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The Wiverton News

from your village churches and chapels

April/May 2008



The BIG picture, a new perspective.

How do we change our perspectives?



Dear Friends

One of my ambitions is to take a trip in a Hot Air Balloon. I have always thought how amazing it would be to see the ant like creatures walking the street or cars and vans looking more like toys than people carriers.

So far the only way I have seen anything from a height is by going up the tower, and onto the roof, at St Andrew's Langar. You certainly get a different perspective of things by doing that. All of a sudden the whole village comes into view and at first it's hard to get your bearings, somehow on foot the whole place looks much bigger. But when you see things from the roof, it looks very small.

We often hear people talking about "the bigger picture", being able to see an issue in its entirety rather than just the part that affects you. But sometimes the bigger picture can feel overwhelming. The "Make Poverty History" campaign brought home to many of us, just how big the problem of poverty is throughout the world. But it did so in a way that meant that we could play a part in doing something about it. Many of us bought wrist bands or gave donations, or lobbied MP's. The campaign altered our perspectives.

11 to 17 May is Christian Aid week. People will be delivering and collecting envelopes in all of our villages for this annual house to house collection. It's one way that each of us can contribute to the bigger picture and change our perspectives of the poor and disadvantaged in the world. I hope you will support it again as you did so generously last year.

Bronwen, Rector of the Wiverton Group of Parishes

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Vocations Sunday 13 April

Over the last few years the number of services held in our churches and chapels has reduced and this is largely because there are fewer and fewer clergy and lay people to lead them or preach at them. At present more people are retiring from ministry than are being licensed or ordained.

There are also fewer and fewer people to take on roles and duties such as bell-ringing, church cleaning, being treasurer or secretary, being a Warden or Steward, handing out the books, preparing the church for worship, playing music or singing in a choir.



So on Vocations Sunday we want to encourage people to think and pray about their vocation to ministry, whether lay or ordained. Perhaps you know someone who would make a good leader, they need encouraging; perhaps you have always wanted to help support the church or chapel but don't know how to or to whom you can speak about it, please contact any of the leaders listed on the back page of this Wiverton News. We're here to help you.

If you want services in the church or chapel in your village to continue; if you want to be able to bring your children for baptism or dedication; if you want to be married or have a funeral for someone in church, then please support Vocations Sunday and find out what God has in store for you. *Bronwen,*

Dates for your Diaries

Elton Coffee Morning This annual event is planned for Saturday 14th June. Put it in your diary now, further details in the next Wiverton News.

Colston Bassett Garden Party 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Saturday 14th June Church Farm Colston Bassett, the home of David and Margaret Marston.

Granby Village event Over the weekend of 21st and 22nd June. Look out for posters of what's happening.

Cropwell Bishop Village Weekend 4th to 6th July. Lots of events including a concert in St. Giles on Friday evening and and open air service of Songs of Praise on Sunday evening.

Searchlights "Sunday School"

for all children of primary school age,

10.30am to 11.30am

at St Andrew's Langar,

2nd and 4th Sundays each month

(for dates see services list pages 10-13)

Stories, songs and fun for all!

Searchlights



Cropwell Bishop Heritage Group
invites everyone to a talk by Robin Skailes on

The Story of Cropwell Bishop Creamery

The Memorial Hall

Tuesday 15th April

8 p.m.

(immediately following our A.G.M.)

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Baptisms

At All Saints, Granby

24 February Zac Dexter Hardy

At St John the Divine, Colston Bassett

30 March Mathilda Claire Ousey

Funerals

12 Feb Joyce Mary Walker St Michael and All Angels,
Elton-on-the-Hill

22 Feb Wallace Henry Baxter All Saints, Granby

13 Mar Thomas Anthony Warren St Giles, Cropwell Bishop

27 Mar John Hunter Harrington Holy Trinity, Tythby

Interment of cremated remains

11 Mar Doris Mary Sands St Andrew's, Langar

(Funeral was held at Balderton in January 2008)

Family Histories

If you are researching into your family history, the Church may be able to help you. Some of our Registers for Baptism and Marriage, still held here, go back to the mid-19th Century, others are more recent. We also have information regarding burials.

For more information and how you might gain access to these important social and historical records, please contact the Rector (details on the back page).

Children in the Christian Way

To enable your children to be in the Christian Way, there are various groups and services especially for them, some on Fridays, others on Sunday. Choose what is right for you and your children. Look out for services described as "Family", "All-age", "AA" or "SWAS" (Service with a smile). If in doubt, you can contact the Revd Bronwen Gamble or Liz Jackson (page 20).

Groups which meet regularly:



Little Saints Toddler group for pre-school children with a parent or carer. Meets from 11.00am to noon and 2.00pm to 3.00pm every Friday in the Methodist School Room, Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop.

Little Bishops is a lunch time group with Bible stories, songs and crafts which meets in Cropwell Bishop school for children attending that school. Ask at school for a parental consent form.

Chatterbox is a fortnightly Friday evening group 5.00pm to 6.00pm meeting at the Methodist Chapel school room in Cropwell Butler from October to June. Contact Mrs Marian Henstock, 0115 933 3998

Sunday clubs

Searchlights: Meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month 10.30am to 11.30am at St Andrew's, Langar. See details opposite.

Sunday spread: meets on the third Sunday of the month at 10.30am to noon at Cropwell Bishop Methodist Church.

Sunday services: see the rotas on pages 10-13.

Traditional festivals of Rogation, Ascension and Whit

In the next two months we will be celebrating more festivals in the church. We celebrate so many things: whether it's family events or community like St Patrick's day last month or St George's day in April.

Many of our other celebrations are tied in with the Christian calendar: Christmas and Easter or our rural way of life : such as Plough Sunday & Monday or Harvest.

Another rural one is **Rogation Sunday** traditionally a time when Christians prayed for God's blessings on their crops and other aspects of their work on the land. This year it's on 27th April. A service was followed by a visit to various places in the neighbourhood. Often this was combined with "The Beating of the Bounds", a very old custom from a time when it was important to know the boundaries of the parish. In many cases food and drink were supplied by the Church or wealthy people within the village. George Herbert, the poet and country parson who lived in the 17th century, called this tradition "Procession" which included "charity in loving walking and neighbourly accompanying one another, with reconciling differences at that time, if there be any".



Ascension Day, this year on 1st May, dates back to the late 4th century and is the Christian celebration of Christ's Ascension, his return to heaven following his death and resurrection.

Bingham and District Choral Society

Rehearsals are continuing for our next concert at 7.30pm. on Saturday April 19th at Southwell Minster. The programme includes the Edward Elgar Cello Concerto and the choral section is Ralph Vaughan Williams 'Sea Symphony' and Parry's 'I was glad when they said unto me'. There will be a large orchestra of 45 players and a choir of over 160 singers drawn from both Bingham and Mansfield Choral societies - an occasion well worth while attending! Tickets will cost £12 and are available now from Bingham Library and society members. If you need more information, please ring Sylvia on 01949 839991.

The Sea Symphony, settings of poems by Walt Whitman, took Vaughan Williams six years to compose; a huge work in four movements set for chorus, orchestra, soprano and baritone soloists. The work was first performed at the 1910 Leeds Festival, conducted by the composer; it immediately established his reputation as a major new force in British music. The sea is depicted as a journey into the unknown, likening man's exploration of the oceans to the journey of the soul into eternity. The music is inspiring from the great fanfare at the start, moving on to sea-shanty style sections, periods of storm, followed by calm that provide immense contrasts throughout this turbulent masterpiece. April 19th will be an exciting and inspiring experience to which the magnificence of the interior and acoustic of Southwell Minster will only add further pleasure – don't miss it!

We held a very successful Quiz & Supper night on 1st March at Colston Bassett, giving us a chance to relax after our concentration on rehearsals. The quiz, devised by Hugh Holbrook, provided food for our brains and the supper, masterminded by Deborah Winson and Joy Holbrook, was delicious and plentiful. A social occasion enjoyed by all and raising much-needed funds for our society. Thanks to all who supported us.

Granby All-Day Café

17th May

at “The Water Pump”

Church Street, Granby

in aid of the Children’s Society

By popular demand the Granby All-Day Café will open for a further “one day only” in support of Carole Kirk’s bid to raise further money for the Children’s Society.

Last year Carole (from Granby) was able to donate approximately £5000 as a result of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. This year she aims to climb to Base Camp Everest and has already raised £2600 for the Children’s Society.

The café will be open at our house for breakfast, lunch and teas.

Look out for further details but please make a note of the date and come along to help increase Carole’s total for a very worthy charity.



This is forty days after Easter Day and we read of it in the opening chapter of the Book of Acts in the New Testament part of the Bible. This year Ascension Day falls on 1st May and we will be holding a special service at Holy Trinity, Tythby at 7.30pm.

It was at his Ascension that Jesus commissioned his disciples to continue his work of spreading the good news of new life in Christ and therefore there is a close connection with theme of Mission. Last year we released balloons with messages attached to them. We plan to do so again but this year we are going to ask the people who find them to let us know how far they get and thus, how far our messages of the good news have travelled.



Whit Sunday, the Day of Pentecost: 11th May

The period of fifty days after Easter was named by early Christians as “Pentecost”. It is a time of rejoicing and church decorations are meant to emphasize the joy and brightness of the season so you will see white or gold linens on the Holy Table (Altar), the pulpit and lectern. Whit Sunday (from *White* Sunday), the fiftieth day from Easter Day, was a great day for baptisms and traditionally the baptism candidates would wear white garments, hence the name. Today when we celebrate whit Sunday or rather the Day of Pentecost, the church linens change to red signifying the “tongues, as of fire” from heaven, which appeared among the group of people who had become believers, following Christ’s resurrection. Pentecost is sometimes celebrated as the birthday of the Church.



Thanks go to the children at Langar and Cropwell Bishop schools who collected £86.01 for the **Children’s Society** using the Christingle Collecting candles. This will be added to the collection of £82.66 from the Christingle Service

10 reasons why not to go to church!

1 The time is inconvenient, I'm too busy.

Across the villages throughout the month there are Sunday services at 8.00am, 9.15am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 4.00pm (winter) and 6.00pm, usually for about an hour. So take your pick.



2 The services are too modern or too old fashioned.

We have services in contemporary language and 16th century language, you choose which you prefer.

3 I haven't been baptised or confirmed, I'm not a member.

You don't have to be, everyone is welcome.

4 I'm a teenager.

So tell us what you want, promise to listen.

5 I'm not Church of England or Methodist.

So what, we don't mind, everyone is welcome.

6 I have disabilities.

Wheel chair access is possible in St Andrew's Langar, St Giles, Cropwell Bishop, the Methodist Church Cropwell Bishop, All Saints Granby and Holy Trinity, Tythby. There are sound systems in St Andrew's, Holy Trinity and St Giles; we can do large print service sheets too.

7 My children are noisy.

Thank goodness for that, we have services especially for young, noisy, children. Look for "Family" or "All-age" (AA) services. You and your children will be welcome.

8 I can't afford it.

There's no entrance fee, it's free.

9 It's not like I remember as a child.

How do you know if you haven't tried? Our homes, our cars, our jobs, our lives aren't like they were when we were children either.

10 I won't know anyone.

You might be surprised, why not come along and find out. Even if you think you won't know anyone, we guarantee there is at least one person who knows you.

The Church is the people, not the building,
so come and meet us sometime.