



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

25th October 2020
Bible Sunday

Today's Services

Today 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Wighton
11am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells

One of these services will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day.
6.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer via Zoom

Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -

- for those who need our prayers: - Amanda Newton, Gill Smith, Barry Fowle, Rev. Alan Elkins, Alan Jackson, Joan Price and Clare Banham
- for those who have died recently: - Peter Cook, Linda Pentney and Stephen Foster
- for those who died at this time in years past: - John Nudds, Janette Pointer and Josephine Lusty.

Funerals -
Stephen Foster - 26th October 1pm at Cromer Crematorium
Peter Cook - 3rd November 1pm at St. Nicholas, Wells, followed by burial in Wells Cemetery
Please keep their families and friends in your prayers at this time

Bridget and family wish to thank most sincerely everyone for their lovely cards, prayers and support after the loss of Brian which was greatly appreciated.

Rural Dean Alan Elkins Retires

After several years supporting the parishes and their clergy in the Deanery Alan Elkins is standing down from his duties as Rural Dean. We have all appreciated his kindness, wisdom and dry sense of humour and he says he has enjoyed it. He has asked us to pray for him and for Joy his wife as he continues to receive treatment. If you would like to sign a card for him from the benefice you will find it at the back of the church.

Congratulations

To Ben and Alice Smyth who were married at St Withburga's Holkham on Friday. The weather stayed dry and we even had some sunshine. It was a joyful occasion followed by drinks at the Marble Hall and we wish them well.

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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.

YouTube

It is great to now be able to upload on to YouTube services recorded in church. But these are not live-streams. The video has to be edited and then uploaded to our YouTube channel and it is not possible to specify a time when it will be available. We aim to have it there by the end of the day. One of our regular viewers was waxing lyrical about the subtitles which Rev Brenda didn't know anything about. When she went to have a look she discovered that they are amazing. So if the sound quality is not the best then click on subtitles and all will become clear.

This Week

Monday
1pm Funeral of Stephen Foster at Cromer Crematorium,
Wednesday
10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells, which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day.
Thursday
10am Quiet Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells

Next Sunday - 1st November

9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Warham,
11am Worship for All at St. Nicholas, Wells
6.30pm Taize Evening Prayer via Zoom

Churches Open

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

Today's readings

The Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.

[And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.]

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

New Testament Reading Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Gospel Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

A Celtic Prayer

All things come from you, O God:
the light of the rising sun and the
enfolding darkness of night,
the lives of those who have gone
before and the life of creatures still
to be born.

As you blessed us at the beginning of
time in the eternal womb of creation,
so bless us at the end of time when
we journey into the unknown.
As you graced us with love at the
dawn of this day,
so guide us and the world this night
into the unfolding of tomorrow.

Wells Churches collect for the Food bank.

A reminder that families need:- cereals, tinned food, tea bags, rice, long life milk, sugar, biscuits, fruit juice/squash, pasta sauce, toiletries and instant coffee.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support the Foodbank by buying and taking items to the Co-op. Money donations are also very welcome.



Any items you buy 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.

'Kate has a Traidcraft catalogue for Christmas cards etc. Please let her know if you would like to see what is available or check out www.traidcraftshop.co.uk



Overseas Missions

USPG:- Let us pray for all the cathedral ministries in the Province of the West Indies and for the safety of the people St. Vincent and the Grenadines during this year's hurricane season.

Mission to Seafarers:- "As an ex seafarer, I experienced first hand the work and value of Mission to Seafarers. To call into any port far away from home and know that there were friendly faces to help and often a welfare centre to enjoy far away from the ship, we're so important."

If anyone is interested to raise or see how money has been raised, please look on the Mission to Seafarers website.