



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

**Trinity 15 Proper 19**  
**12th September 2021**

**Today's Services**

10.30am Benefice Worship at All Saints, Wighton  
this service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day  
6.30pm Evening Prayer 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: - Wendy Yaxley
  - for those who died at this time in years past : - Maggie Palmer, Evelyn Rowley and Bill Tipler
- The Funeral of Wendy Yaxley of Wells will be held at Cromer Crematorium on Monday 13th Sept. at 12 noon



**This Week**

Wednesday 15th September

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

Thursday 16th September

10.00am Quiet Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells  
1.45pm Little Fishes at St. Nicholas, Wells

**Next Sunday 19th September**

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St. Withburga, Holkham  
This service will be recorded and uploaded onto YouTube later in the day

11.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells  
There will be a traidcraft stall available after the service

6.30pm Evening Prayer with Healing at St Nicholas, Wells  
which is also available via Zoom

*We had a wonderful response to the "Crossfire" production last week with full attendances every evening which was very rewarding after a lot of hard work by so many people to which we owe a great deal of thanks. Lovely team, wonderful atmosphere and very worthwhile.*

*Bridget*



**Upcoming Events**

26th September

11.00am Harvest Festival at St. Nicholas Wells, Service will be followed by a bring and share lunch

21st October

7.00pm Spud and Quiz evening in the Gordon Barrett Hall,  
more details to follow

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. From 19th September the collections boxes will be back in church, until then you can continue to donate at the co-op or the hospital.



If anybody from any of the churches has anybody they would like adding to the prayers or anything else they would like adding to this

**Mission Overseas**

**Mission to Seafarers:-** One of the projects is a Seafarers Happiness Index which gives seafarers around the world the chance to say how they feel about their life at sea.

Here is a message from John- a Filipino seafarer "I just felt that telling my story to Seafarers would alleviate my depression or anxiety I am sometimes experiencing. I know I can trust you guys' coz every time I go to the mission centres it was so relaxing and refreshes my spirit."

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# Today's readings

## The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Proverbs 1.20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.  
At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

## New Testament Reading James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes

strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## The Gospel Mark 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus was coming back from his mission to the Jews of the Lebanon ('the lost sheep of the house of Israel') and stopped off at a beautiful place on the lower slope of Mount Hermon, nowadays called Banias, in earlier days Panias, as there were little shrines to the pagan god Pan cut into the cliff face above a clear spring of water full of trout. Up till this point Jesus had striven to keep his identity secret. Here he comes out.

Peter, impetuous and eager to please, recognises him as the Messiah. People had seen he was a special holy man, probably one of the ancient prophets come back to life. Peter shows why Jesus has kept his calling secret, for Peter has no idea what being Messiah involves. He blurts out: No, Lord! these horrible things will never happen to you. In effect, 'You're being morbid. it's going to be a turkey shoot. We'll drive the Pagans out of Jerusalem.'

Peter gets called Satan (the tempter) for his trouble.

But the Gospel is realistic. The Kingdom can only be established at risk of death, not wishful thinking.

**Jesus still asks us Who do people think I am? Who do you think ? What does it mean for your life?**

**Certainly not the things you wish for, Success, public respect, a comfortable life, safety.**

**And pray for the Christians of Afghanistan, who are going to have to take up their cross daily to follow Jesus!**

Fr Peter