



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

17th January 2021
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Services

11am Holy Communion on YouTube

6.30pm Evening Prayer with Healing on Zoom

For the sake of everyone's safety, public worship in church
is suspended until further notice.

Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -

- for those who need our prayers: - Amanda Newton, Gill Smith, Daphne Webber, Sadie Spalding and Rev Alan Elkins
- for those who have died recently: - Irene Spooner, Joan Price and Derek Goodman
- for those who died at this time in years past:- Brian Wright, Anthony Newton and Maureen Raynor.



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

'Help flush away Poverty' St. Nicholas have twinned their toilet.

I have received a letter of thanks to acknowledge our donation of £200, which will pay for three toilets and include a donation of £20. This is a wonderful amount.

This will provide 1 Latrine in the following African countries:-

*Tanganyika, Democratic Republic of Congo.

*Katete, Eastern Province, Zambia.

*Pouan, Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire.

Our certificate will probably arrive next week. Information about their projects can be found on their website. Very many thanks for your generous support. Kate



This Week

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion live streamed on YouTube from the rectory

Next Sunday

11am Holy Communion on YouTube

6.30pm Service for 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' via zoom

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January



Wells Churches Together will be celebrating the Week despite the Lockdown. On Sunday 24th January a Zoom gathering will be held at 6.30pm for all to join in the service on their laptops, iPads or computers, and hard copies will be available to join in 'in spirit'. The daily reflections will be distributed through your church or available on request.

The materials have been prepared by the Sisters of the ecumenical Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland with the theme based on John 15:1-7

"Abide in my love and you shall bear fruit".

All the material can be found on the WPCU website but please contact Alison Bowles if you would like to have a printed copy of the Daily Reflections and the Service delivered, and if you wish to be included in the Zoom link invitation.



"Some kind person lent me "A Whole Life" by Robert Seethaler. I have finished it and enjoyed it. But, as is so often the case these days, I have forgotten who lent it to me. I'd be grateful if the owner would reveal themselves. Trevor.

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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. Orders can also be made online at - www.traidcraftshop.co.uk



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.



Today's readings

The Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 1 Samuel 3.1-10[11-20]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

[Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.' As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

New Testament Reading Revelation 5.1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

The Gospel John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.