



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

29th November 2020
Advent Sunday

Today's Services

Today	11am	Advent Praise uploaded onto YouTube
	6.00pm	Taize at Norwich Cathedral via Zoom

Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -

- for those who need our prayers: - Tom Sands, 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: -Bryan Sage and William Dickinson

Advent Calendar with a difference -

Do you know your Saints??

From 1st to 24th December there will be 24 pictures of saints, with clues, dotted around St. Nicholas Church. Quiz sheets will be at the back of the church with a box to put them in when completed. The winners will be announced at Christmas. Have Fun!! Any queries see Kate or Susan Wagstaff

Toilet Twinning... 'Help flush away poverty' (www.toilettwinning.org)

St. Nicholas are twinning their toilet. We hope to raise £60 or more, so that we can twin our toilet and help people to have access to safe sanitation, clean water and hygiene education. There is more information about this project at the back of the church with the donation form. You can also contact Kate 711312 / 07826280915 to donate and for more information. Thank you



Due to COVID we won't be able to collect warm hats, gloves etc. for St Martins Housing Trust this year. Marion Perryman from the Methodist Church, who organises the collection for Churches Together, will be very happy to receive money or cheques, made out to St Martins Housing Trust. You can also give by going to their website - fundraising@stmartinshousing.org.uk Margaret is happy to pass on any donations, you can contact her on 710584 for more information.

The Wells Hospital have joined with forces with, and are working under the Trussell Trust. They will now be able to organise the foodbank voucher needed and supply the foodbox from the hospital.

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

This Week

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion live streamed on YouTube

Next Sunday - 6th December

9.30am Holy communion at Holkham Hall Chapel which will be recorded put on YouTube later in the day
11am Worship for All at St. Nicholas Wells,
6.30pm Taize 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

Regular donations to Church running expenses

A big thank you to those of you have switched to making your regular donations, towards the general running costs of St. Nicholas Church, by standing order, this saves a great deal of time for the people who do the weekly counting and in the present pandemic saves them having to handle cash. If the few of you who have not set up monthly standing orders would now like to do so please contact our hon. treasurer, Jean Terrington, on tel. 01328 711126 or treasurer@stnicholaswells.co.uk. We have bought a few Free Will Offering envelopes for those of you who feel you would like to continue with the weekly envelopes, so if you contact Janet MacNab on 01328 710225, she will arrange with you how best to get the envelopes to you.



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>

Today's readings

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel

Mark 13.24-37

'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
'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 these things taking place, 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.
'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Overseas Missions

Mission to Seafarers:-The Mission is hosting its annual Carol service celebration 'Christmas Festival of Light and Hope' on Wednesday 9th December, as an online event. The link will be in next week's pew sheet.
USPG:- Let us pray for those called to mission and the walk which they courageously take Give thanks for their devotion and dedication.
Dec. 1st World AIDS Day : We pray for programmes in Zimbabwe's HIV stigma reduction programme, enabling people with HIV to live full lives.
Dec. 5th World Soil Day: We pray for all the agricultural programmes run by USPG's partner churches in various parts of the world.

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

