

WIVERTON NEWS

All Souls' Day

The church's calendar comes up with three days clustered round the end of October and into November: Hallow'en, All Saints and All Souls. The jewel in this crown is All Saints – across the world and down the ages this day has carried special honour in popular culture and worship.

Hallow'en has, much more recently, become popular for children; but in past ages all this fun was in anticipation of glorious All Saints Day.

All Souls has had a much more sombre feel – the traditional sub-text is Commemoration of the Souls of the Faithful Departed. It falls under the shadow cast by All Saints. Yet the two days stand together: first 'saints', lives that we recognize have reflected Christ's light; then 'souls' the rest of us, undistinguished, except that we are of worth to God and to those who have known and loved us.

Soul has taken on different meaning today than in the past, when it meant just 'a person' : SOS - Save our souls (our lives). "Bless my soul!" - "I am surprised!" We use *soul* now to reach down more deeply into our feelings:

'*Soul friend*' – my closest, who really knows and shares my life,

'*Soul music*' – expressing deep shared emotion, and coming from American black culture,

'*soulful*' – full of deeply felt feelings,

'*soulless*' – lacking any feeling.

Soul has come to mean the depths of my being; where I am truly me, and where I yearn to express what's going on in me; where love and passion well up, and where I feel most alive when I am loved. *Soul* is that treasured and guarded throb – the me that I know is there; but often smother, the me those nearest and dearest see and love.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God."

We can easily and without much thought attribute a rather 'soulless' sense to that scripture: People die; they pass on, and they end up somewhere in God's territory. But there are so many of them that they can never expect to be given recognition, or even bothered about much.

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But read scripture more closely, and read Christian classics, especially the lives of saints who can put pen to paper and have something to tell us about God. They will very quickly make you realise that for God the human soul is never soulless.

*O Lord you have searched me and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain. PSALM 139*

All Souls' Day is a given moment in the calendar for each of us to think about the ones we have loved and lost who are now in that sort of relationship.

They are certainly lost from our daily human contact. They are not lost from our thoughts, our warm memories and our imagining how they are wherever they are. And it is great comfort to hold onto such a picture of God as expressed in the psalm: God is *lover of souls* - or as the familiar hymn puts it, *Jesu, lover of my soul*.

The *my* is so important. We are not just bodies [or rather souls] wandering around heaven like guests at a Buckingham Palace garden party, where most will never even get close enough to see royalty, let alone speak with them. No, we are assured in scripture and through Christian teaching that God is there for us waiting to be found. He longs *for my soul to be knit to his*. After all, as St. Augustine has written:

*God has made us for himself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in him.*

All Souls Day will bring back memories of our loved ones, hopefully happy, though inevitably tinged with sadness. But it also enables us to see them as they are now; and to think of them cherished and appreciated as much as we would want for them – and so much more!

Andrew Wigram

Appeal for offers of help

St. John the Divine Colston Bassett would welcome any offers of help to assist in cleaning -

one offs, weekly or monthly offers can be accepted,
and no previous experience is required.

Tel: Graham Freegard 01949 81745

or: Margaret Palmer 01949 81572

Personal Announcement

SPONSORED SLIM



Chris Dolby has now finished her Sponsored Slim. She has lost 25lbs and is now collecting her sponsorship money. She would be grateful to receive it as soon as possible. The proceeds will be divided between the Breast Care Support Group at the City Hospital and the Wiverton Group of Churches. Thanks to all who have supported her. (Tel No 01949 850127)

Village News

The Marquis of Granby held their summer beer festival during August and it was well attended on all three days.

The highlight was a musical evening which, once again, brought the village community together in a way that is fast disappearing in the modern world as more and more villages become populated by commuters who seek the village ideals but not the community.

Thanks must go to Loz & Su who provided a wonderful evening enjoyed by almost all of the villagers and their guests.

August & September Diary

OCTOBER

- Fri 1 3.45pm Blessing of Marriage: Stephen Walsh & Louise McNathy – St. Andrew's Langar
- Sat 2 7pm St. Giles' Harvest Supper – Memorial Hall Cropwell Bishop
- Sun 3 11am Harvest Thanksgiving – St. Giles Cropwell Bishop
11am Harvest Thanksgiving – Holy Trinity Tythby w Cropwell Butler
11am Baptism of Samantha Goldney – St. John's Colston Bassett
- Mon 4 7.30pm Wiverton Group Council meeting – St. Andrew's Langar
- Wed 6 7pm St. Mary's Colston Bassett Committee - Church Gate Cottage
- Thu 7 7.30pm South Bingham Deanery Synod (Bishop George) – Kinoulton Parish Church
- Fri 8 7pm St. John's Colston Bassett Harvest Supper – Village Hall
- Sun 9 11am St. John's Colston Bassett Harvest Thanksgiving
11am Baptism of Jamie & Sophie Cordon and Emily Jepson - St. Giles Cropwell Bishop
- Mon 11 7.30pm Cropwell Butler & Tythby joint churches meeting - Chapel
- Wed 13 7.30pm Cropwell Bishop Heritage committee – 17 Mill Lane
- Sat 16 7pm Granby & Sutton Harvest Supper – Granby Village Hall
- Sun 17 11am All Saints' Granby Harvest Thanksgiving
11am St. Andrew's Langar Harvest Thanksgiving & Lunch (in church)
- Mon 18 8pm Elton PCC & video Restoring hope in the church – The Old Brew House
- Sat 23 One World Church Family day - The Dukeries Ollerton
- Mon 25 7.30pm Tythby & Cropwell Butler PCC – Chapel schoolroom
- Sun 31 All Saints celebrations – NB Group service

NOVEMBER

- Wed 3 10am St. Giles Funding Programme meeting (3) – 3 Barratt Close
- Sun 7 9.30am Baptism of Lydia Janie & Lloyd William Knott - St. Andrew's Langar

Thu 11 8pm Study group: Church growth with St. Paul [1] – Vicarage
 [See ANNOUNCEMENTS for details on this Thursday course]
 Sun 14 Remembrance Sunday – see services on back page.
 Wed 24 8pm Cropwell Bishop PCC – The Vicarage

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Aug	1	Lauren Amy Scarborough	Colston Bassett
	8	Evelyn Cordelia Dunn	Elton
	29	Gracie Scothern	Granby
		Victoria Alice Juliet Hunt	Cropwell Bishop
Sept	12	Daisy Mae Buxton	Tythby

WEDDINGS

July	31	Matthew Robinson & Karen Louise Shaw	Colston Bassett
Aug	14	Lee Anthony Wright & Claire Elizabeth Heap	Cropwell Bishop
Sept	11	James Edward Spencer & Deborah Charlotte Meehan	Colston Bassett
	18	Paul Graham David Harris & Hayley Christopher	Cropwell Bishop

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Sept	16	Edward Nall & Helen Battenbury	Langar
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FUNERALS

July	21	Irene Millicent Harrison	Cropwell Bishop
	27	Kathleen (Kate) Anne McMahon	Langar & Barnstone
Aug	2	Robert Francis Evans	Tythby & Cropwell Butler
	12	Violet Agnes Rhodes	Langar
	17	Andrew Harold Browne	Elton
	18	Louise Carolyn Hardy	Cropwell Bishop
	23	Roy Burdett	Elton
	29	Richard Wojciehowski	Langar
Sept 6		George Raymond Arme	Cropwell Bishop
	10	Joyce (Joy) Halfnight	Langar
	15	Mary Jane Johnstone (Jean) MacDougal	Cropwell Bishop
	16	Margaret Gaskin	Tythby & Cropwell Butler

Announcements

Anne Frank Exhibition

celebrating a life, challenging prejudice and persecution.

Southwell Minster

Monday 4th October to Friday 5th November

9.30am – 5pm Monday to Saturday, 12pm – 5pm Sunday

One World Church

A family day exploring what it means to be a world church.

Saturday 23 October 10am to 4pm at The Dukeries Centre, Ollerton

Programme includes:

- 'OWCh!' children and young people's programme - fun filled activities from around the world, a journey to Africa, music, craft, IT, & games – run by Sally Barton from Christchurch Chilwell.
- Worship led by Geoff Weaver with music to sing from around the world.
- Main speaker Rose Hudson-Wilkin speaks about the world church in our cities, especially minority ethnic concerns as they touch Anglican churches
- Workshops to enjoy and make you think
- Market Place of Ideas - stalls, books, displays, information, action ideas and items for sale provided by organizations and groups linked with the world church.

Bring-and-share lunch (drinks provided) £3 per head.

For details of the workshops and day's programme and a booking form – CONTACT THE VICARAGE.

See church porch noticeboard for more information.

The Adventure of Prayer

led by Angela Ashwin and Henry Morgan

at Southwell Minster on Saturday 13th November – 10am to 3.45pm

Includes experimental workshops on:

- creating prayer spaces
- praying the scriptures
- Labyrinth – possibilities for prayer
- prayer and poetry
- quiet prayer and contemplation
- praying the passion
- our bodies and prayer
- praying our experience
- patterns, not padlocks
- prayer through music

Bring some lunch to share; drinks will be provided.

Bring pen and notebook

Booking is essential – by **Monday 11th October**

A donation would be appreciated to cover costs.

BOOKING from The Ministry Team Training Department by

phoning Catriona [01636 817232, or

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The life behind the pen – St. Paul

- Late autumn one month Bible study course
- Thursdays from November 11 to December 9
- 8pm – 9.30pm
- Venue to be discussed – first meeting in the Vicarage
- Bring a bible and notebook
- Come with a desire to understand more of a remarkable life
- See how for Paul Jesus the man became Christ the Lord
- Explore the cutting edge of the gospel pioneers

WIVERTON GROUP SERVICES: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2004

Date	Tythby	C/Butler	Langar	Barnstone	Granby	Elton	C/Bishop	C/Basset
Oct 3 17th after Trinity	11.00am Harvest		9.30am HC All Age]		9.30am MP	9.30am HC [CW]	11am Harvest	11am AAS with Baptism
Oct 10 18th after Trinity	9.30am MP	11am AAS	8.30am HC [CW]	9.30am MP	9.30am HC [CW]	11am Songs of Praise	11am AAS with Baptisms	11am Harvest
Oct 17 19th after Trinity	11am HC [CW]		11am Harvest & Lunch		11am Harvest	11am at Granby	9.30am HC [1662] 11am at Chapel	6pm HC [CW]
Oct 24 Last after Trinity	6pm EP	11am AAS	9.30am HC [CW]	9.30am HC [CW]	11am AAS	11am MP BG	11am HC [CW]	8.30am HC [1662]
Oct 31 All Saints		6pm HC			9.30am HC [CW] GROUP			
Nov 7 3rd before Advent	11am MP	6pm Fellp	9.30am AAS with Baptism	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	9.30am HC [1662]	9.30am MP 11am AAS	11am AAS
Nov 14 Remembrance	10.50am <i>Joint</i> <i>Remembrance</i>	10.50am at Tythby	8.30am HC [CW]	10.50am at Granby	10.50am <i>RBL</i> <i>Remembrance</i>	10.50am at Granby	10.30am <i>Joint</i> <i>Remembrance</i>	10.50am <i>Remembrance</i>
Nov 21 Christ the King	11am HC [CW]		9.30am AAS	9.30am HC [1662]	6pm EP at Elton	6pm EP with Granby	9.30am HC [CW] 11am at Chapel	6pm HC [CW]
Nov 28 Advent Sunday	6pm EP	11am AAS	9.30am HC [CW]		11am AAS	11am MP	11am HC [CW]	8.30am HC [1662]

Key: MP – Morning Prayer
AAS – All Age Service

1662 – Service from the Book of Common Prayer
HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer

CW – Common Worship Service

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