

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

27th December 2020

The Holy Family

Todays Services

11am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
which will be recorded and uploaded onto
YouTube later in the day
6.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer on Zoom



Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -

- for those who need our prayers: - Amanda Newton, Gill Smith, Baby Aminatta and the Edmonds-Camara family, Barry Fowle, Baby Charlee Dodge, Rev Alan Elkins and Joan Price
- for those who have died recently: -
- for those who died at this time in years past:- Pat Stephens

This Week

Wed 10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells

Next Sunday

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

Rev Brenda would like to thank everyone for all their hard work in this extraordinary year, and in particular for all the love and care given to others in the community.

Churches Open

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| 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 |

As we continue through the Christmas season, and have restrictions again in the way we live due to COVID, please pray for all those who are alone and struggling. Please also give thanks to those who continue to serve the communities they live in.



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.

The Children Society

Money boxes are now due for collection. Under the current covid crisis, it would be helpful if you could make your donation by cheque made out to 'The Children's Society', but if you would rather donate the cash in your box, that is fine. Please ring Ann on 711165 or Alison 711119 for collection of cheque or box.
Thank you, Ann Cooper

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Wells Churches collect for the Food bank.

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. 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.



A big **THANK YOU** to the Wells Co-op for their donation towards the St. Nicholas Christmas Tree.



Today's readings

The Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

New Testament Reading

Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem
those who were under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as children. And because you are children, God
has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba!
Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a
child then also an heir, through God.

The Gospel

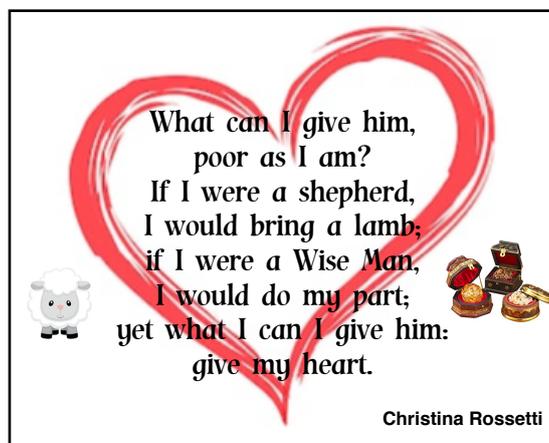
Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the
shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which
the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste
and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the
manger. When they saw this, they made known what had
been told them about this child; and all who heard it were
amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary
treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.
The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all
they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the
child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the
angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Overseas Missions

USPG - For 5 years, USPG has been partnering with the Anglican Church of Tanzania, which runs the Prevention of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission programme. . This virus is still a real challenge and a child born with HIV, is unlikely to reach their 5th birthday. Providing counselling and working closely with the maternal health services, ensures full care for women. A while community now has hope and a future. May we pray that the women gain confidence, have hope for the future for themselves and their families, and no longer feel ashamed.

Mission to Seafarers:-

"At this key moment, we are praying Saint Brendan's prayer:-

Help us to journey beyond the unfamiliar and into the unknown. Give us the faith to leave old ways and break fresh grounds with you. Jesus Christ, we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us. I will trust in the darkness and know that my times are in Your hand. Amen.