



The Benefice of  
St. Withburga, Holkham, All Saints, Warham,  
St Nicholas, Wells-next-the Sea and All Saints, Wighton

**16th August 2020**  
**10th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)**

**Services this week**

Today 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Warham  
11am Holy Communion live streamed from the Rectory on YouTube  
6.30pm Evening Prayer with healing via Zoom

At Warham parking is available in the churchyard by turning up the road opposite the pub towards Wighton and turning in at the open gateway on the right. Park against the hedge on the left and walk round the church to the porch.

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells  
12noon Holy Communion streamed from the Rectory on YouTube

No refreshments will be served after the Wednesday service but if you wish you can bring a coffee/tea in a flask and enjoy a socially distanced chat in the churchyard

**Our Prayers**

**In our benefice this week we pray especially: -**

- for those who need our prayers: - Amanda Newton, Edgar Noy, Gill Smith, John Crook, Sharon Savory, Mercedes Edwards and Jane Savory
- for those who have died recently: - Colin Dodman, Bertram Plumb.
- for those who died at this time in years past: - Kenneth Whitaker, Gladys Mayes, Betty Tipler, Hazel Dickinson

Funeral of Colin Dodman from Wells on Wednesday 19th August at 2.00pm at Wells Cemetery  
Funeral of Bertram Plumb of Warham on Monday 24th August at 2.30pm at Mintlyn Crematorium  
Please keep their family and friends in your prayers at this time.

**Attending Church Services**

Face Masks must now be worn.  
If you can, please print off the order of service and pew sheet and bring them with you.  
Please use sanitiser as you enter church and observe social distancing.  
Please sit on the central nave benches only. Do not touch at the peace.  
Leave church as directed and if you wish to chat please move outside the building.  
There will be an offertory plate near the door into which money can be dropped.  
Use hand sanitiser again as you leave.

Churches Together have been saddened by news that our Roman Catholic friend Prisca Hastings has passed away.  
Her funeral will be at the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Wells on Monday August 24th at 11.30am.



1 Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.  
2 O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name!  
when in distress, to him I called  
he to my rescue came.

3 The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
his saving help he gives to all  
who in his mercy trust.  
4 O taste his goodness, prove his love!  
experience will decide  
how blessed they are, and only they,  
who in his truth confide.  
5 Fear him, you saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
his service shall be your delight,  
your needs shall be his care.

Lord, During the neverending  
changes to the way we live at the  
moment, we give thanks that all  
through our tiredness and lowness  
of spirit, you are there to hear and  
answer our prayers and sustain us.  
Amen

6 To Father, Son and Spirit, praise!  
to God whom we adore  
be worship, glory, power and love,  
both now and evermore!

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**Next Sunday - 23rd August**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells  
11am Holy Communion live streamed on YouTube  
6.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer on Zoom

**Churches Open**

All Saints, Warham Daily 10am - 6pm  
St Nicholas, Wells Daily 10am - 4pm  
All Saints, Wighton, Sunday 10pm - 6pm  
St Withburga, Holkham, Thurs - Sunday 10am - 6pm

# Today's readings

**The Gospel** *Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28*

## **The Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 56.1,6-8*

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.  
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—  
these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

## **New Testament Reading** *Romans 11.1-2a,29-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

[Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.]

'Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

## **Post Communion**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## **Norfolk Churches Bike Ride** **Saturday 12th September 9 am - 5 pm**



Kate is planning to ride her bike and is happy for anyone to join her. If you wish to sponsor Kate there is a form at the back of St. Nicholas, Wells or alternatively you can telephone Margaret on 01328 710584



## **Wells Firefighters' Thanksgiving Service** **& Fish and Chip Supper** **Sunday 13th September at 6pm in St. Nicholas Churchyard** **Tickets £8.00, All proceeds to go to the Firefighters charity.**

Tickets from Kate tel 01328 711312, email [kate.clodd321@gmail.com](mailto:kate.clodd321@gmail.com) No cash please, but cheques payable to 'Wells PCC' can be accepted or payments online direct to the PCC's bank account.  
Food donated by Marcus French.

## **Overseas Missions**

**USPG:-** The current situation with refugees and migrants is untenable and unsustainable. Let us pray for chaplain across Europe who are reaching out to them and for creative global solutions to be found to address the challenges refugees face.

**Mission to Seafarers:-** We all depend on seafarers for 90% of the goods and fuel we use, so we pray for our seafarers on the front line to keep support lines open, and our supermarkets open and pharmacies stocked.



Traidcraft are struggling with the effects of the current pandemic. Any items bought will give much needed support to this charity which we support. Items can be ordered from Peter and Mary Cundy:- email [petmaryc@waitrose.com](mailto:petmaryc@waitrose.com), phone 01328 710643, or from Kate. Your order can be delivered to you. You can find out what is available at :- [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) Please support Traidcraft if you can.



Wells Churches collect for the Food bank. They are in need of longlife milk and fruit juice along with tinned meat, fish and fruit at the moment. All donations can be taken to the Co-op.  
Thank you

Sadly the RNLI Lifeboat service at the Quay has had to be cancelled because the restrictions on gatherings. Our lifeboat team have continued to be on duty throughout the lockdown and have been kept busy since the visitors have returned. Please keep them in your prayers.

