



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

**3rd January 2021**  
**2nd Sunday of Christmas**

**Today's Services**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Holkham Hall Chapel  
which 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: - Amanda Newton, Gill Smith, Baby Aminatta and the Edmonds-Camara family, Barry Fowle, Rev Alan Elkins and Joan Price
- for those who have died recently: -
- for those who died at this time in years past:- Frank Bradfield and Mary Sandwell

**This Week**

- Wednesday Epiphany
- 10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
- 7pm Confirmation Service at St. Nicholas, Wells

**Next Sunday**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Wighton
- 11am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Matins at Holkham Hall Chapel
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen.**



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.

**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

**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.

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**Toilet Twinning** 'Help flush away Poverty' ([www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org))

St. Nicholas are twinning their toilet.

We need 7 more people to donate £5 to enable us to supply 2 toilets. Thank you everyone who has supported this project



and I hope we will be able to send our donation this week. We can choose the place(s) where we would like to be twinned with:- Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Pakistan, Uganda and Zambia. Please let me know if you have any preference.

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

**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

# Today's readings

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading

## Jeremiah 31.7-14

For thus says the Lord:  
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'  
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.  
With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

## New Testament Reading

## Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in

heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## The Gospel

## John 1.[1-9]10-18

[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

## Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever.

### 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.



**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](mailto:petmaryc@waitrose.com), phone 01328 710643, or from Kate. Orders can also be made online at - [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)

