



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

Trinity 3 Proper 7
20th June 2021

Today's Services

- 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St. Withburga, Holkham
which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
11am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
6.30pm Evening Prayer with Healing 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, Gill Smith
- for those who have died recently: - Billy Jarvis and Alan Miller
- for those who died at this time in years past : - Bill Fox, Denis Clodd



This Week

- Wednesday 23rd June
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
Friday 25th June
3.15pm Funeral of Alan Miller at Mintlyn Crematorium
which will be live-streamed

Next Sunday 27th June

- 9.30am Family Communion at All Saints, Wighton
11.00am Family 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

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

USPG:- Windrush Day 22nd June, marks the anniversary of the ship MV Empire Windrush docking at Tilbury docks on 22nd June 1948, with its passenger list of over 500 people mostly from Jamaica. We pray that from the extreme discrimination and institutionalised discrimination suffered by these young adventurers, we may learn to love all of God's creation and embrace all fellow human beings with dignity and respect.

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.

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.



Little Fishes :- Thank you to all the helpers who supported our 'Power of the Wind' activity afternoon on Thursday 3rd June. We had a great time with 12 families attending.

Christian Aid Week

The Sunset to Sunrise Coastal Path Walk for Christian Aid:-
The final amount raised was a fantastic **£4935.**
A BIG Thank you to all who walked and gave money

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

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. Rachel

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Today's readings

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 17:32-49

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for

the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Gospel Mark 4.35-end

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

I once heard a talk on David and Goliath given in Leipzig by a very funny and lively English rabbi, Jonathan Magonet. His thesis was that Goliath suffered from acromegaly, a congenital condition that makes people very tall and unsteady on their feet, though frightening to look at—rather like a Walt Disney giant; that David's slingstone struck him not on the forehead, as it says in the Bible, but that it jammed just under the kneecap, and felled him just as reliably. It only needs one letter to be different in the Hebrew Text.

That's as may be; it's an interesting idea, no more. Whatever; David used his God-given wits and skill, not heavy armour, to kill the Philistine and give his nation the courage to attack and beat their enemy.

The baby of his family became the hero of the Israelites, the poster boy of the Jerusalem girls (see chapter 18, vv. 8,9) and the bosom friend of Saul's son Jonathan, but these achievements earned him the paranoid enmity of Saul (who sensed that David would replace him).

David became the great king of Israel but he was involved in several wars to keep his throne and he was a very human hero. Fallible Lancelot, not pure Sir Galahad. But he established a dynasty that Jesus was said to be a descendant of, though it had long been usurped by the time of Herod the Great.

Give thanks for God's wisdom in choosing a skilful, shrewd and charismatic person whose leadership would resound for 1000 years and be made available to millions of people worldwide to this day. Hosanna to the Son of David. Fr. Peter