

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



Sunday 6th March 2022 1st Sunday in Lent

Todays Services

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Holkham Hall Chapel
This service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
- 11.00am Worship for All at St. Nicholas, Wells
Please stay for refreshments after this service
- 6.30pm Taize Evening Prayer at St, Nicholas, Wells
also via Zoom

This Week

- The Lent Groups start this week
- Tuesday 8th March
6pm Wighton PCC AGM in Church followed by PCC
meeting somewhere warmer!
- Wednesday 9th March
10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Friday 11th March
12 noon Lent Lunch at the Friends Meeting House

Next Sunday 13th March

- 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Wighton
11am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Wells
6.30pm Taize Evening Prayer at St Nicholas, Wells and via Zoom

Rt Revd Jane Steen, Bishop of Lynn, will be visiting with us and will preach and preside at both of our morning services, It will be a pleasure to welcome her to our parishes.
Do join us in making her welcome.

Our Prayers

- In our benefice this week we pray especially :-
- for those who need our prayers - Archdeacon Ian Bentley, David Jagger, Baby Evelyn, Amanda Newton, Diana Claxton, Tony Parkington and Stella Richardson
- for those who have died recently - Valerie Hall, Petronella Crossley and Alan Walker
- for those who have died at this time in years past - Hugh Purchas

Missions Overseas:- USPG:-

We pray for the Anglican Church in Zambia where the Diocesan Gender Justice Programme are supporting women who are in an abusive marriage. The programme keeps them safe and provides grants so the women can earn money to buy food for their children. One woman 'Loveless', was able to buy seeds in order to grow crops which she then sold and also bought a bicycle to enable her children to travel to school more easily.

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.

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

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,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Moses spoke to the people saying:

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

New Testament Reading

Romans 10.8b-13

What does scripture say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel

Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living
bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During Lent, we have below a prayer for each day of the week (apart from Sunday).

Monday

Today we pray for the peace of the world, for the people of Ukraine.
Lord, grant an end to the conflict. We pray for the safety of those left behind and those fleeing their homes. Bless the Russian people with a spirit of peace.

Tuesday

We pray for our country. Grant us wise government, that they act justly towards those living at the margins.
Especially this week, we pray that we as a nation act to welcome and give hospitality to those seeking refuge here.

Wednesday

We pray for our town, thinking especially this week of those who live and work in the East End of Wells, the fishermen, all who find work or leisure on our waters, on the Quay and at the whelk sheds. Keep them all safe.

Thursday

We pray for the church and all Christians throughout the world. We pray for Christians suffering persecution that they may be given support, protection and the courage to bear witness when they are called to.

Friday

God the Creator, we pray for the natural world. Give us the understanding to protect it and the determination to take positive and effective action.

Saturday

God of love, we thank you for all your gifts that sustain us in life and in love of neighbour, family and friends. May our lives this coming week be a blessing to all whom we meet.