

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



Sunday 13th March 2022 2nd Sunday in Lent

### Today's Services

We welcome Rt Revd Jane Steen, Bishop of Lynn this morning who will preach and preside at both of our morning services.

- 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Wighton  
Please stay for refreshments after this service
- 11.00am Worship for All at St. Nicholas, Wells  
Please stay for refreshments after this service  
This service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
- 2.00pm Baptism of Beatrix Barnes at All Saints Wighton
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer at St, Nicholas, Wells also via Zoom

### This Week

- The Lent Groups continue this week
- Tuesday 15th March  
2pm Funeral of Valerie Hall at Cromer Crematorium
- Wednesday 16th March  
10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Thursday 17th March  
10am Quiet Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells  
1.45pm Little Fishes at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Friday 18th March  
12 noon Lent Lunch at the Friends Meeting House
- Saturday 19th March  
10.30-12.30 Community Market at St. Nicholas, Wells

### Next Sunday 20th March

- 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Holkham Hall Chapel
- 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 - Lindy Green, Sadie Spalding, Do Powell, Archdeacon Ian Bentley, David Jagger, Baby Evelyn, Amanda Newton, Diana Claxton, Tony Parkington and Stella Richardson
  - for those who have died recently - Valerie Hall and Petronella Crossley
  - for those who have died at this time in years past - David Briggs, Joy Bryett, June Harman, Baby Poppy Derbyshire, Fiona Warnes, Josie Frary and Beryl Frary.

### Missions Overseas:-

Mission to Sea Farers:- We raised £180 from our Shrove Tuesday Supper for the Mission to Sea Farers. The evening started with a silence and prayer for the people of Ukraine.

We had a table quiz and enjoyed a variety of homemade soups followed by cupcakes and meringues. Thank you to all the 'chefs'.

USPG - Let us pray for continued peace across the island of Ireland. May cross-border peace initiatives be supported and embraced. Do take a USPG prayer booklet for more details of their work.

#### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

#### Ukraine Collection

The church will be manned between 4-6pm Monday to Friday and we will be collecting toiletries, nappies, feminine hygiene items, paracetamol and ibuprofen. No clothing or bedding at the moment please.  
For more details please see Margaret

Archdeacon Ian would like to say

'Thank you for all your messages, cards and gifts that have come our way when the news broke; but thank you primarily for your prayers. Many of you are praying regularly and I can testify that it makes a difference; and I feel buoyed up by the prayers of so many. As a family we feel loved, cared for and supported. I am sorry I haven't been able to reply to the many messages.'

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. Assistance can also be given to those struggling due to the rising cost of fuel.

**Polite notice** - Could you please park on the road if at all possible as the grass is getting very muddy. Church Wardens @ St. Nicholas

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# Today's Readings

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading

## Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

## New Testament Reading

## Philippians 3.17 - 4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## The Gospel

## Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During Lent, we have below a prayer for each day of the week (apart from Sunday). Each day will focus on a different aspect of life in Wells, across our nation and the world.

### Monday

As the tragedy in Ukraine unfolds, we pray each day for all those suffering or afraid. Protect the old, the very young, the sick and weary. We pray for world leaders in this moment of crisis; may compassion and wisdom guide them.

### Tuesday

Lord of the nations, grant to the leaders of our country the will to take courageous action against aggressors and those who persecute. We pray that they act with generosity of spirit to welcome those who seek refuge in our land.

### Wednesday

We pray for our community, especially this week, for all those who live and work in the Northfield and Maryland areas, the school and the nursery, on Polka Road and out towards Warham and Stiffkey. May they find fulfilment in their work and joy in family life.

### Thursday

O God, we pray for the churches in our town and in our Benefice. Help us to find you in everyone we meet and share the gifts you give us with all people. We ask your blessing on our local ministers: Revd Brenda, Fr Keith, Revd Cliff and the Quaker Meeting..

### Friday

Today we thank you for those who serve our country in the NHS and pray that you bless them in their work and they be encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care among us. We pray for our Wells Medical Centre as they move into a new phase of life.

### Saturday

Lord, who loves all that is created, touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each person and each thing, to be filled with awe and to recognise we are profoundly united with every living thing creature  
*Pope Francis*