

WIVERTON NEWS

February & March 2006



Old Church - Colston Bassett

Photo - John A. Cranswick

An occasion to remember

Tuesday 17th January was an important day for the Wiverton Group as we saw the Institution and Induction of our new Rector the Rev. Bronwen Gamble. A Bishop, an Archdeacon, a Rural Dean, clergy from many parts of the diocese, lay readers, church wardens, parishioners family and friends gathered to support Bronwen on this important occasion. Langar Church was full to overflowing to take part in a service, parts of which must date back hundreds of years. Bronwen was first of all commended to us and the Bishop by a representative of her previous Church, St Patrick's, Nuthall. A representative of the Patron presented Bronwen to the Bishop who admitted her to the 'cure of souls of these parishes'. Later, the Archdeacon, the Venerable Gordon Ogilvie installed Bronwen as the Parish Priest of this Benefice, symbolically giving her the keys and inventories of the Church. She then rang the bell as a sign that she had taken care of the churches and the benefice. The service ended with the dedication of Priest and people as Bronwen was taken to the font, lectern, altar table and door so reminding us all of the Churches' task in baptising and nurturing, hearing and understanding the Scripture, administering the sacraments and proclaiming the Word of God to the world.

Enormous thanks are owed to folk at Langar who bore the brunt of preparing the Church for the service (and clearing up afterwards) and of course to all of those who contributed to the post service refreshment which were splendid.

Bishop George took his text from Isaiah 'but those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength' and he reminded us of the importance of prayer.

As Bronwen begins her ministry in this group of parishes it is important that we support her with prayer in a role for which much is expected and the challenges facing our congregations and the Church at large are greater than ever. Bronwen, cannot however, do all this in isolation and it is up to all of us, who claim the Church of England as our own, to support her and to look for ways in which we can take on responsibilities, however small and encourage, support (or even initiate) new ideas and ways of working. All this of course as well as cherishing what has always been important and helping Bronwen to maintain the traditional ministry of the Church of England. Although we may look to Bronwen for leadership it is a ministry in which we are all engaged and in that sense we must pray for each other.

Peter Singleton. (Lay Reader)

PS. One way in which we can all support Bronwen is to remember that, unless it is an emergency, her day off is Tuesday!

Leo's World

As a result of something I read in the 'Grantham Journal' I sent off for a book entitled 'Leo's World' It is the personal reminiscences of Guy Petty Brown (known as Leo) who had been a railway man all his life. I mention it here, not only because he was obviously a gentleman of great principle who took pride in his work (and was also an Anglican Lay Reader) but because he was (amongst many other places) Stationmaster at Elton & Orston with responsibility for Cotham station goods yard during the war years.

Given the impoverished state of Elton & Orston station today and its very minimal service it is difficult to imagine that at one time it warranted a stationmaster and two porter/signalmen. Leo recalls the station house being very primitive and connected to the booking office by a door in the sitting room. It was lit with oil lamps and drinking water was delivered by train. Leo recalls a huge number of trains coming through due to the war as well large number of coal and passenger trains. He was kept busy at the station with quantities of grain to be dispatched, coal deliveries, parcel traffic and a 'small but regular number of passengers'.

At the same time he had a young family and presumably went to Church at either Elton or Orston with his wife having an interest in the W.I. Leo recalls having to deal with ambulance trains arriving at Cotham carrying wounded American soldiers for the American hospital although he doesn't say where that was exactly (perhaps someone reading this will know). This wasn't a totally unpleasant task as the American servicemen kept him supplied with 'dough rings and coffee'.

Should you want a copy of Leo's book it is available from Geoff Humphrey for £9.00 including postage Tel. 01255 553077

Peter Singleton.

February/March Diary

February

- Sun 5 11.00 am Granby Christian Giving Service
Mon 6 7.30 pm Tythby PCC Chapel School Room, Cropwell Butler
Sat 11 7.30 pm Granby Funding Supper
Mon 13 7.30 pm Wiverton Group Council Meeting St Andrew's Langar
Sat 18 7.30 pm Langar & Barnstone Funding Supper, St Andrew's Langar.
Sun 26 11.00 am Tythby Funding Service, Speaker:- Rev. Peter Hill.
Mon 27 7.45 pm Langar & Barnstone PCC Church Cottage, Langar

March

- Fri 3 7.30 pm Tythby Funding Supper, Cropwell Butler village Hall
Mon 6 7.30 pm Granby PCC, All Saint's Vestry

Advanced Notice

April

- Sun 2 Granby Spring Lunch
Mon 3 7.30 pm St John's Colston Bassett Annual Church Meeting

From the Registers

Baptisms

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| Nov 6 | James William Mansfield | St. Giles Cropwell Bishop |
| Dec 4 | Erin Njamh | St. Giles Cropwell Bishop |
| | Margaret McFerran | St. Giles Cropwell Bishop |
| | Suzanna Reader | St Giles Cropwell Bishop |
| | Alice Reader | St. Giles Cropwell Bishop |
| Jan 14 | Saffron May Bryden | St Andrew's Langar |

Blessing of Marriage

- Dec 16 Graeme Kemp & Nina Downs St Andrew's Langar

Funeral

- Jan 24 Doris Baxter All Saints Granby

Notices

From Andrew & Catherine Wigram

We have been warmed at receiving so many Christmas cards from friends in the Wiverton Group. We want to say a big thank you, and please excuse this most impersonal way of acknowledging your greetings. It has been lovely to be in contact again.

The past year has flown by and we are settling well into this town – Darlington. People are very friendly, and we are not short of things to take up our interest and time. It's a strange feeling to be sitting in a pew Sunday after Sunday – though I (Andrew) suspect that 2006 may find me up front and back in the old role rather more!

Our very best wishes for 2006, especially as you welcome Bronwen and Michael and begin a new chapter.

God bless you.

PS Don't forget, if you are travelling north we would love to see you.

Thanks

A big 'thank you' from the Colston Bassett Carol Singers to all those who generously gave making a sum total of £160.00. This has been added to the £60.00 collection from the Carol Service enabling a donation of £220.00 to be made to the Barnabas Trust who are a building a school for Christian children in Garbage City, Cairo. Further details are to be found in St John's Church.

Monday 10th April
Memorial Hall,
Cropwell Bishop
Annual General Meeting at
7.30pm *For members only*



“The Molekats” (metal detectors)

at 8pm, open to all!

Have you any photos of the old Limekiln
which we think was demolished in the 1970s?

If so we would be interested in seeing them.

Contact Gillian 9893864 or Ann 9892770

(We don't mean the pub!)

Summer 2006 Cropwell Bishop in Art

Children's art competition - date to be announced.

Notices

Wiverton Group MU would like to invite you to an open meeting on **Monday 13th February 2.30pm** for: "Signs of the Times": slides from south Africa.

These slides - produced by the women of South Africa for the 'Women's World Day of Prayer'- give an insight into the lives and struggles, together with the progress and hopes of the women of South Africa.

All welcome (men and women!) the slides provide a good background to the ecumenical service to follow in March.

Women's World day of Prayer - **Friday March 3rd 2006**

It will be held at two venues so that you can choose the time that suits you best:

St Andrew's Langar at 1.30pm and St Giles Cropwell Bishop at 7.30pm.

This year the service - 'Signs of the Times' is written by the women of South Africa. If you have not been before we recommend this truly interdenominational service to you.

WIVERTON GROUP SERVICES: FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2006

Date	Tythby	C/Butler	Langar	Barnstone	Granby	Elton	C/Bishop	C/Bassett
Jan 29th <i>Candlemas</i>	At Cropwell Butler	6pm HC	9.15am AAHC	At Langar	11am AAS	9.15am MP (BCP)	At Colston Bassett	11am AAHC
Feb 5th <i>4th before Lent</i>	11am MP (BCP)	6pm Fellowship	9.15am HC (CW) with Baptism	At Langar	11am MP (BCP) Promise Service	6pm EP (BCP)	11am AAHC	9.15am MP (CW)
Feb 12th <i>3rd before Lent</i>	At Cropwell Butler	11am AAS	At Barnstone	9.15am HC (BCP)	At Elton	11am HC (BCP)	9.15am MP (CW) 11am at Chapel	At Cropwell Bishop
Feb 19th <i>2nd before Lent</i>	Group Service at Granby	Group Service at Granby	Group Service at Granby	Group Service at Granby	10am AAHC Group	Group Service at Granby	Group Service at Granby	8.15am HC (BCP)
Feb 26th <i>Last before Lent</i>	11am MP (BCP) Promise Service	At Tythby	9.15am AAHC	At Langar	At Elton	9.15am MP (BCP)	At Colston Bassett	11am AAHC
Mar 1st <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Group Service (imposition of ashes) 7.30pm	Group Service at Tythby	Group Service at Tythby	Group Service at Tythby	Group Service at Tythby	Group Service at Tythby	Group Service at Tythby	Group Service at Tythby
Mar 5th <i>1st in Lent</i>	11am MP (BCP)	6pm Fellowship	9.15am HC (CW)	At Langar	9.15am MP (BCP)	6pm EP (BCP)	11am AAS	9.15am MP (CW)
Mar 12th <i>2nd in Lent</i>	At Cropwell Butler	11am AAS	At Barnstone	9.15am HC (BCP)	At Elton	11am HC (BCP)	9.15am MP (CW)	4pm HC (CW)
Mar 19th <i>3rd in Lent</i>	9.15am AAHC	At Tythby	9.15am AAS	At Langar	11am AAHC	At Granby	6pm HC	4pm EP (CW) Promise Service
Mar 26th <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Group Service at Colston Bassett	Group Service at Colston Bassett	Group Service at Colston Bassett	Group Service at Colston Bassett	Group Service at Colston Bassett	8.45am HC (BCP)	Group Service at Colston Bassett	10am AAHC Group

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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