

A letter from the new Incumbent

Dear Friends

I write to you as the Rector-elect of the Wiverton Group, presently approaching the end of my curacy at St. Patrick's Nuthall. I have served there on a part-time, non-stipendiary basis for just about three and a half years whilst living in Stapleford with my husband Michael. We will be sorry to leave all of the good folk we have met there but it is time to move on and we are very excited to be coming to the Vale of Belvoir. We are looking forward to getting to know you and the area (not to mention the pubs and the cheese!).

I have always lived in Stapleford, with the exception of student days at university in Hull and 3 months briefly in Worcester after graduation.

Michael on the other hand is much more cosmopolitan, having been born in Long Eaton, Derbyshire before moving to Stapleford as a youngster. He has spent some of his working life in Derbyshire and Kent but has been back in Nottinghamshire for the last 25 years.

Until this summer, I was a Chartered Accountant in practice. I gave that up in order to take on a full time post in parish ministry. We believe that God has brought us to the Wiverton Group and we are eager to know what plans He has in store for us all. In my response to the Parish Profile I said that, as the body of Christ, we would need to pray together and listen to God together, to discern his vision for the Group. I hope that we will very quickly establish an opportunity to do this in whatever way seems right.

Advent has just started and Christmas and Epiphany will follow soon and that is when we shall, hopefully, be moving in to our new home in Cropwell Bishop at 2 Dobbin Close. Please do call in and say "Hello", even if the furniture isn't quite where it should be, the kettle will be!

A Pentecostal colleague, with whom I trained on the East Midlands Ministry Training Course, taught me a chant. It is a bit like one of our Anglican vesicles and responses and goes like this:

Minister "God is good"

Congregation "All the time"

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So as we celebrate the coming seasons and look forward to a new

year together. My prayer for us all is that we will declare in spirit and in truth:

"God is good, all the time. All the time,"

Yours in Christ

Revd Bronwen Gamble.

Induction, Institution and Licensing of Rev Bronwen Gamble

This will take place on Tuesday 17th January at 7.00 p.m. in Langar Church by Bishop George and Archdeacon Gordon Ogilvie.

Everyone is welcome to attend this very important occasion and to welcome Bronwen as the new Rector of the Wiverton Group.

Refreshments will follow. Please come along and support her as she begins her ministry amongst us.

Continuing Arrangements for the Interregnum

Despite an appointment having been made we are still in Interregnum until after 17th January when Bronwen takes up her duties. The oversight of the Parishes is currently in the care of the Rev. David Harper, the Area Dean. If you wish to contact a Priest, or you have any query, please ring 0115 9893172. This is an answer 'phone which is checked daily for messages which are then passed on or dealt with appropriately. Alternatively of course, you may speak to any of the Church Wardens or Readers.

Thanks

May I, on behalf of all the Churchwardens, extend a big thank you to all who have helped during the Interregnum since Andrew left last January. Inevitably a large part of the burden fell on Chris, but there have been many others who have willingly taken on extra responsibilities both in the running of the parishes and in the process of appointing Bronwen to be our next Incumbent. Those from outside the Group, such as the priests who have taken our services, will get a formal invitation to the Institution, and while everyone in the Group is automatically invited, we do hope that all those who have been involved will be there to receive our formal thanks.

Robin Coles

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December

Sat 3 7.30 pm Bingham & District Choral Society Concert - Haydn's Nelson Mass and other works by Bach and Handel.
St. Mary's Church, Radcliffe-on-Trent,

Sun 4 4 pm Christingle Service, Colston Bassett, St. John the Divine.

Mon 9 7.30pm Colston Bassett PCC - 3, The Mews.

Mon 12 2.30 pm Mothers' Union Carol Service & Tea Party.
Rawlings Court, Cropwell Bishop.

Sat 17 7.30pm Bingham & District Choral Society Christmas Concert St. Mary and All Saints' Church, Bingham.

January

Sun 1 10 am All Saints' Granby. Group Communion.

Mon 9 2.30pm Mothers' Union Holy Communion & Annual Report,
Saint Andrew's, Langar.

Tue 17 7 pm Institution, Induction and Installation of
Revd Bronwen Gamble followed by an informal Reception.

Sun 22 10 am Group Service. St Giles, Cropwell Bishop.
Family Communion. Taken by Revd. Bronwen Gamble.

From the Registers

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Nov 21 John Hodgson Berry Colston Bassett

FUNERAL

Oct 10 Sheila Frances Shipman St. Giles Cropwell Bishop

Oct 20 Keith Wilkinson Hopewell Bingham Methodist Church

BAPTISMS

Oct 2 Louis Robert Gerrard St. Giles Cropwell Bishop

Oct 6 James William Mansfield St. Giles Cropwell Bishop

Oct 9 Naomi Rachel Fitch St. Giles Cropwell Bishop

Keith Wilkinson Hopewell

Granby has lost one of its long standing village residents in the passing of Keith Hopewell. His family were instrumental in the founding of the Methodist cause in Granby 200 years ago and Keith was a devoted Methodist and supporter of the Chapel in Granby all his life. He also supported, on occasions, services and events at All Saints and he will be greatly missed.

Christingle Service

The annual Wiverton Group Christingle Service will take place this year at Colston Bassett Church at 4 pm on Sunday 4th December. This is a wonderful little service to which every one, especially children, are invited. Come and receive your Christingle and support the work of The Church of England's Children's Society with whom the service is closely linked.

Historic Churches Trust Annual Bike Ride

10th September 2005

St. Gile's Church PCC wish to thank everybody who took part in this event, particularly since it happened in atrocious weather! The riders who braved the rain were: Godfrey Allison, Barry Key, Vivienne and Tony Hall, Hilary & Steve Hawkins and Martin Robins. In total they raised £181 and with a generous donation of £10, the total was £191. Thank you also to all who manned the Churches to receive the visitors and to all the sponsors who backed the participants.
Mona Clark.



January 24 2006 - "The Canal" "Buried Treasure" in April!

Have you got any photographs of the Cropwell Bishop area from 1950 onwards? Maybe you have photos of your house/area or of the Village Feast. If you have we would be interested in seeing them and making copies for our archives. Contact Ann on 9892770 or Gillian on 9894863

**Don't forget our calendars are on sale now from the
butcher in Cropwell Bishop or from the various Xmas Fairs
in the village.**

Colour £5 or Black and White £2.50

Group Service Sunday 11th December

I've been asked to write a short piece to let you know that Val Turpin (my Mum!) will be talking at the group service at Cropwell Bishop, 11am on Sunday 11th December. She will be sharing her experiences about the 6 months she has just spent in Calcutta, working with the street children. She, at 65 years young, having had a heart for the kids in India for a long time, decided to take the plunge and actually go and help. My Mum arranged her trip through the Baptist Missionary Society and headed out at the beginning of April this year. She spent the six months helping in a mobile school & one of Mother Theresa's orphanages amongst other things. She got back at the end of September having survived the monsoon heat and rain with many tales to tell, some of which she will share with us on the 11th. I'd thoroughly recommend hearing what she has to say, (although I'm obviously biased being her daughter!), she's an inspiration to me and I'm sure she will be to many others.

Sharon Turpin (Cropwell Bishop)