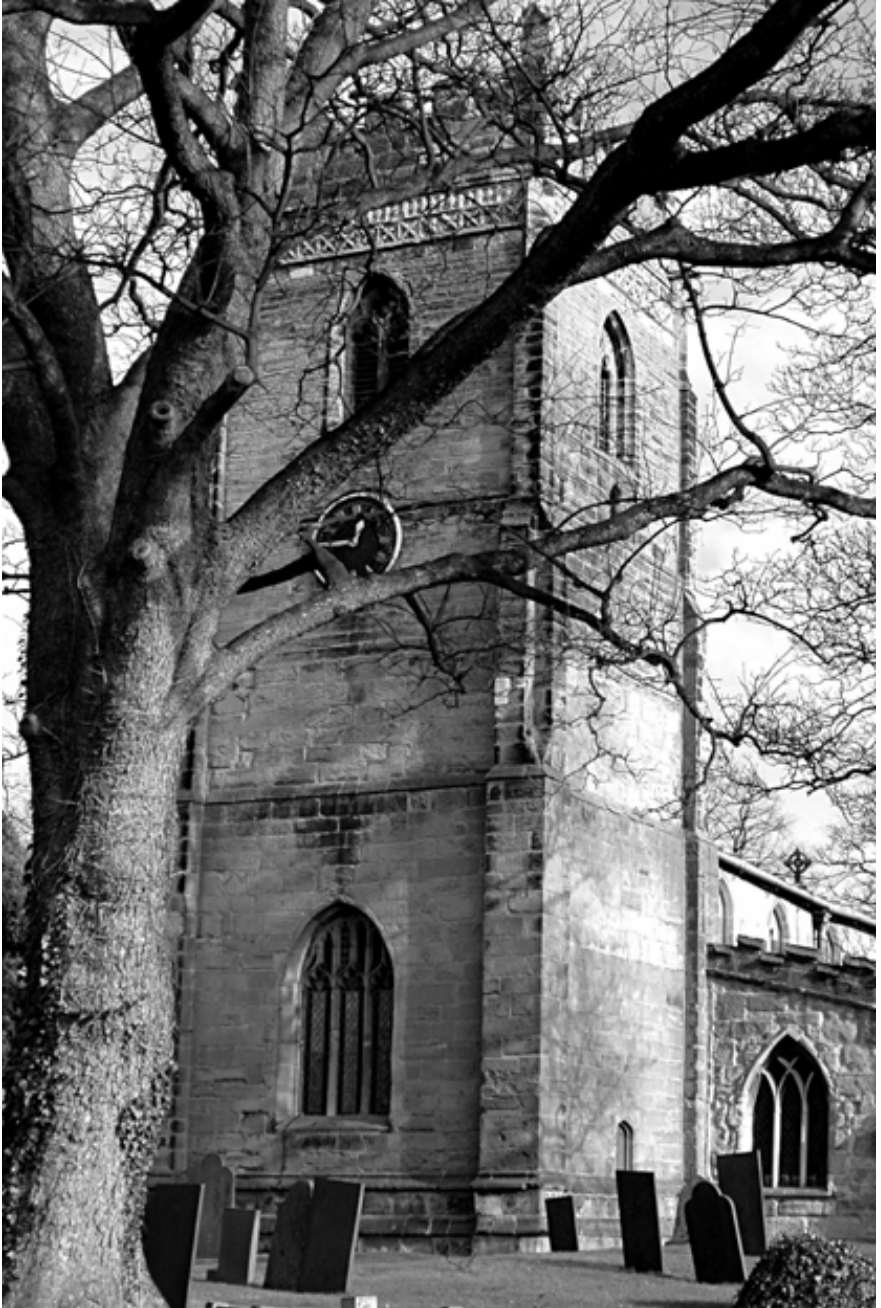


# WIVERTON NEWS

April & May 2005



*St. Giles - Cropwell Bishop*

*Photo - John A. Cranswick*

# The Real Thing

This year in the Wiverton Group we have 13 Weddings. These couples have decided to get married in Church because they want God involved in their marriages. During the wedding preparation we talk a great deal about love, and the meaning of the word.

When I was growing up, I was confused about this little thing called love. I knew that I loved my Mum and Dad. Then when I was about 11 I had a crush on a singer called Davy Jones, this may well give my age away! He was the lead singer in a group called the Monkees. I thought that was love, I bought all his records, watched every one of the series on TV and dreamed that one day Davy would ask me to marry him!

Then when I was 15 I had my first real boyfriend. I was in love! Real love this time. We talked about getting through school and getting married. Our relationship lasted 6 months.

I got married to Brian, and as I walked up the aisle, I knew this was true love. Then I held our first child in my arms with Brian by my side. That's when I knew what love really was.

Many people say, 'Love is blind'. I think it's just the opposite. Love sees things that no one else sees. It sees both the potential and the flaws in your spouse, but if you have God's love, you love in spite of them.

Jesus said in essence, "You want to know what life is about? Let me boil it down to two simple things: Love God; love people." That's what marriage is about. The apostle Paul writes, "Let love be your highest goal."

Love, according to God, is a decision; it's an act of the will more than it's an act of a hormone. We decide to love our spouse, even when we don't feel like it.

Brian and I celebrated 25 years of marriage last year, and I was thinking back to our wedding day. I remember my Dad giving us two pieces of advice. Always give and take and never go to bed angry with one another. He was right. Although I have given in my marriage to Brian, I have also taken a great deal. He has had to put up with a lot! But he is my best friend, my rock, he loves me unconditionally. Marriage is not easy, no one says it will be, but in our marriage is also the love of God. Paul in Ephesians writes about marriage, "I'm talking about a great mystery here. I'm talking about Christ and the Church" When you have a healthy marriage it reflects to the world. This is the way God loves, with selfless, honouring, sacrificial approachable love. As a married couple we can hopefully reflect that to the world.

Remember these 13 young couples as they prepare for their wedding day. A day which marks the joining together, at the very deepest level of human relationship, of two lives. Marrying in the presence of God will bring God's loving presence into the very start of their married lives.

**Christine Dolby (Curate)**

## **Where Am I?**

Together with a team of well-trained colleagues I am privileged to visit five of Nottinghamshire's most well known hotels on a regular, if somewhat unannounced basis. Each of these venues contains a selection of rooms from about seventy in the more popular to about ten in more rural areas. Some of the rooms have interesting views and up to date communication systems with reception. Many are ensuite and all have access to facilities nearby.

Nowadays of course hotels provide exercise options as well as just a bed for the night and well-cooked meals. Room service is very popular with a selection of dishes cooked to your taste. There are choices of diet, flavour, special requirements, and a range of hot and cold drinks. There is though one common factor with all these venues and that is none of them are licensed for alcohol although singing and dancing does occur from time to time. Entertainment is always available in the evenings.

Reservations are by ticket only and because the hotels belong to the same group, when one is fully booked a welcome guest can easily and swiftly be transferred to one of the others, near by. If required, to comply with a strict code of customer satisfaction, free of charge transport can be provided between venues at the hotels expense. Also, after care for the well rested guest means the Manager will keep in regular contact with the customer to encourage entent cordial. Tourist trips around the county are a popular feature and arrangements may be made for longer stopovers at specific attractions. If a customer is unfortunately taken ill during even the shortest of stays, first class medical attention is always close to hand. The staff are all highly trained and qualified to deal with the customers every whim.

My role is to inspect all aspects of customer care, and ensure when necessary complaints are actioned with immediate effect and the Managing Director notified immediately.

Yet there must be something wrong with the advertising because no one wants to be there!

I refer to the five main custody suites in the Police Stations of the Bridewell, Oxclose Lane, Mansfield, Worksop and Newark.

What will you be doing this Easter?

**Mike Sylvester.**

# April & May Diary

## APRIL

- Sun 3 11am Baptism of Daniel Thomas McLean – St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- Tue 5 7.30pm Cropwell PCC at St. Giles
- Mon 11 2.30pm Mother's Union Meeting at Cropwell Butler Chapel – "Living Positively" with HIV/Aids – Maureen Weston
- Sun 17 10am Group Service at St. Andrew's Langar. Canon Peter Hill
- Mon 18 7.30pm Tythby Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Methodist Chapel, Cropwell Butler
- Tue 19 7.30pm Granby Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All Saints, Granby
- Thu 21 7.30pm Colston Bassett PCC Meeting – 3, The Mews, Colston Bassett
- Fri 29 1.30pm Marriage of Lou John Turner and Julie Birch. St John the Divine, Colston Bassett

## MAY

- Sun 1 10am Rogation Sunday – Group Service at Holy Trinity, Tythby
- Mon 9 2.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting – St Michael's Church, Elton. "Organ Care" – Bob Mosley
- Mon 9 7.30pm Wiverton Group Council Meeting St. Andrews, Langar
- Wed 18 7.30pm Mothers' Union - World Wide Service Southwell Minster
- Fri 27 1pm Wedding of Mark Brian Ebb and Melanie Jane Griffin – St. Andrews, Langar

# From the Registers

## FUNERALS

Jan	31	Lena Braithwaite	Cropwell Bishop
Feb	14	Jane Ruth Brackenboro	Cropwell Bishop
Feb	18	Albert Leslie Ward	Langar
Feb	21	Graham Stanley Albery	Barnstone

## BAPTISMS

Feb	6	Emily Rose Carr	Cropwell Bishop
Feb	6	Edward Oliver Williamson	Cropwell Bishop



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## An invitation for people in the Diocese of Southwell

Every summer Durham's character changes significantly when the students go on vacation and the historic streets behind Durham's majestic Cathedral breathe more easily.

From August 3rd-10th, Revd Rob Marshall will lead one of his immensely popular Celtic Summer trips taking in Whitby, Lastingham, Ripon, York, Holy Island, Bamburgh and Monkwearmouth.

Based at St.John's College in Durham, this is a great trip for parish groups to join in and is great value (£435) at the height of summer.

Experience worship, learning and a time of relaxation and fellowship. Brochures are available on 01274 599622 or mail@ukltg.com

[www.ukltg.com](http://www.ukltg.com)

# **Bingham & District Choral Society**

**Press Release 13<sup>th</sup> February 2005**

## **Superb Saturday Sing**

Over 100 Bingham & District Choral Society members and friends enjoyed a Singing Workshop on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at East Bridgford Parish Church. Pamela Cook MBE., the Director of Cantamus and an expert in vocal and choral techniques, led us through a series of physical and vocal warm-up exercises, explaining how best to produce a pure sound and how to care for the voice.

She was always interesting and often humorous, so the the time flew by. We then used these new skills in four-part singing from Handel's Messiah and two John Rutter anthems. We were then introduced to a new arrangement of the Londonderry Air by Roger Bryan, the regular accompanist and Assistant Musical Director for B&DCS. His four-part setting was written as a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary present to the Society in March 2003 and this was our first opportunity to learn and sing it. What a splendid gift!

Roger, who as Song Master of Newark Parish Church and Director of the Newark Choral Society, is very actively involved in local choral singing that benefits greatly from his multiple talents. Neville Ward, Director of B&DCS was accompanist at the Workshop for Pamela Cook and, as always, played flawlessly, anticipating her needs with the intuition of a gifted musician. At the end of the day's programme, the reaction of all the participants was so enthusiastic that an extra hour would have been thoroughly appreciated.

We look forward to the 2006 Workshop that is already planned for 18<sup>th</sup> February; places are bookable from September 2005! In the meantime, members can bring their new-found skills to rehearsals for their next concert of the baroque music, with Newark Choral Society. The programme includes pieces by Vivaldi, Handel and Purcell on the 14<sup>th</sup> May at the Bingham Leisure Centre. Bookings start in early April.

# Announcements

## **Cropwell Butler Chapel Anniversary**

There will be a concert in the chapel by The Saint Nicks Music Group on the 21st May.

More information and tickets are available from David Woodcock on 0115 9334256.

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## **Allsorts Music Concert**

A concert, in aid of the St. Giles Church Improvements will be held in St. Andrews, Langar on the 9th April from 7pm.

The line up is from 3 counties and includes:

**MAME** - A local rock group

**THE REGGAELATORS** - Old Rock/New Rock and Reggie

**THE JAM IN THE SANDWICH** - Jazz/Easy Listening

**JACK IN THE BOX** - Jazz/Blues

**NIFTY SWIFTY** - Easy Swing/Easy Listening

Cheese, wine and light refreshments are included.

Tickets are £6 (Concessions £5 – Under 16s and OAP's)

For tickets please phone 01949 850127 or ask at the post office in Cropwell Bishop.

# WIVERTON GROUP SERVICES: APRIL AND MAY 2005

Date	Tythby	C/Butler	Langar	Barnstone	Granby	Elton	C/Bishop	C/Basset
<b>Apr 3</b> <i>Easter 1</i>	11.00am MP	6pm Fellp	9.30am AAHC		9.30am MP at Elton	9.30am MP with Granby	9.30am MP 11am AAS with Baptism	11am AAS
<b>Apr 10</b> <i>Easter 2</i>	<b>11am</b> <b>United Service</b> <b>at Chapel</b>	<b>11am</b> <b>United Service</b> <b>at Chapel</b>	9.30am AAS	9.30am MP	<b>9am</b> <b>(1662)</b>	HC	11am AAS	<b>5pm</b> HC
<b>Apr 17</b> <i>Easter 3</i>			10am Group Service Canon Peter Hill					
<b>Apr 24</b> <i>Easter 4</i>	6pm EP	11am AAS	9.30am HC at Barnstone	9.30am HC with Langar	11am AAS	11am MP	11am HC United Service with Chapel	8.30am HC (1662)
<b>May 1</b> <i>Rogation</i> <i>Sunday</i>	10am Rogation Service (Group Service)	6pm Fellp						
<b>May 8</b> <i>Sunday after</i> <i>Ascension</i>	11am HC United Service with Chapel	<b>11am</b> <b>United Service</b> <b>at Tythby Ch.</b>	8.30am HC	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	11am HC (1662)	11am AAS	<b>5pm</b> HC
<b>May 15</b> <i>Day of</i> <i>Pentecost</i>	11am HC		9.30am AAS		6pm EP with Elton	6pm EP at Granby	<b>11am</b> <b>United Service</b> <b>at Chapel</b>	11am MP
<b>May 22</b> <i>Trinity</i> <i>Sunday</i>	6pm EP	11am HC	9.30am HC at Barnstone	9.30am HC with Langar	11am AAS	11am MP	11am HC	8.30am HC (1662)
<b>May 29</b> <i>First after</i> <i>Trinity</i>								10am HC (Group Service)

Key: MP – Morning Prayer    1662 – Service from the Book of Common Prayer    MPCW – Morning Prayer Common Worship  
 AAS – All Age Service                      AAHC – All Age Holy Communion                      EP– Evening Prayer

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