



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

*Christ the King*  
*21st November 2021*

**Today's Services**

9.30am Matins in Holkham Hall Chapel

11.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells

This Service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day

Please stay for refreshments after this service

There will be a Traidcraft stall available after this service

6.30pm Evening Prayer with Healing at St. Nicholas, Wells and via Zoom

As you will have heard, part of the Deanery plan being discussed is for our clergy to work more closely together and to help out in each other's patches. Many of you will already know Rev Steve Wood who is Priest in Charge in the Burnhams Benefice. He and Rev Brenda have both been active at Heritage House and he took a funeral at St Nicholas earlier in the year. This Sunday they are doing a 'pulpit swap'. Rev Brenda will be doing two services at St Mary Westgate and Rev Steve will be at Holkham and Wells.

**Our Prayers**

**In our benefice this week we pray especially: -**

- for those who need our prayers: - Chris Beale, Janette Mitchell, Peggy Offord, Baby Evelyn, Sherrill Dye, James Goodman, Amanda Newton, Diana Claxton, Gill Smith, Stella Richardson and Tony Parkington.

- for those who have died recently: - Tracey Lear

- for those who died at this time in years past : - Shirley Palmer, Frederick Pointer, Shelagh Beale and Joan Abel.



**This Week**

**Wednesday 24th**

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

**Friday 26th**

2.30pm Funeral of Tracey Lear at St. Nicholas, Wells, followed by cremation at Cromer Crematorium, please note that due to the huge numbers expected, those attending will be asked to wear face coverings.

**Next Sunday 28th November**

9.30am Family Communion at All Saints, Wighton  
This service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day

11.00am Family Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells

6.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells and via Zoom

**Posada Part 2**

You may know, Mary and Joseph are traveling through Wells in order to reach St Nicholas Church by 24th December. Being very small their journey will be an arduous one, which it is estimated will take the whole of the Avent period as they are traveling with a flock of 24 lambs.

Are you able to offer B&B for one night only? Any Inn, stable, or manger would be acceptable.

Joseph would like to thank you with a gift of a lamb to be kept as a pet.

Offers please to Katrina & Alan 711099, Kate 711312 or Margaret 710584



Choir is having an extra rehearsal on Monday November 29th in preparation for performances at Christmastide, the Community Carol Service and other carol services in the area. You don't need to be able to read music or attend every rehearsal so, if you're interested, do come along. You will be most welcome whenever you can make it. Contact Kate or Brenda if you need more information.

Heritage House is still desperately short of volunteer drivers to pick up and drop home guests. If you can help even a little bit please get in touch with Steve Cheshire on 01328 711333.



with Christmas preparations in mind... avoid buying silvery wrapping paper or glittery cards, they have to go into land-fill. re-think your Christmas gifts - e.g. search the Traidcraft catalogue (find one in church), adopt an animal/ woodland, gift a charity donation card

Please pass on to me any tips you'd like to share, Alison

**Future Events**

- 1st Dec Bishop Jane Steen, Bishop of Lynn, is visiting the Deanery. Her itinerary will take in Wells Community Hospital, the Bowling Green pub for lunch and a pig farm in the Creakes and at the end of the afternoon all are welcome to a Q&A session followed by Compline. Time and venue to be confirmed.
- 3rd - 5th Dec Wells Christmas Tide - Christmas Tree Festival in Congregational Hall. Little Fishes and Christian Aid will be decorating trees (More details later)
- 3rd Dec 6-8pm Christmas Tide Carol Singalong on the Buttlands
- 15th Dec 1.15pm Churches Together and Community Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church
- 2nd Jan 12.30pm St. Nicholas Lunch at The bowling Green - There will be more details and next week

If anybody from any of the parishes has anything they would like added to this sheet, please email me on rknewstead9@gmail.com

Wells Churches collect for the Food bank. The collection boxes are now back in St Nicholas' church, Wells hospital and the Co-op are working together and deliveries are made from the hospital to those who need it in Wells and villages.

If anyone would like to help deliver foodbank boxes to people in our area or volunteer to answer the "HUB" phone occasionally please contact Wells Community Hospital 01328

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# Today's readings

## The Collect

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading

**Daniel 7.9-10,13,14**

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.  
As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

## New Testament Reading

**Revelation 1.4b-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who  
is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the  
dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and  
Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.  
Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.  
'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and  
who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## The Gospel

**John 18.33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus,  
and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered,  
'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'  
Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the  
chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'  
Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my  
kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to  
keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my  
kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?'  
Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born,  
and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone  
who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

## Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may  
by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It's often a good idea to get your Bible out and read, if not the whole chapter, a lot of the text surrounding the readings. There's often a lot of useful context that's been left out, and today that applies to the OT and the gospel. I only have room for about 300 words so I'll pass up on Daniel, but the passage from John stops one sentence short of a line which gives furiously to think when Pilate says: 'What is truth?' .... He went out again to the Jews and said 'For my part, I find no case against him.'

Jesus's refusal to give the political answer Pilate expected left him baffled and fed up. He had no grounds for action, but the Jewish leaders were pressurising him to do things their way. Pilate had no objection to violence and judicial murder (the emperor sacked him a few years later for vicious heavy-handedness) and he had no love for the Jews or desire to do them any favours but there had to be some appearance of due process, and Jesus gave him none.

Questions of truth are at the bottom of what's going on here. and Pilate can't cope. He passes the buck back to where it belongs - to the Sanhedrin, and we know the rest of the story. Ironically, our salvation was won for us by cynicism, opportunism and disregard for the truth.

We live in a period when the word truth is being used by people to mean whatever they like. Remember Trump's talk of 'fake truths'. Hear the the accusations of sleaze being bandied about now on social media and in politics.

We all know what real truth is in our own lives, and we know that games being played with the concept of truth are about power and money.

**Jesus came into the world to bear witness to the truth. In our lives let us struggle to follow him in truthfulness**

Fr. Peter