

## A season to remember

Remembering is an important part of our lives. Currently in the Wiverton group we are remembering the Ministry of Chris Dolby in these parishes. Many of us have much to remember and thank her for over the last four years and we wish Chris and Brian well in their new Parish at Ancaster and our thoughts and prayers go with them.

Most years bring their crop of historical events to remember and so far this year we have remembered the 60th anniversaries of V.E. day, the liberation of Austwich and the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan. During October we shall be looking back two hundred years and remembering the events of Trafalgar and the life of Nelson. Traditionally many people will want to remember Guy Fawkes on November 5th. Cynics might say he was the only man ever to enter Parliament with honest intentions! All of these occasions mark significant events in human history and I guess the degree to which people want to remember them is dependent on whose side they or their ancestors were on.

There is currently much for us to remember as a Church. In our own village communities we shall be remembering the bounty that God gives us through the land in our Harvest Festivals. These will be joyous occasions eagerly looked forward to. On a more sombre note, at the beginning of November we have All Saints and All Souls day when the Church especially remembers the good and faithful departed. This will have particular poignancy for those who have lost loved ones during the year. Then, of course, there is Remembrance Sunday. This has a special meaning for so many and the current war in Iraq reminds us that our Service men and women continue to risk their lives in fulfilling their duty. Remembering all these things, both good and bad, is an important part of our way of life. The tragedy is that for some people they remain locked in the past and are not prepared to let go and learn from it or to move forward. Consequently hatred and bitterness flourish as we have seen for example in Northern Ireland.

Jesus came to move people on in their beliefs. He didn't want to destroy the past but to build on it and give people hope for the future. So we as individuals must value what we remember, learn from our mistakes and put our trust in Him who gives strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow'.

In thinking of the future, by the time you read this, it is to be hoped that a new incumbent for the Wiverton Group will have been appointed, presumably to take up the post in the New Year. We offer him or her our congratulations and look forward to the future as new memories are built up and we are taken forward in our Faith.

Peter Singleton (Lay Reader)

## **All Souls Day**

The Church customarily remembers all those who have died in the Faith on All Souls Day. This would normally be November 2nd but the service for this day will take place on Sunday 30th October at 3 p.m. in Colston Bassett Parish Church. Anyone can ask to have the name (or names) of friends or family who have died, read out during the prayers. They don't have to be recent names, although those who have been bereaved during the last year may find this service to be helpful to them as they remember their loved ones. If you wish a name(s) to be included, even if you cannot come on the day, please contact Barry Gamer on 0115 9146851.

## **Arrangements for Interregnum**

With the departure of Chris the Wiverton group is now into full interregnum. A valiant attempt has been made to maintain service patterns although there will inevitably be some difficulties, especially over Christmas when Priests are very much in demand. The oversight of the Parishes is 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 will be checked daily for messages which will then be passed on or dealt with appropriately. Alternatively, of course, you may speak to any of the Church Wardens or Readers.

# October/November Diary

## OCTOBER

- Sun 2 11am Baptism of Louis Robert Gerrard at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop  
11am Harvest Thanksgiving at Tythby  
6pm Harvest Thanksgiving at All Saints' Granby
- Fri 7 7.30pm Harvest Supper at Colston Bassett Village Hall
- Sun 9 11am Baptism of Naomi Rachel Fitch at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop  
10am Harvest Thanksgiving at St John the Divine, Colston Bassett
- Mon 10 2.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting at St Giles' Cropwell Bishop Speaker,  
Mrs Vivien Hall, "Goats.. .God's Creation"
- Sun 23 11am Trafalgar Day - Special Combined Service at St Giles' Cropwell Bishop
- Mon 24 7.30pm Granby PCC Meeting - All Saints Church
- Sun 30 10am Group Service at Tythby Church

## NOVEMBER

- Sun 6 11am Baptism of James William Mansfield at St Giles' Cropwell Bishop  
10am Children's Service at St John the Divine, Colston Bassett
- Mon 7 7.30pm Wiverton Group Council Meeting at Langar Church
- Sun 13 **Remembrance Day Services**  
10.50am Holy Trinity Tythby  
10.50am Royal British Legion Service at St Andrews' Langar  
10.50am St Giles'Cropwell Bishop  
10.50am St John the Divine, Colston Bassett
- Mon 14  
2.30pm Mothers'Union Meeting at Cropwell Butler Chapel  
Speaker - Mrs Harries, "Leprosy.. .as it is now"  
7.30pm Tythby PCC Meeting at the Methodist Chapel, Cropwell Butler  
7.45pm Langar PCC Meeting at Church Cottage
- Sun 27 10am Advent Sunday - Group Service at St John the Divine, Colston Bassett  
– The Revd Garth Turner

## From the Registers

### FUNERALS

Aug 5 Edna Brodie	Cropwell Bishop
Aug 16 Ilse Irmgard Reynolds	Radcliffe-on-Trent
Sep 12 Charles Gordon Mackie	Elton
Sep 14 Martin James Plasto\v	Cropwell Bishop

### BAPTISMS

Aug 7 Lucy Frances Emma Jowett	Cropwell Bishop
Joshua James Humberstone	Cropwell Bishop
Aug 14 Holly Eve Starbuck	Cropwell Bishop
Aug 21 Matthew John Culley	Granby
Sep 4 Cameron Alex Salmon	Cropwell Bishop
Harry George Charlesworth	Cropwell Bishop
Daniel Mark Archie Wright	Langar
Sep 11 Mia Emily Lovell	Cropwell Bishop
Joshua Robert Parr McGeachie	Cropwell Bishop

### WEDDINGS

Sep 3 William Allison and Melanie Walker	Colston Bassett
Sep 17 Anthony Groves and Heidi Taylor	Langar

### BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Aug 6 Ryan and Sarah Greer	Langar
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