



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

3rd Sunday of Easter
18th April 2021

Today's Services

- 11.00am Holy Communion at St. Withburga, Holkham
This service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer with Healing at St. Nicholas, Wells
- 7.30pm Evening Prayer with Healing via Zoom

Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -

- for those who need our prayers: - Revd. Peter Bowles, Revd. Alan Elkins, Baby Evie, Amanda Newton, Diana Claxton, Stella Richardson and Gill Smith.
- for those who have died recently: - Gary Anthony
- for those who died at this time in years past:- Betty Colins and Hilda Swanson



Friday COVID Prayer Chain

Thank you to all who have been praying with us on a Friday. If anybody would like to have a slot or would like to find out more please contact Katrina on tel. 711099



This Week

- Monday 6.00pm Holkham APCM via Zoom
- Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
- 6.00 pm Wighton APCM via Zoom
- Thursday 6.00pm Wells APCM via Zoom
- Friday 6.00pm Warham APCM via Zoom

Next Sunday

- 11am BCP Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
- 6.30pm. Celtic Evening Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
and via zoom

Our regular Quiet Prayer meetings are now restarting. On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month we meet for half an hour of meditation and guided prayer. Please feel free to come and join us.

Zoom joining details for all APCMs

Topic: APCM & AGM meeting
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88920097663?pwd=T3haVnVzWHYzOFpRU29KMFBkUmhHdz09>
Meeting ID: 889 2009 7663 Passcode: 724767
To join by phone dial 0208 080 6592 & you will be asked to enter the Meeting ID & Passcode on your keypad

Visiting Churches and Attending Worship

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,	Daily	10pm - 4pm
St Withburga, Holkham,	Thurs - Sunday	10am - 4pm



God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christian Aid Week - 9th - 16th May.

A sponsored sunrise to sunset (5.30am to 8.30pm) walk along the North Norfolk Coastal path is being planned by the Wells and Walsingham District Group. Some walkers will walk all day (phew 😊) and others for part of it. We are hoping to do the walk on Tuesday 11th May. If you would like to join in part of the walk, please contact Kate on 01328 711312 or 07826 280915 To sponsor the 'Walkers' contact Margaret on 01328 710584 The money raised will help to continue the essential building of more dams in Kenya. Thank you from Kate and the Christian Aid Team.

Rector

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Traidcraft - Wells Churches support this charity and all items you buy will give much needed help. If you wish to make an order please contact:- Mary Cundy- 01328 710643 or mary@greenbee.net. For more info contact Kate:- 01328 711312 or kate.clodd321@gmail.com or you can order from:- Traidcraft :- www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

Wells Churches collect for the Food bank.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support the Foodbank. Wells hospital and the Co-op are working together and deliveries are made from the hospital to those who need it in Wells and the villages on a Friday. Donations can be taken to Wells Hospital or the Co-op. Money donations are also very welcome.

Today's readings

The Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.

1st Reading Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

2nd Reading 1 John 3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The glory of God appears.
A wondrous light strikes us to the heart.
All is quiet and blissful.
Behold: there is no judgement, no sinner,
no just man, no great and small;
there is no punishment, no 'reward'.
An overwhelming love.

Mahler's Resurrection Symphony

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Gospel Luke 24.36b-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here
Come bow before him now
In reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.

Two interesting points about Luke's account of the empty tomb. Three women come to the tomb, not just Mary Magdalene. Luke is much more positive about the role of women in the gospel story. There are more of them and they play a more honourable part. Here are three 'Apostles to the Apostles'. But their typical reaction here is fear. None of the participants in this story believes or understands immediately, but then, would we? They have clearly refused to believe Jesus when he foretold his death and resurrection. It didn't fit in with their preconceptions and hopes of a God-powered victory over Rome. Nor of death as the Last Enemy, as St. Paul says in 1st Corinthians, but when the stranger expounds Scripture to two of the disciples on the Emmaus Road their hearts are moved within them and when the stranger at their invitation graces their evening meal together in an unmistakably eucharistic style they know him.

I want to finish with a short traditional prayer I often use the evening before a communion service:

As watchmen watch for the morning, so do our eyes look unto thee, O Christ. Come with the dawning of the day and make thyself known to us in the breaking of bread, for you are our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr Peter