




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

Trinity 10 Proper 14
8th August 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
Please stay for refreshments after this service 
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
- 7.30pm Evening prayer on Zoom

This Week

- Wednesday 11th August
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
- Thursday 12th August
2.00pm Funeral of Monica Escalante at St Nicholas Wells
followed by burial at Wells cemetery

Next Sunday 15th August

- 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
also via zoom

Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -

- for those who need our prayers: - Sherrill Dye, James Goodman, Baby Evie, Amanda Newton, Diana Claxton, Stella Richardson and Gill Smith
- for those who have died recently: - Monica Escalante
- for those who died at this time in years past : - Ron Tabor, Margaret Palmer, Shirley Dobson and Carole Arnold



Crossfire update:

It's all systems go for Crossfire. This Tuesday the staging, which will go on top of the dais, goes into church at St Nicholas and will be there until September 6th. Worship will not be affected and will continue in the main body of the church.



Thank You !!

Steve and Revd Brenda would like to thank the team at St Nicholas for allowing them to take over the church for two days to rehearse and perform 'Touch live' and for providing the wonderful interval refreshments.

A massive thank you to all who helped with providing and serving refreshments, and welcoming guests to the events this past week at St Nicholas church. the Music Marathon, Desert Island Discs and 'Touch! Live'. It was great to see so many people enjoy the wonderful quality and variety of music.
Margaret and Kate

Future Events

- Wed 18th Aug 6pm** BBQ at 'The Midden' Warham Road, Wells. Courtesy of Chris Beale. In aid of our Overseas Missions. Tickets £7.00 available from Kate 07826 280915 or Margaret 01328 710584. If you would like to come, please sign your name on the list on the bier at the back of the church before Monday 16th August. You can pay on the day if you wish. Please bring your own drinks, cutlery, plates and chairs. It has always been a great event and do invite your family and friends.'
- Sun 22nd Aug 6.30pm** Annual Lifeboat Service on the Quay
- Sun 29th Aug 11am** Harvest Festival at All Saints, Wighton followed by 12.15 Lunch - All welcome
- September 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th 7pm.** 'Crossfire' - An imaginative portrayal of St. Nicholas and the Town of Wells through 10 centuries enacted by people of Wells using word, music and song.
- Sat 11th Sept** Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride
- Sun 12th Sept** Firefighters Thanksgiving Service in St. Nicholas Churchyard



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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.



Today's readings

The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

New Testament Reading Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own

hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Gospel John 6.35,41-51

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Transfiguration (Friday 6th August) Luke 9.28 -36

The conventional comment about this story is that it is an anticipatory resurrection story. This doesn't help very much to my mind. I heard someone talking about it on the radio (forget who unfortunately) who started a new line for me. This year we have Luke's account of the story and he is the only one who mentions that Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray. Jesus was transfigured while he was praying. The speaker said something like prayer is not going to God with a shopping list of petitions. Though don't feel selfish about asking God for things - Jesus tells us to. But prayer is more opening yourself up to God for him to fill you. Jesus does that here and he becomes luminous with the presence of the living God (and don't we sing "Spirit of the living God.. make me, mould me, fill me".)

But something happens to the disciples too. We read that this event took place a week after the occasion at Caesarea Philippi when Peter recognises Jesus as the Messiah. The disciples see Jesus in a new light pretty well literally and it all comes real for them on the mountain. In the Bible mountains are places of revelation (think of Moses on Sinai or Elijah on Carmel), but the disciples have to learn that you can't stay on a high. Read on.

In the next few verses they know they have a very difficult task to do. and that is the truly important thing.

Fr Peter