



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

23rd August 2020
11th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

Today's Services

Today 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
Fr Alan Elkins will be dedicating the new nave altar in memory of Donald Wagstaff. Followed by refreshments with table service.
11am Holy Communion on YouTube
6.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer via Zoom

This Week

Monday
11.30am Requiem Mass for Prisca Hastings at Our Lady Star of the Sea
2.30pm Funeral of Bertram Plumb at Mintlyn Crematorium
Wednesday
10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
12noon Holy Communion on YouTube

Next Sunday - 30th August

9.30am "Celebration of Creation" at St. Withburga, Holkham (See below)
11am Holy Communion on YouTube
6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Future Events

3rd Sept. 10am Quiet Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
4th Sept 12.30pm Funeral of Brian Scott at Earlham Crematorium
12th Sept 9am-5pm Sponsored Cycle Ride
13th Sept 6pm Thanksgiving Service for Wells Firefighters

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

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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, Paul Bishop, Joan Price and Jane Savory
- for those who have died recently: - Brian Scott, Prisca Hastings, Colin Dodman and Bertram Plumb.
- for those who died at this time in years past: - Iris (Peggy) Golding, John Claxton and Donald Wagstaff

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. At Wells there is also a card machine at the back of the church for offertory. Use hand sanitiser again as you leave.

"The Requiem Mass for Prisca Hastings will be offered on Monday 24th August at 11:30am at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Prisca's family are very sad that due to Covid, numbers are so restricted for Mass in the church and that we are not able to sing together but if you wish to come and pay your respects, the doors will be wide open during the Mass - please feel free to bring a flower which the family will gather to place on Prisca's grave in Surrey later the same week where she will be buried with her beloved husband Bernard. The family would like to give thanks for the parish community that has provided a loving home for mum over the last 8 years."

"Celebration of Creation"

Since our harvest festivals are not going to happen this year our 5th Sunday Benefice service will celebrate the gift of creation. Please bring along an item that represents something that has been important to you during lock-down.



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



Thanksgiving Service & Fish and Chip Supper for Wells Firefighters

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 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. More details next week

Today's readings

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 51.1-6*

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.


The Gospel *Matthew 16.13-20*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.


Trevor Shannon's two new books are now out and available to purchase at church on Sunday morning or directly from him. Stories for the Seasons is £6.95, Mary's Boy is £9.95. Please make payment to Trevor either by cheque or cash.

Sadly the RNLI Lifeboat service at the Quay has had to be cancelled due to 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

Overseas Missions

USPG:- Going back to school, after the lockdown will affect young people all over the world. In Malawi, where the virus has been very severe, children have already returned. Let us pray for the children, all those who work in schools and parents, as they adapt to new ways of working in many contexts.

Mission to Seafarers:- The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic unfolded rapidly and The Mission to Seafarers found themselves on the front line. They are fighting to keep the supply lines open and our global economy afloat. Every time we pick an item off a supermarket shelf, spare a moment to think how it got there and how its replacement will arrive.

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, 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
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 