

WIVERTON NEWS

February & March 2005



All Saints' - Granby

Photo - John A. Cranswick

One World

There was a knock on my door on 30th December. A young person of about 13 stood on the doorstep. “What can we do to help the people in Asia?” She asked. This was the first of many enquiries. I rang the Salvation Army, only to be told that clothes blankets and food had already been sent. They did not want any more. “What we want is money” I was told. “Then we can buy things in neighbouring countries and get them to the disaster areas more quickly and more cheaply.

Several fund raising initiatives have been going on in the Wiverton Group, from a poverty lunch and silent auction in Granby to cake sales and bric-a-brac sales. Our Churches have donated their collections and invited people to give to Christian Aid.

Why does it take a disaster to bring us together? My father often used to talk about the Second World War and the camaraderie that existed during that time. “We were all in it together” he would say, “and we mucked in, everyone helped one another.”

We have seen that happen on a global scale these last few weeks. Countries all round the world giving money and aid, sending experts of every sort out to the disaster region. Churches all over the Diocese have been open for prayer and used.

An earthquake is a natural disaster, no blame can be attached to human intervention, yet our faith takes a knock when these things happen. We all ask “why?”

Christian belief needs to embrace phenomena of this kind and hold fast to faith in the God of compassion. Hard to do when you have a loved one involved. Our gut feeling is to want to blame, and in these cases it is usually God. Our faith sometimes fails to give any convincing explanations for such indiscriminate human tragedy. Free will, natural disaster, original sin – none make any sense when it comes to looking for reasons why. On Sunday 26th December no one nation was being punished by a vengeful God, as the prophets of old used to say. People of every race, religion and morality were swept to their deaths. This was cruelty of a cosmic kind.

However what we have witnessed over the last few weeks as hundreds of our fellow humans have set about clearing up the aftermath of the Tsunami, is an incredible display of our common humanity. Once again disaster has brought about the best in us. We have read of so many acts of brav-

ery as people caught up in the disaster tried to save others. Spontaneous and unpremeditated kindness is what inspired so many people to risk their own lives for others, showing that humanity really does exist. Spontaneous and unpremeditated kindness is what is inspiring so many to offer aid in whatever way they can.

Our Lord taught his disciples not to hunt for a sinful cause when disaster struck, but to look to themselves. We cannot understand the ways of God any better simply by picking our way through the debris, and sifting stories of tragic loss or of survival against the odds. But we can use the opportunity to follow our Lord's example of sacrificial love, and acknowledge our common humanity with people who need our help on the other side of the world.

Christine Dolby (Curate)

Bingham and District Choral Society

Rehearsals for our next concert on May 14th at Bingham Leisure Centre have started but it is not too late to join us. We meet on Tuesdays at 7.15pm in the Toot Hill School Main Hall, The Banks, Bingham. You can just turn up or ring 01949 839991 for more information. We have a varied programme to rehearse, Vivaldi's Gloria, Handel's Dettingen Te Deum and Purcell's Come, ye sons of art, away – a complete contrast to our last major concert when we performed Rutter's Requiem with great success, as many of you will remember!

We are also holding another Singing Workshop on Saturday 12th. February, led by Pamela Cook, M.B.E., Director of Cantamus and an expert on vocal and choral technique. This will take place at St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford – a lovely warm church, so a good venue for singing. Details from Pauline Chater on 01949 20882. We still welcome tenors and basses to this popular day. Why do sopranos and altos always get ahead in the bookings?

February & March Diary

FEBRUARY

- Sun 6 11am Baptism of Emily Rose Carr and Edward Oliver Williamson – St Giles’s, Cropwell Bishop
- Mon 7 8pm Colston Bassett PCC Meeting – 3, The Mews
- Mon 14 2.30pm Mothers’ Union Meeting – St. Andrew’s Langar
- Thu 17 8pm Lent Group – Ubuntu – St. Andrew’s Langar
- Mon 21 7.30pm Granby PCC Meeting – 4, Granby Hill.
- Thu 24 8pm Lent Group – Ubuntu – St. Andrew’s Langar
- Mon 28 7.45pm Langar PCC Meeting - Church Cottage.

MARCH

- Thu 3 8pm Lent Group – Ubuntu – St. Andrews Langar
- Fri 4 1.45pm Women’s World Day of Prayer Service – St. Andrew’s, Langar
- 7.30pm Women’s World Day of Prayer Service – Cropwell Bishop Methodist Chapel.
- Mon 7 8pm Elton PCC Meeting – The Old Brewhouse
- Thu 10 8pm Lent Group– Ubuntu– St. Andrews, Langar
- Mon 14 2.30pm Mothers’ Union, Lent Devotional – St John’s Colston Bassett.
- Mon 14 7.30pm Tythby PCC Meeting – Methodist Chapel, Cropwell Butler
- Thu 17 8pm Lent Group – Ubuntu – St. Andrew’s, Langar
- Fri 25 11.30am Good Friday Walk to Colston Bassett for packed lunch then walk to Langar for :-
- 2.15pm Good Friday Service (All Age)

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Jan 30 Rebecca Louise Hearn Tythby

ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

Dec 18 Thomas & Barbara Saxton
Forty fifth wedding anniversary Langar

FUNERALS

Nov 30 Phyllis Maud Pearson Cropwell Bishop
Dec 7 Eileen Elizabeth Colverson Cropwell Bishop
Dec 9 Vera Dewey Cropwell Bishop
Jan 19 Edith Coy Granby

Wiverton Works Wonders for Disaster Appeal

Nearly £3000 was raised for the Tsunami Disaster Appeal from a Poverty Lunch and Silent Auction organised by village people in Granby and supported throughout the Wiverton Group.

Thanks to the magnificent turnout and aggressive bidding (!!) items that had been donated helped boost the amount raised far beyond expectations.

“It was absolutely fantastic the way the people of the Wiverton Group came together to support this cause. Well over 100 people came through the door,” said the Revd. Christine Dolby.

Langar School is holding a Musical Evening at 6.30pm on February 10th at St. Andrew’s Church in aid of the appeal. Pupils staff and friends will take part; further information and tickets available from school.

A Brief Message of Thanks

As Catharine and I say our goodbyes we want to add some thank yous, especially to so many of you who sent us cards this Christmas – for all your kind words and good wishes for our retirement. Also we have been deeply moved by the wonderful gift we received at the farewell service – not only the very generous cheque but also the gift of such love and friendship.

We are sad to leave. We have enjoyed being here and our lives have been truly enriched.

We move on to new pastures: a new page which at present is completely blank, waiting to be written on! We would love it if at any time you can visit us and help do some of the writing! Chris Dolby has our details – you only have to ask!

Andrew & Catharine Wigram

Goodbye Andrew and Catharine

The Wiverton Group said ‘Goodbye’ to Andrew and Catharine Wigram at a Group service held on Sunday 9th January at St. Andrew’s Langar. The Service was attended by over 150 people. Andrew and Catharine were presented with a cheque from the Wiverton Group of Churches. Representatives from every Church paid tribute to their service. Andrew has been Vicar of the Group for the last nine years. Last August he celebrated 40 years in ordained ministry and he and Catharine celebrated 40 years of marriage.

Andrew and Catharine will be sadly missed, but we wish them well in their well deserved retirement to Darlington. Our loss is Darlington’s gain.

Any Parish matters are now to be referred to **The Revd Christine Dolby on 01949 850127.**

2005 Lent Course

UBUNTU: We are better together

UBUNTU? – a word familiar to many South Africans which captures a key idea of the way Africans look at the world. Apartheid destroyed much of the African social structure and Ubuntu is an African concept that the Church, civil society and the government is trying to rebuild in the nation.

Our new Diocesan link is therefore attempting to spread the concept of 'ubuntu' beyond the confines of our own parish or diocese to another part of the world. In doing so, we can claim that we are 'better together' than apart. This course will help us to examine afresh some of the problems that face us, discover what God wants to say to us through the Bible and each other and develop some concrete actions that will make a difference.

This is a five week course commencing on Thursday 17th February, ending on Thursday 17th March. It will be held at Langar Church starting at 8pm. Tea and coffee will be provided.

For more information or if you would like to take part ring Christine Dolby on 01949 850127, or sign up on the list in Church. There is a booklet accompanying the course so please sign up as soon as possible as these will have to be ordered.

**The Radcliffe on Trent Male Voice Choir
a Concert on
Saturday 11th June at 7.30pm
at
St John the Divine, Colston Bassett**

(Further details to follow in the next edition)

WIVERTON GROUP SERVICES: FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2005

Date	Tythby	C/Butler	Langar	Barnstone	Granby	Elton	C/Bishop	C/Basset
Feb 6 <i>Next before Lent</i>	11.00am MP Reader	6pm Fellp Butler	9.30am AAHC		9.30am MP with Elton	9.30am MP at Granby	11am AAS with Baptism	11am AAS
Feb 9 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>				10am HC	8pm HC with Ashing			
Feb 13 <i>1st of Lent</i>	9.30am Reader	11am AAS Butler	8.30am HC	9.30am MP	9.30am HC at Elton	9.30am HC with Granby	11am AAS	4pm HC
Feb 20 <i>2nd of Lent</i>	11am HC [1662]		9.30am AAS		6pm EP at Granby	6pm EP at Granby	9.30am HC [1662]	11am MP
Feb 27 <i>3rd of Lent</i>	6pm EP Reader	11am AAS Butler	9.30am HC at Barnstone	9.30am HC with Langar	11am AAS	11am MP	11am HC	8.30am HC [1662]
Mar 6 <i>Mothering Sunday</i>		6pm Fellp	10am Group Family Service					
Mar 13 <i>5th of Lent</i>	9.30am MP	11am AAS Butler	8.30am HC	9.30am MP	9.30am HC	11am MP	11am AAS	4pm HC
Mar 20 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11am HC [CW]		9.30am AAS		6pm EP at Elton	6pm EP with Granby	9.30am HC	11am Reader
Mar 24 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>			2.15pm Group at the Cross				8pm HC Group	
Mar 25 <i>Good Friday</i>							11.30am Group Pilgrimage Starts	1pm Group Pilgrimage Continues
Mar 27 <i>Easter Day</i>	9.30am HC [1662]		9.30am HC	9.30am HC at Langar	11am HC with Elton	11am HC at Granby	11am HC	8.30am HC [1662]

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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