

WIVERTON NEWS

August & September 2005



Elton on the Hill

Photo - John A. Cranswick

MOVING ON

There are some very happy young people about at the moment as the summer holidays are in full swing. I know how I felt when I was at school and the prospect of 6 weeks holiday loomed. For some these 6 weeks means change. Many people move house during August. The removal firms will tell you it is their busiest time. Some of our young people will be moving on after the holidays to a new school. Moving house or moving school involves many emotions, sadness at leaving behind friends and familiar places, anxiety as we wonder what lies in store, excitement at the prospect of something new, something unexpected. Will we settle into a new place, will I like my new school, will I make friends! All these things run through our minds.

I will be on the move too. At the end of September I will be leaving the Wiverton Group where I have spent the last 4 years as your Curate. I have a new job as Priest-in-Charge of the Ancaster/Wilsford Group in Lincolnshire.

Both Brian and I feel great sadness as we move on, sadness at leaving behind many friends and sadness at leaving such a beautiful area. It will be a wrench especially for Brian as he regards the Vale of Belvoir as his home. Yet we feel excitement as we look forward to getting to know a new area and making new friends, working in different Churches and in my case finding my feet in a new job.

I feel apprehension at the prospect of change. Yet I will take with me many wonderful memories. I have felt very privileged to work among you for the last 4 years, sharing many special and important times in your lives. Thank you for allowing me into your homes and for allowing me to share these things.

None of us like change and I have had a great deal of change in my life, children, 7 moves and Ordination after a career in nursing, to name but a few. One thing though that never changes is God, He is the same today as yesterday and has, and will continue to be a constant in my life. Whatever happens in our lives, God is there, a friend ready to guide, direct and love. A friend who is often neglected by us, but there for us just the same. – that's real friendship

May God bless you all

Christine Dolby (Curate)

“Let the People Speak”

The results of an independent ecumenical investigation examining the reasons why church going is declining can be downloaded free on www.churchsurvey.co.uk. This report is essential reading for those who are concerned about the decline of church going in Britain and Ireland. This Church Survey compiled by the Ecumenical Research Committee will provide everyone with ideas and suggestions from the grassroots on how to reverse this decline and draw people back into the pews. Alternatively this report may be purchased in booklet form at £3.50 from the Ecumenical Research Committee, 19, Glenfield Road, Bletchworth, Surrey. RH3 7HR

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS OF THE WIVERTON GROUP

The Reverend Christine Dolby has been appointed to be Priest-in-charge of the Ancaster-Wilsford Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Lincoln.

Chris’ last Sunday in the Wiverton Group will be September 25th and she will celebrate Holy Communion for the whole Group in St Andrews, Langar at 10.30am, followed by a Harvest Bring and Share Lunch when we can all say thank you to her for her ministry among us.

Chris will be licensed by the Bishop of Lincoln on 31st October in Rauceby Parish Church. We are sure that you will all join with us in wishing Chris well in her future ministry.

CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP TRAINING

After Chris leaves there will be a short time before a new Priest is appointed in the Wiverton Group.

Meanwhile the Reverend Dr David Harper (based in Bingham) will have responsibility for the Wiverton Group.

Some churches within the Group have expressed an interest in occasionally leading their own services and in taking school assemblies.

Chris will be holding two training sessions on Monday 1st and 8th August, 7.30pm at Colston Bassett Church. (We aim to finish by 9pm latest)

All those interested from any church within the group are welcome. It would be helpful to let Chris know if you are planning to attend. 01949 850127

August & September Diary

AUGUST

- Mon 4 7.30pm Leading Worship Training Session - St Johns, Colston Bassett
- Sat 6 3pm Blessing of the Marriage of Sarah and Ryan Greer St. Andrews, Langar
- Sun 7 11am Baptism of Lucy Frances Emma Jowett and Joshua James Humberstone – St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- Mon 8 7.30pm Leading Worship Training Session - St Johns, Colston Bassett
- Sun 14 11am Baptism of Holly Eve Starbuck – St Marys, Barnstone
- Tue 16 10-2pm Mothers' Union – Quiet Morning followed by Faith Lunch - St Andrews' Langar. Speaker, The Revd Margaret Oldroyd
- Wed 17 7.30pm Wiverton Group Staff Meeting – 4, Granby Hill, Granby
- Sun 21 11am Baptism of Matthew John Culley – All Saints, Granby

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 3 3pm Marriage of William Henry Allison and Melanie Jane Walker – St Johns, Colston Bassett
- Sun 4 11am Baptism of Henry George Charlesworth and Cameron Alex Salmon – St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- 2pm Baptism of Daniel Mark Archie Wright – St Andrews, Langar
- Sun 11 9.30am Licensing of Hilary Yarnall as Lay Minister at St Andrews Langar
- 11am Baptism of Mia Emily Lovell and Joshua Robert Parr McGeachie – St Giles, Cropwell Bishop
- Mon 12 2.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting – Holy Trinity Tythby Subject – The Friary Drop-in Centre Speaker - Ann Bremner

7.30pm Wiverton Group Council Meeting – St. Andrews, Langar

Sat 17 1.30pm Marriage of Anthony William Groves and Heidi Jayne Taylor, St Andrews, Langar

Sun 18 9.30am Baptism of George Charles Sutton at St Andrews, Langar

Sun 25 10.30am Group Service at St. Andrews, Langar – Farewell to the Revd Christine Dolby. Followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch

From the Registers

FUNERALS

June 10	Joan May Naylor	Radcliffe-on-Trent
July 12	Richard Arthur Bagnall	Langar

BAPTISMS

June 5	Daniel Thomas McLean	St Giles' Cropwell Bishop
June 12	Wilfred Alan Hodgkins	St Giles' Cropwell Bishop
June 12	Holly Anne Louise Albans	St Giles' Cropwell Bishop
July 10	Lauren-Mae Penley	St Andrews' Langar
July 17	Issac Alexander Topham	St Andrews' Langar

THANKSGIVING

July 24	Ffreuer Hedi Jones	St John the Divine Colston Bassett
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WEDDINGS

June 11	Thomas Garner and Georgina Tomlinson	St Michaels' Elton
June 18	Mark Jenkins and Charlotte Handbury	St Johns', Col. Bassett
June 25	Richard Morley-Kirk and Dominika Podgorska	St Andrews' Langar
July 9	Robert Baker and Paula Hallam	All Saints, Granby
July 16	William Hoyland and Joanna Lomax	St Johns' Colston Bassett
July 29	Steven Price and Claire Dawson	All Saints, Granby
July 30	David Potter and Katherine Fawcett	St Johns' Colston Bassett

THE ALPHA COURSE

What is Alpha?

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun.

There is a meal together at the beginning of each session which gives you an opportunity to get to know each other. Listen, learn, discuss and discover. Ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. It's supported by all the main Christian denominations.

What's involved?

The Alpha course consists of a series of talks looking at topics such as 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Why and how do I pray?' After each talk we divide into small groups for a time of discussion.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- ◆ Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- ◆ New Christians
- ◆ Newcomers to the church
- ◆ Those who want to brush up on the basics

There is no cost, starting Tuesday 20th September 2005 in Bingham. Contact Jacinta Wilson 01949 839766 or Julian Swingle 01949 860407

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

How to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime.

What is The Marriage Course?

The Marriage Course is very practical, giving any married couple the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime.

Topics covered include: recognising each other's needs, learning to communicate effectively, resolving conflict, healing past hurt, knowing how to make each other feel loved, relating to parents and in-laws, good sex, making time for each other and having fun together.

Privacy as a couple is always respected. There is no group discussion and no requirement to disclose anything about your relationship to anyone else.

What's involved?

Each evening begins with a candlelit meal. There is then a talk followed by an opportunity to discuss the topic together as a couple.

The setting is welcoming, relaxed and unthreatening.

Who is it for?

- ◆ The Marriage Course is for any married couple who want to build a strong and lasting relationship, especially:
- ◆ those who want to enhance their marriage
- ◆ those in the first five years of marriage
- ◆ those at a challenging stage in their marriage e.g. the birth of a child, a career
- ◆ change, teenagers at home, the 'empty nest'
- ◆ those struggling with issues in their marriage.

The course, while based on Christian principles, is very helpful for any couple with or without a Christian faith or church background.

Starting the week commencing Monday 12th September 2005 near you. Contact Helen and Gerry Humphries, 2 Thurlby Close, Cropwell Bishop. Tel 0115 9893081

CHURCH NEWS

NEW LAY MINISTER

Many congratulations to Hilary Yarnall of Langar who has studied for 2 years on the Bishop's Certificate Course, the second year of which was in the specialism of "Pastoral Care". Hilary received her Certificate at Southwell Minster in July.

Hilary will be a recognised Lay Minister and will be commissioned by the Wiverton Group at a Service to be held on September 11th at Langar Church.

CHRISTIAN AID

The total amount raised from the envelopes collected during Christian Aid Week was £2070.50. Our grateful thanks to Gerald Hardy, Sam Hunter and their dedicated team of collectors

CONFIRMATION

Chris will be holding Confirmation Classes (separate classes for adults) in August/September. Anyone interested please let her know on 01949 850127

WIVERTON GROUP SERVICES: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2005

Date	Tythby	C/Butler	Langar	Barrstone	Granby	Elton	C/Bishop	C/Basset
Aug 7 <i>11th of Trinity</i>	9.30am HC	6pm Fellowship	8.30am HC		9.30am With Elton	MP 9.30am At Granby	11am AAS With Baptism	11am AAS At Cropwell Bishop
Aug 14 <i>12th of Trinity</i>	11am United Service at Chapel	11am United Service with Tythby	At Barrstone	11am AAS With Baptism	9.30am 1662 At Elton	HC 9.30am 1662 With Granby	11am AAS At Chapel	5pm HC
Aug 21 <i>13th of Trinity</i>	11am MP		9.30am With Dedication of new gate		11am With Baptism	AAS 6pm	9.30am HC	11am MP
Aug 28th <i>14th of Trinity</i>							10am HC Group Service	
Sep 4th <i>15th of Trinity</i>	11am United Service with Chapel	11am United Service with Tythby	8.30am HC		9.30am with Elton	MP 9.30am at Granby	11am AAS United Service with Chapel - Baptism	11am Open Worship
Sep 11th <i>16th of Trinity</i>	11am United Service at Chapel	11am United Service with Tythby	9.30am and Licensing of Lay Minister	9.30am MP	9.30am HC	11am MP	11am AAS with Baptism	5pm HC
Sep 18th <i>17th of Trinity</i>	11am HC	At Tythby	9.30am AAS With Baptism		6pm Reader	EP 11am Harvest Thanksgiving	11am United Service at Chapel	11am MP
Sep 25th <i>18th of Trinity</i>		10.30am Farewell to the Revd Chris Dolby followed by Bring and Share Lunch	GROUP SERVICE - LANGGAR					

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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