



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

6th December 2020
2nd Sunday in Advent

Today's Services

Today	9.30am	Holy Communion at Holkham Hall Chapel
		This will be recorded and uploaded onto YouTube later in the day
	11am	Worship for All at St. Nicholas, Wells
	6.30pm	Taize evening prayer on 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: -
- for those who died at this time in years past: Geoffrey Robinson, June Wincott, Brian (Jock) Teviotdale, Olive Whiteside, Mary Lane and Marcus Allum

Advent Calendar with a difference -

Do you know your Saints??

From 1st to 24th December there will be 24 pictures of saints, with clues, on the ends of pews around St. Nicholas Church. Quiz sheets are 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

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.

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



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This Week

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells

Next Sunday - 13th December

9.30am Holy communion at All Saints Wighton
11am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas Wells, one of these will be recorded put 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

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.

Overseas Missions

Mission to Seafarers:- Missions to Seafarers:- 'At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the situation for seafarers continues to be very difficult'. Words from a Seafarer:- "You probably do not think of yourself as an angel - but it feels to me, you are as we are deprived from going outside these metal structures and I am forever grateful for all the kindnesses that are done voluntarily. The Christmas Service of Light and Hope is this Wednesday 9th Dec. and will be able to view via The Mission webpage or The Mission YouTube channel.
USPG:- Let us give thanks for the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission programme in Tanzania and for all the women who have received support for themselves and their families.

Today's readings

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

New Testament Reading 2 Peter 3.8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

The Gospel Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"'

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. 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.



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. You can also order and view what is available online at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

