

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

4th October 2020  
17th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

## Today's Services

Today 9.30am Holy Communion at St Withburga, Holkham  
11am Worship for All at St Nicholas, Wells

One of these service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day.

6.30pm Taize Evening Prayer via Zoom

### This Week

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells

### Next Sunday - 11th October

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11am Holy communion at St Nicholas, Wells.  
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6.30pm Evening Prayer via 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

### Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -

- for those who need our prayers: - Rev. Alan Elkins, Amanda Newton, Gill Smith, Sharon Savory, Barry Fowle, Mercedes Edwards, Joan Price, Alan Jackson and Jane Savory

- for those who have died recently: - Brian Hawes and Lesley Jarvis

- for those who died at this time in years past: - Don Crawley



### COVID Friday Prayer Chain

In view of the current situation it would be good if we could keep up our prayers for those affected by COVID19. If there is anybody who feels that they can no longer continue or if anyone would like to join, please contact Katrina or Rev. Brenda.

### Attending Church Services

Face Masks must now be worn.

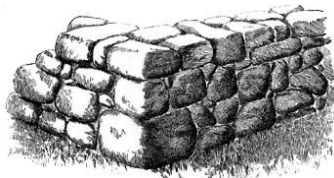
If you can, please print off the order of service and pew sheet and bring them with you.

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.

### Advance Notice

14th and 15th October - Inspection of North Roof at St. Nicholas.  
The scaffolding will be coming down on 16th October  
There will be a change in services in St. Nicholas Church that week.  
Full details next week



**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.** Psalm 118:22

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### YouTube link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCbV-ISQ1HQ1jZvnESfrY2A/

A big THANK YOU to Jacqueline for continuing to deliver the newsheet around Wells every Saturday through the rain, wind and cold. It is very much appreciated.

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.

*If you have a thousand reasons for living,  
If you wake up wanting to sing,  
if everything speaks to you,  
from the stone in the road  
to the star in the sky,  
if you understand the winds  
and listen to the silence,  
rejoice,  
for love walks with you,  
he is your comrade,  
is your sister and brother!*

Archbishop Dom Holder Camara

# Today's readings

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

## New Testament Reading      Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing

of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## The Gospel      Matthew 21.33-46

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Overseas Missions

**USPG:-** Black Lives Matter: A Brazilian perspective. When Bishop Ribeiro and the community of the Anglican Church knelt in front of the Cathedral of the Resurrection in memory of George Floyd, it was also of the deaths of thousands of black Brazilians, victims of violence and rejected by the state -all people who have been killed because of the colour of their skin. For too long the Church has accepted theologies that denied that black people had souls. There are no words to describe this appalling situation.

Let us pray for an end to racial prejudice of all kinds.

**Mission to Seafarers:-** 'It is wonderful knowing we have a family in various ports working together to make a big difference in the lives of seafarers.'

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.



Traidcraft are struggling with the effects of the current pandemic. 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](mailto:petmaryc@waitrose.com), phone 01328 710643, or from Kate.

Your order can be delivered to you.

Check out [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)

