

WIVERTON NEWS

April & May 2004

CHRIST BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

Gerrit van Honthorst 1592 - 1656



“I am the Lord of the dance, said he”

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me
high,
and they left me there on the cross to die.
I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance and I still go on

Holy Week and Easter 2004 [April 4 – 11]

Especially for the benefit of new-comers to these villagers – and even for long established ones as a reminder – here are the details of the Holy Week programme.

Palm Sunday is when Jesus's entry as king into Jerusalem is remembered. This is celebrated in each parish churches [see back page for details].

Wednesday in Holy Week [Apr 7] Note there is Holy Communion at 11am in St. Andrew's Langar

Maundy Thursday [Apr 8] At 8pm in All Saints' Granby we commemorate The Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples before his death. This is planned round Holy Communion but with some adaptation.

Good Friday Anyone who has a holiday will be free to join in the Good Friday Pilgrimage – a walk from Cropwell Bishop across fields to Colston Bassett; then, after a break, on to Langar in time for the act of worship at 2.15pm.

11.30am Start of the pilgrimage from St. Giles Cropwell Bishop. Come clad to face whatever weather is forecast and be ready for mud under foot! Also, if you want a snack over the lunch break at St. John's Colston Bassett, bring your picnic with you.

1pm Assemble in St. John's church for brief worship; then set off on the final leg to St. Andrew's Langar, following the gated road from the creamery. Push chairs are fine for this stretch.

2.15pm Assemble for the Good Friday Worship at the cross. We aim to offer plenty to engage the different age groups. At the end of the act of worship [around 45 mins long] people are encouraged to stay on for hot cross buns and drinks.

Not everyone chooses to walk on the pilgrimage. Many others arrive at St. Andrew's at 2.15pm to take part in the final gathering.

This has always been one of the most enjoyed and meaningful events in the annual calendar of the Wiverton Group. Everyone is welcome to join us from all of the villages.

Good Friday Meditation 7.30pm in Cropwell Butler chapel is a good way to round off the day, especially for people not free to attend earlier. There are reflections on the story of the crucifixion with readings and hymns.

Easter Day Each village church offers its own celebration. As at Christmas the churches are wonderfully decked out with flowers. See the back page for service details.

Easter

When the broken come to wholeness,
when the wounded come to healing,
when the frightened come to trusting,
the stone has been rolled away.

When the lonely find friendship,
when the hurt find new loving,
when the worried find peace,
the stone has been rolled away.

When we share instead of taking,
when we clasp instead of striking,
when we join around the table,
the stone has been rolled away.

The stone has been rolled away!
In you, Christ Jesus,
love breaks through hatred,
hope breaks through despair,
life breaks through death.
Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Francis Brienen [from Prayers Encircling the World - SPCK]

April & May Diary

APRIL

- Thu 1 8pm Lent Group *Mining the Bible* - Vicarage
Sat 3 2.30pm Golden Wedding Thanksgiving Service for George & Violet Rhodes – St. Andrews’ Langar
- Sun 4 *Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins***
Mon 5 SCHOOLS EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK [till 16 April]
Wed 7 11am Holy Communion [Holy Week] St. Andrew’s Langar
- Thu 8 *Maundy Thursday***
8pm *The Last Supper* Holy Communion - All Saints’ Granby
- Fri 9 *Good Friday***
11.30am Procession of Witness begins – St. Giles C Bishop
1pm Prayer and continuation – St. John’s Colston Bassett
2.15pm All Age Worship *At the Cross* – St. Andrew’s Langar
7.30pm Good Friday Meditation – Cropwell Butler Chapel
- Sun 11 *Easter Day*** - See back page for services
Sat 17 12.30pm Blessing of Marriage: Caroline Cox & David Findlay – St. Andrew’s Langar
- Mon 19 SCHOOL SUMMER TERM STARTS
2.30pm Mothers’ Union Kingdom life: What next? The Rev’d Philip Thomas – St. John’s Colston Bassett
7.30pm Cropwell Butler/Tythby Joint churches meeting – Chapel
- Wed 21 8pm Cropwell Bishop Annual Parochial Church Mtg . - St. Giles
- Sun 25 11am *Baptism of Isabella..... - All Saints’ Granby***
Mon 26 7.45pm Langar & Barnstone Annual Parochial Church Mtg. - St. Andrew’s Church
Tue 27 7.30pm Granby & Sutton APCM – All Saints’ Church

MAY

- Sun 2 11am** Baptism of Evey Searle [Freegard grandchild] - St. John’s Colston Bassett
Sat 15 10.30am Confirmation Service – Southwell Minster
12.30pm Wedding of Thomas Howes & Ruth Madeline – St. John’s Colston Bassett
- Sun 9 11am *Rogation Sunday*** - Service in Tythby
Mon 10 2.30pm Mothers’ Union *Framework* Helen Catchpole – Cropwell Butler Chapel
Tue 18 10am Mothers’ Union Fund-raising Coffee Morning – The Poplars, Main Street, Cropwell Butler

Thu 20		Ascension Day
	8pm	Holy Communion - St. Giles Crop Bishop
Sat 22	3pm	Wedding of Dean Firch & Joanne Wiles - St. Giles C Bishop
Mon24	7pm for 7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation [for churchwardens & clergy] - St. Andrew's Langar
Thu 27	7pm	St. Mary's Colston Bassett Comttee - Church Gate Cottage
Sat 29	1.30pm	Wedding of of Helana Prior & A-James Hannigan - All Saints' Granby
Mon 31		HALF TERM WEEK

From the Registers

FUNERALS

Jan	15	Herbert Bruce Marston	Colston Bassett
	21	Eleanor Scanlon	Cropwell Bishop
		Rosemary Headland	Langar
Feb	5	Florence Mary [Irene] Miles	Cropwell Butler

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Christian Aid envelopes will be appearing through letter boxes during this week as in past years. Grateful thanks to all who willingly help distribute and collect. Special thanks to Sam Hunter and Gerald Hardy who for the last few years has been co-ordinating the collecting for the villages of the Wiverton Group; and they are willing to do so again. For any information Sam's contact number is: 0115 989 2773.

Andrew Wigram

Cropwell Bishop Summer Special – Weekend of 2nd - 4th July

Announcements

St. Giles Cropwell Bishop Annual meeting Wednesday 21 April 8pm in St. Giles Church

Villagers are welcome to this meeting to hear about proposals to improve the church facilities. We believe that this will be welcomed by all church users, both the regular and the occasional.

The proposals include:

- To install a platform on the inside of the tower to raise the bell-ringing floor by some 10 feet.
- To install a toilet (usable by disabled people) under the platform.
- Also to install a sink unit and tea-making facilities.
- Also to provide for a vestry space.

We hope to have sketch drawings of the development on display at the meeting.

As the parish church for the village it is important that villagers take this opportunity to see, consider and comment on the proposals which will have potential to serve church users for generations to come.

If the proposals are acceptable it is hoped that funding will be forthcoming both from grants and through local fund-raising.

Andrew Wigram [Chair of St. Giles Parochial Church Council]

Ascension Day 2004

Thursday 20 May is when it falls this year. This is a major festival of the church's year, and to celebrate it please note we shall have:

8pm Holy Communion [CW] in St. Giles Cropwell Bishop

A warm welcome to Group service offered for all-comers from any of the parishes in the Wiverton Group, and beyond.

Andrew Wigram

Music in Quiet Places

The **Tetra Guitar Quartet** will be playing in All Saints Granby on 15th July. More information and tickets will be available from the Marquis of Granby nearer the time.

Mothers' Union Away Day

The Mothers' Union have an Away Day

- in Sacrista Prebend, Southwell, on Monday July 12
- to be led by the Reverend Janet Gorick
- cost for the day including lunch and tea is £10
- places are available
- be in touch with Catharine Wigram [0115 989 3172]

Christian Aid Week 9 – 15 May 2004

The Archbishop of Canterbury has written to the clergy drawing attention to this opportunity to address one of the most vital challenges of our world.

“When Jesus says that he has come so that human beings may have life in all its fullness, he challenges us to identify just where such fullness is under attack, diminished or ignored in any way. Christian Aid has again and again returned to this theme. Poverty, the experience of being forgotten or oppressed, hunger or homelessness are all conditions in which the fullness of life is denied. More than that, if we stand by and let it be denied, it is our own fullness of life that we refuse. As the American writer Flannery O'Connor said: ‘The life you save may be your own’ if you are prepared to risk getting involved to defend another’s freedom and dignity.

The needs do not grow any less as the years go by. A fifth of the world’s population still struggles to manage at less than the equivalent of 60p a day. As our own comforts in the prosperous or ‘developed’ world become more deeply entrenched, there is little or no real movement elsewhere towards a situation where people can take control over some conditions of their own and their children’s lives. Being involved in Christian Aid Week, through planning, giving, collecting and praying is about resisting death: the death of isolation from each other as human beings, the death that comes when we lose our longing for fullness of life (for ourselves and for others). In the plain words of the Bible, ‘Choose life!’

Rowan Cantaur

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WIVERTON GROUP SERVICES: APRIL AND MAY 2004

Date	Tythyby	C/Butler	Langar	Barnstone	Granby	Elton	C/Bishop	C/Basset
Apr 4 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11am MP	6pm Fellp	9.30am All Age CW	HC CW	9.30am MP	11am MP	9.30am MP	11am HC
Apr 8/9 <i>Maundy Thu Good Friday</i>		Good Friday 7.30pm <i>Meditation</i>	Good Friday 2.15pm GROUP <i>at the cross</i>		Maundy Thu 8pm GROUP <i>The Last Supper</i>		Good Friday 11.30am GROUP Pilgrimage starts	Good Friday 1pm GROUP Pilgrimage cont.
Apr 11 <i>Easter Day</i>	11am 1662	HC 11am AAS	9.30am HC CW	8.30am 1662	HC 1662	8.30am 1662	11am AAS 11am at Chapel	HC 11am MP
Apr 18 <i>2nd of Easter</i>	11am MP				6pm at Elton	6pm with Granby	EP 1662	8.30am 1662
Apr 25 <i>3rd of Easter</i>	6pm EP	11am AAS	9.30am CW with Prayer for Healing	9.30am MP	11am AAS with Baptism	11am MP	11am CW	8.30am 1662
May 2 <i>4th of Easter</i>	11am MP	6pm Fellp	9.30am All Age	HC	9.30am MP	9.30am CW with Prayer for Healing	9.30am MP	11am AAS with Baptism
May 9 <i>5th of Easter Christ Aid Wk</i>	9.30am MP	11am AAS	8.30am CW	HC MP	9.30am HC CW	11am MP	11am AAS	6pm CW HC
May 16 <i>6th of Easter Rogation Sun</i>	11am CW	HC 3pm <i>Church Anniversary</i>	9.30am AAS		6pm with Elton	6pm at Granby	9.30am CW 11am at Chapel	HC 11am MP
May 23 <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	6pm EP	11am AAS	9.30am CW	HC MP	11am AAS	11am MP	11am CW	8.30am 1662
May 30 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	11am <i>Festival Songs of Praise</i>	6pm HC	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	9.30am <i>Festival Songs of Praise</i>	9.30am Service at Granby	11am AAS	6pm EP

Key: MP – Morning Prayer 1662 – Service from the Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship Service

AAS – All Age Service HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer

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