Love and Marriage



Dear Friends

One of the privileges I have as Rector of the Wiverton Group is that I can conduct weddings in six different churches, all of which are very different. I enjoy these celebrations greatly and “love” getting to know the couples I marry and helping them plan for the wedding day as well as thinking about the commitment they are making to each other for the rest of their life; these vows are a covenant, a promise “until death do us part”. For me one of the most important aspects of the marriage service is the opportunity for everyone to hear of the love which God has for us; a love which we share with one another, as human beings from all backgrounds, in so many different relationships but particularly in marriage.

*Our love is a
reflection of God's
..... love for us all.*

On 14 February, St Valentine's Day, no doubt there will cards sent and flowers given, whether or not anonymous, as an expression of love. However, it may seem strange that in doing so we are celebrating the martyrdom of two men of that name who died because of their love for God and their faith. And yet it is in another death, namely that of Jesus, through which we celebrate the love of God for us. The celebration is because Good Friday was not the end but the beginning of a new covenant between God and his people; the difference is that death does not part us from God's love.

Our love for each other, whether in marriages, between a parent and child, amongst siblings or between partners or friends, is a reflection of God's unconditional love for us all. We will commemorate Good Friday but we will celebrate Easter Day, because love triumphs, even over death. *Bronwen, Rector of the Wiverton Group of Parishes*

St Valentine's Day—did you know?

The present day custom of sending cards and giving flowers may owe its existence to the poet, John Donne, who wrote a marriage song for Princess Elizabeth's marriage to Frederick V, Elector of Palatine on St Valentine's Day in 1632. St Valentine's Day originated with two separate people, both called Valentine. One was Valentine of Terni, a 3rd century bishop who was martyred at Rome in 273. The other was Valentine of Rome, a priest who was also martyred for his faith in the mid-3rd century. Over time the two stories are likely to have become confused, and so the two martyrdoms are now commemorated as one.

The connection of this commemoration with lovers, may be as the traditional day on which, in mediaeval belief, birds mated. Another possibility is the link with the pagan Lupercalia festival in Rome which occurred on the Ides of February. For Christians this day marks an acknowledgement of an all-loving God who blesses those who love one another as Jesus implored his own disciples to do.

Cupid (from the Latin *cupido*, meaning love or desire) was the Roman god of love identified with the Greek god *Eros*. He is usually represented as a beautiful winged boy, blindfolded, and carrying a bow and arrows.

And finally: did you know that we are attracted by our own good looks? Next time you look at a wedding photograph, see if that's true, there's usually at least one feature which is similar to both parties.



A word from "Father", a PS

You may remember Fr Stephen Wales, who wrote about his experience in the Wiverton Group in the last edition of the Wiverton News. I am pleased to say that we obviously didn't put him off ministry in a rural setting as he has accepted a post in Retford, looking after a number of villages in the north of the County.

Lent Studies and lunches

Studies: 2.30 to 4.00pm, & 7.30-9.00pm Tuesdays at 2 Dobbin Close, Cropwell Bishop, starting on 23 February.

Lunches: 12.30 to 1.30pm, Thursdays from 25 February, venues to be confirmed (contact Bronwen Gamble 0115 9893172).



Granby Luncheon Club

There is a monthly lunch club held in the Granby Village Hall on the last Monday of the month. It is run by volunteers, open to the anyone but especially to those who, in older age, find preparing a lunch difficult or would just like some company. The meal usually consists of a choice of soup, bread, pork pie, salad, a selection of cheese, homemade cakes or pudding, tea and coffee. All for £3 per person. The next one will be 22 February and there are currently some places.

Further details can be obtained from Doreen Watson 01949 850615.

I can highly recommend it, Bronwen Gamble

HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT!

FUNDRAISING EVENING - Friday 12 February 2010



You are cordially invited to the second gathering
organised by the *Colston Bassett Pudding Club*

Supper to include a starter and five different 70's style
home made puddings available to taste or purchase.

Bring your own wine/soft drinks. Raffle on the night.

Colston Bassett Village Hall - Time: 7.30 - 11pm

Ticket entrance: £12

Money raised will go towards the 'Splash Fund' -
water supply for Colston Bassett Church
of St John The Divine

For tickets, please ring 01949 81311 or 07989 400962

Special Services for Lent,

Ash Wednesday: 7.00pm 17 February

A service of Holy Communion with ashing at St John the Divine, Colston Bassett



Mothering Sunday

Family services: see pages 12 & 13 for details.

Palm Sunday: 28 March

Group **All-age service** with Holy Communion starting at 10.00am at the car park of the Unicorn's Head, Langar with a **donkey led procession** to St Andrew's Church.



Monday 17th to Thursday 20th March (Holy Week)

The daily office will be said at 8.00am in St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. All are welcome.

Maundy Thursday 1 April

6.45pm: A bring and share quiet **supper** for all ages at The Old School, Cropwell Bishop followed by 8.00pm **Holy Communion** in St Giles.



Good Friday Pilgrimage 2 April

Starting at 11.30am St Giles's, Cropwell, walking to St John's, Colston Bassett for lunch about 1.00pm and on to St Andrew's Langar for hot cross buns and an all-age Good Friday service at 2.15pm. Join us where you can. All are welcome, all ages and dogs too.

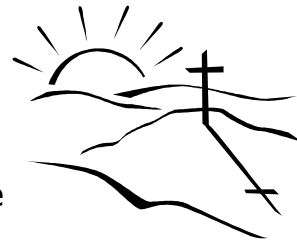


Holy week and Easter

Easter Day 12 April

Sunrise Service

6.00am St Mary's Colston Bassett
followed by breakfast in the Village
Hall.



Holy Communion services

8.00am St John's Colston Bassett
(Said BCP)

9.15am All Saints Granby (BCP)

9.15am St Andrew's Langar (All-age)

11.00am Holy Trinity Tythby ,11.00am St Michael, Elton

11.00am St Giles, Cropwell Bishop (All-age)

Other services (not Communion)

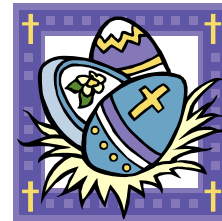
10.30am Methodist Church, Cropwell Bishop

Services for children

(and the young at heart)

11.00am **SWAS Children's Service**

Cropwell Butler Chapel



4.00pm **"Easter eggs and bonnets"**

St Giles, Cropwell Bishop. Come along with
an Easter bonnet or hat decorated for Easter
and join the Egg hunt in Church.

Children's Easter Activity morning

Join us for a fun time of stories, songs, games and activities including craft, painting, cooking ...

10.00am to noon, Maundy Thursday 1st April

at St Andrew's Langar

for Children aged 12 and under.

(pre-school children with a parent or carer) To register, please phone Revd Bronwen Gamble 0115 989 3172 or pick up a form from school.



Fun for all!

Easter Drama.

As part of our Lent, Holy Week and Easter Activities, we are once again producing a dramatic reading of the Passion to be presented as a series of six half hour scenes from 7.30 to 8.00pm at a different church each night (excluding Maundy Thursday). We will begin on Palm Sunday (28th March) and end on Easter Eve (Saturday 3rd April). Rehearsals will be held on Mondays during Lent. If you would like to take part again or for the first time, please contact David Sibley on 0115 989 2360 or Revd Bronwen Gamble 0115 989 3172. Suitable for children, teens and adults, all denominations.



BEE GEES TRIBUTE NIGHT

We've had some great nights with these tributes raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support but 20th November 2009 must go down as one of the best ever. The tribute acts to Diana Ross and Rod Stewart were incredible, the place was packed to the rafters with people who wanted to party and we raised £1200. What a night! One lucky fellow even had Diana Ross sitting on his knee!! £1000 has gone to Macmillan and the balance will go to Dove Cottage.

Our thanks go to everyone who supported this incredible event. We must also thank Cotgrave Welfare for their hospitality.

The next one is rapidly approaching now. You will have guessed from the heading that it is a Bee Gees Night. A tribute group called Stayin Alive will be appearing. The founder of the group is a guy named Jimmy Stanley and he won national acclaim when he appeared as Robin Gibb on Stars In their Eyes in 1994. He turned professional when Stayin Alive took off and they now appear all over Europe.

I can hear you asking "When is it?" Well it's on 12th March at Cotgrave once again. Tickets for what promises to be another brilliant night are £9.00 each and are available now by telephoning me on 01949 861353 or John Parker on 01949 860301, or banging on the front door of course.

More than one member of Barnstone Bowls Club has been able to spend their last days at home with dignity thanks to Macmillan and we adopted them as our 'official' charity some years ago. All money raised on 12th March will be going to charity, with the lion's share to Macmillan. Any donations anyone cares to make will also be passed on.

Thank you once again. Steve Wrate

Women's World day of Prayer 2010 : Cameroon

This year's services will be on 5 March :

1.45pm at St Andrew's, Langar

& 7.30pm at the Methodist Chapel, Cropwell Butler

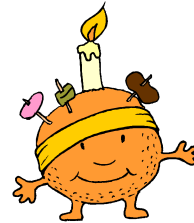
You are invited to come & , if you wish , take part in the service.

Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy in St Andrew's 10.00am 'til noon Saturday 27th February to raise funds for the charities supported by WWDP. Offers of cakes, biscuits , bring & buy things etc will be gratefully received on the day or before hand.

Contacts: Julie 01949 860655 (Langar),
Anne 0115 933 4256 (Cropwell Butler) or the Rector.

Christingle — The Children's Society

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Children's Society through the Christingle service or collecting candles. If you still have a candle left at home, please return it to any of the churches in the Wiverton Group or to school, or come to the Group Service at Langar, 10.00am on 7 February. If you wish you can give a donation using one of the special envelopes in our churches (Langar, Cropwell Bishop, Colston Bassett and Granby churches are all open in the day time, as is the porch at Tythby.) For more information about this charity go to www.childrenssociety.org.uk



Alpha Course

If you have the questions, Alpha may have an answer.

Following the success of last year's course we are going to hold another this year, commencing after Easter until the end of June meeting every Wednesday evening. The course covers basic Christian beliefs and is ideal for anyone who wants to find out more or for anyone who wants to re-ignite their faith. There will be an introductory evening on Wednesday 24th March at the Village Hall in Colston Bassett where a meal will be provided (no cost). For further information please contact Louise Holliday, Katharine Bacon, Graham Freegard, Hilary Tabron or ring Edward Hine (07887 787890) or mail Edward@fhp.co.uk

All Saints Church, Granby

Invite you to their annual

Spring Lunch

12.30pm for 1.00pm,

Palm Sunday 28th March

at Granby Village Hall

Tickets £8 adults, £4 children (under 5's free)

available from

Mark Tubbs 01949 850231

The lunch will be a hot roast,
a glass of wine is included in the ticket price.

All Saints' Church, Granby
Grant Aid for roof repairs

The new roof has now been completed using Wetsmorland Green Slate, together with a new boiler chimney, built in local Derbyshire stone, and also masonry repairs to the tower.

The total cost is £168,111, a large part of this coming from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd. (WREN) from landfill tax credits. The allocation and distribution of this is done by the Notts. Historic Churches Trust who assist with restoration of churches and chapels throughout the County.

The PCC are grateful for their support.

Colston Bassett

Village Hall

**Friday 23rd April,
7.30pm**

Will be hosting "On the Edge", a one man comedy theatre show. Book it in your diary now. Full details in the next issue of the Wiverton News

Booking required:

Tickets £10pp.

Contact David Lambert

Tel 01949 832830

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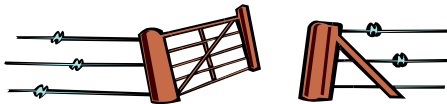
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From the Registers 2009/10

Weddings

28 November	Benjamin Thomas Butler & Katherine Elizabeth Rainbow	All Saints, Granby
19 December	David William Turner & Beverley Renshaw	All Saints, Granby
9 January 2010	Daniel Scott & Hannah Elizabeth Edwards	St Andrew, Langar

Baptisms

29 November	Autumn Kellie Hampson	St Michael and All Angels, Elton-on-the- Hill
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Funerals

4 December	Tony Frost	Wilford Hill
22 December	Mavis Earl	Holy Trinity, Tythby
23 December	William Torrey Holder	Wilford Hill
29 December Funeral	Richard Shelton	Grantham Crematorium
30 December Memorial service		St John the Divine, Colston Bassett
15 January	John Vincent Welsh	Wilford Hill
19 January	Henry Arthur West	St Andrew, Langar
29 January	William Ernest Lee	All Saints, Granby

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Grantham & Vale of Belvoir Circuit

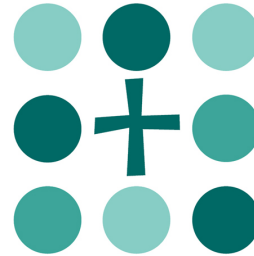
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For baptisms, weddings, funerals, confirmation and admission to Holy Communion in the Church of England, plus all churchyard matters, contact Revd Bronwen Gamble.

For dedications, baptisms, weddings, funerals and membership in the Methodist Church contact Revd Christine Perry.