

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

22nd November 2020
Christ the King

Today's Services

Today	11am	Holy Communion live streamed on YouTube
	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 and Joan Price
- for those who have died recently: - Jean King
- for those who died at this time in years past: -Frederick Pointer, Shelagh Beale, Joan Abel and Revd Canon David Rogerson,

Looking ahead to Christmas

Christmas is going to be different this year and we are unlikely to be able to do things like our carol services and the Christmas Tree festival at Warham.

Rev Brenda and her teams would welcome ideas of different ways in which we can still make Christmas special for our communities.



Toilet Twinning...Last Thursday was 'World Toilet Day'. If we could donate £60 to twin a toilet, it will help fund a project in a desperately poor community. This will then enable families to build their own basic toilet/latrine. This can spark an amazing chain reaction that can change entire communities for ever. If you would like to donate £5 towards this project, please let Kate know. We may be able to help towards more than one toilet!
More information in next week's pew sheet.



There is now a Facebook page for the St. Nicholas, Wells restoration project which is well worth taking a look at. (and possibly giving a thumbs up) It is being kept up to date with what is happening along with photos.

<https://www.facebook.com/restorationofstnicholaschurchwells>

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This Week

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion live Streamed on YouTube

Next Sunday - 29th November

11am Advent Praise streamed on YouTube
6.30pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Visiting Churches

Our churches remain open for private prayer.

Please remember :-

Wear Face masks unless exempt,
Observe the Social Distancing guidelines,
Use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the building.

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

Overseas Missions

Mission to Seafarers:-The team has been working to find innovative ways to safely support crews in Latin America. In recent months, Father Ian has been called to minister to crews facing tragedy exacerbated by COVID-19. On one ship a crew member had been lost at sea, a stevedore tragically killed and a young seafarer was struggling with suicidal thought. He is able to offer support, hope and understanding of the challenges they face every day.

USPG:- Let us give thanks for the success the Anglican Church of Malawi has had in empowering women and girls to live life in all its fullness.

Wednesday 25th(International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women).

Let us pray that God makes us more alert to any gender-based violence that may be going on in our own communities and countries abroad.

A big **Thank you** to all those who continue to keep our Churches clean and safe for us to visit.



Today's readings

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel

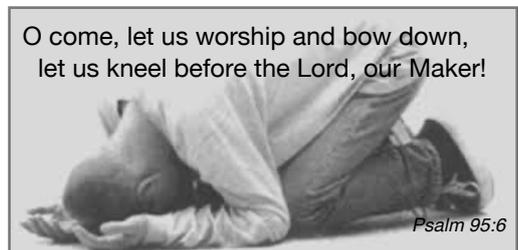
Matthew 25.31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!



Psalm 95:6

Wells Churches collect for the Food bank.

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.

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



Traidcraft - 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

