



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

Trinity 2 Proper 6
13th June 2021

Today's Services

9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Wighton
which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
11am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
and via Zoom

Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -

- for those who need our prayers: - James Goodman, Baby Evie, Amanda Newton, Diana Claxton, Stella Richardson and Gill Smith.

- for those who have died recently: - Alan Miller

The funeral of Alan Miller will be at Mintlyn Crematorium on 25th June at 3.15pm and it will be live streamed



This Week

Wednesday 16th June

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day

Thursday 17th June

10.00am Quiet Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
1.45-3.30pm Little Fishes parent and toddler at St. Nicholas Wells
If you would like to join us and have tea and cake, please let Kate know.

All Saints, Wighton now has six new chairs with arms and padded seats for use on social occasions, meetings or during services. These are in memory of the late George Mitcheson who left a legacy to the church in his will. The Mitcheson family have owned a house in Wighton for over 30 years and remain strong supporters of the church.



Refugee Week 14th-20th June

Join us at the Friends Meeting House Garden, Church Street, Wells
Wednesday 16th 10am-12.30pm and Saturday 19th 2-4.30pm

Tea, coffee and cake Produce
Book Stalls Silent Auction

Raising funds to get a picnic bench for New Routes Allotment Group in Norwich. This project helps refugees and asylum seekers to improve their physical and mental wellbeing whilst growing their own food. More details are on the poster in the church porch notice board.

Next Sunday 20th June

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St. Withburga, Holkham
which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
11.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
6.30pm Evening Prayer with Healing at St. Nicholas, Wells
and via zoom

Visiting Churches and Attending Worship

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 the churches are now open daily from 10am - 4pm

Future Events

Monday 2nd. August

9.00am-9.00pm 'Music Marathon' in aid of the refurbishment of our church organ. Local professional and amateur musicians will be performing all through the day. More details later.

Wednesday 4th August

'Desert Island Discs'. Celebrity Guest Carol Starkey from Wells Post Office, will be interviewed by Jill Catmull and choose 8 of her favourite pieces of music.

Both events are free but donations welcomed

Christian Aid Week

The Sunset to Sunrise Coastal Path Walk for Christian Aid:-
Final total to be given next week.

If anybody of any of the churches has anything which they would like me to put in this sheet, please feel free to email me. The dead line for the 20th and 27th of June is THIS WEDNESDAY 16th as I am going away. Rachel

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.

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Today's readings

The Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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 15.34 - 16.13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Gospel Mark 4.26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Samuel 11:534 - 16:13 - Remember four weeks ago I wrote that the apostles chose a method of selecting a replacement for Judas which seemed to be based on this story. Here the result is startling. David's family left him out of the reckoning because he was the youngest and sent him out to look after the sheep. (A good qualification for a ruler when you think about it) but seniority or even superior height was obviously felt to be more important. But the qualities God desires in us are not the obvious or impressive ones. David was the baby of the family. This sort of pattern crops up a lot in the Bible. Jacob is the younger twin and a bit of a mum's boy (though apparently physically very strong). Isaac was the second son (but Ishmael was the son of a secondary wife).

Jesus speaks of the mustard seed, described by poetic licence as the smallest of all seeds, but which grows into a tall shrub.

The Kingdom does not grow by force or political cunning or the deployment of wealth but by humble love and warm friendship.

The person God wants to represent him is possibly the last person you might think, You?

But remember it's hard to be humble, not just when 'you're perfect in every way' but specially when the charge is to be a loving friend to whoever God gives you.

Fr. Peter