

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



Sunday 1st May 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

Todays Services

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Withburga, Holkham
 Which will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
- 11.00am Worship for All at St. Nicholas, Wells
 With the baptism of Obi Palmer
 Please stay for refreshments after this service
- 6.30pm Songs of Praise at St. Nicholas, Wells



This Week

- Monday 2nd
 12 Noon Anamusica - See **Music in May** box
- Tuesday 3rd
 4pm Churches Together AGM in Methodist Hall
- Wednesday 4th
 10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Thursday 5th
 10am Quiet Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
 1.45-3 Little Fishes at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Friday 6th
 3pm Funeral of Doris Williams at Cromer Crematorium
- Saturday 7th
 7.30pm Serendipity Woodwind Trio -
 See **Music in May** box

Next Sunday 8th May

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

Music in May

- Mon 2nd 12Noon Anamusica - Baritone and Bassoon
- Sat 7th 7.30pm Serendipity Woodwind Trio
- Mon 9th 12Noon Anamusica - Two flutes....or more!
- Sat 14th 2.30pm Chanter's Jigge
- Mon 16th 12Noon Desert Island Discs with Rev. Brenda as Guest Castaway
- Fri 20th 7.30pm Bach Cello Suites
- Mon 23rd 12Noon Musical Entertainment from the Wells Schools
- Mon 30th 12Noon Anamusica - 14 year old Organ scholar who also plays piano and cello

Monday lunchtime concerts are free and are followed by a soup lunch (£5)
 Tickets for the Friday and Saturday concerts are £10,
 Glasses of wine, soft drinks and light refreshments will be available after the evening concerts.
 The afternoon concert will be followed by tea or coffee and cake,
 Tickets available from Kate or Alison

Sat 28th 10am-8pm Music Marathon - (in aid of the Organ Fund) Drop in any time to listen, light refreshments and soup available all day.

Help!! If anybody is able to help with homemade soups for the lunchtime concerts please see Margaret

Christian Aid Week

15th-21st May. The Walsingham Way.

A group people from the Wells and Walsingham Christian Aid will be walking the 'Walsingham Way' from Norwich Cathedral to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

If you interested in joining them for all or part of the walk, please contact Judith 07751711035, Kate 07826280915, or Helena 07981097118.
 If you would like to sponsor a walker please contact Margaret on 07905422151. More details to follow.

Our Prayers

- In our benefice this week we pray especially :-
 - for those who need our prayers - Claire Tabor, Archdeacon Ian Bentley, Evelyn Waits, Amanda Newton, Tony Parkington and Stella Richardson.
 - for those who have died recently - David Cox and Doris Williams
 - for those who have died at this time in years past -
- Funerals Doris Williams at Cromer Crematorium on Friday 6th May at 3pm
 David Cox at Cromer Crematorium on Wednesday 11th May at 12 Noon

Missions Overseas:-

USPG:- The church in Myanmar provide education to remote communities across the country. They have recently given financial support for a new boarding house to provide accommodation that is safe and in a happy environment.



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 Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.

First Reading

Acts 9.1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Second Reading

Revelation 5.11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

The Gospel

John 21.1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

John 21.1-19. There are three words in the New Testament we have to translate 'Love'. One is the famous but rather rare word agape, used by Paul in his famous Hymn to Love at 1 Corinthians 13 (which we looked at on the fourth Sunday of Epiphany); but two words are used in the discussion between Jesus and Peter in today's gospel. Agape is the first, the other is Philia, ordinary warm human friendship (we derive our terms like philately - stamp collecting - from it!). The third word (not used in this passage) is eros, meaning a desire or longing for someone or something, a physically attractive person or perhaps like the desire represented by the statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus or that of a philatelist for rare stamps.

When Jesus first asks Peter if he loves him he uses agape. Do you love me with sacrificial Christian love? Peter says 'Yes, you know I love you', but the way he phrases his reply shows that he has self-doubt. He has denied his Lord three times. Jesus might well think he doesn't really love him and so he says he loves Jesus with philia, fallible human love. Jesus asks again in the same words: Do you love me with agape? and Peter answers in the same vein. Jesus asks a third time but this time he asks if he loves him with philia. Peter gets upset. 'Lord you know everything. You know that I love you with fallible human love.'

And Jesus answers the third time with a charge to Peter - 'feed my sheep!' Peter is not only forgiven and accepted - he is raised to the honour he has always tried to claim; that has led him to shoot his mouth off so often in his eagerness to please his Lord. Jesus has given him the great gift he has so far lacked and so badly needs. Honest self understanding.

And Jesus promises him the highest honour of all. The martyr's crown. Peter too will be crucified.

Fr Peter