

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



Sunday 3rd April 2022

5th Sunday of 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 with Baptism 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 continue this week
Monday 4th April
4pm APCM at St. Nicholas, Wells } See
6pm APCM at Holkham Estate Office } Box
Wednesday 6th April
10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
Thursday 7th April
1.45-3pm Little Fishes at St. Nicholas, Wells
Friday 8th April
12 noon Lent Lunch at the Friends Meeting House
Saturday 9th April
No Messy Church - Easter Activity afternoon on Thursday 14th
with Little Fishes and the Pilgrim Cross families.

- 4th April Annual Parochial Church Meetings
4pm at St. Nicholas, Wells followed by afternoon tea
6pm at Holkham Estate Office followed by PCC meeting
These meetings are for all on the electoral role of the parish and please
attend if you can

Ukraine Collection - A HUGE Thank you to all who donated. Four Trucks have
made their way to the Ukraine now. We have stopped collecting now.

Holy Week and Easter Services

- Sunday 10th Palm Sunday**
9.30am Wighton HC with Palm Cross procession
11.00am Wells HC with Palm Cross procession
6.30pm Wells Evening Prayer
- Monday 11th Holy Monday**
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Tuesday 12th Holy Tuesday**
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Wednesday 13th Holy Wednesday**
10.00am Holly Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Thursday 14th Maundy Thursday**
3-4pm Easter Activities at St. Nicholas, Wells
6.30pm Holy Communion and Stripping of the Alter at
St. Nicholas, Wells
- Friday 15th Good Friday**
11.00am Stations of the Cross at All Saints, Wighton
2.00pm Meditations on the Cross at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Saturday 16th Holy Saturday**
7.30pm Easter Vigil at St. Nicholas, Wells
- Sunday 17th Easter Day**
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Withburga, Holkham
11.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
4.00pm Holy Communion at All Saints, Warham

We're delighted that we will be welcoming back our friends from the
Wells Leg of Pilgrim Cross, formerly called Student Cross. We missed
them these last two Easters although their wooden cross was put to good
use in their absence!

Our Prayers

- In our benefice this week we pray especially :-
- for those who need our prayers - Roger Arguile, Archdeacon Ian Bentley, Evelyn Waits, Amanda Newton,
Diana Claxton, Tony Parkington and Stella Richardson
- for those who have died recently - David Jagger and Sadie Spalding,
- for those who have died at this time in years past - Rodney Brown, Michael Rainsford, Margaret Scott, Betty Partridge

Missions Overseas:-

USPG:- We pray for the people of North India especially for the Dalits who are considered as outcasts and suffer systematic exclusion and discrimination under the caste system. We thank God for the USPG volunteers who help the children access and afford education, proper nutrition, clean water and proper sanitation.

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

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my

Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel

John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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

Heavenly Father, as we enter Passiontide we pray 'Your will be done'. Help us in heart and mind to travel imaginatively with Jesus in the company of his disciples on his last journey to Jerusalem to fulfil His Father's will.

Tuesday

Lord Jesus the peacemaker, be with those who tirelessly negotiate for a peaceful settlement between Ukraine and Russia. We pray for those with power over war and peace, that weapons of death and destruction may be laid down. Above all, we pray for all your precious people caught up in the conflict.

Wednesday

We pray for our community especially for those people who live and work in Staithe St, all those who offer hospitality, those who deliver everyday needs to housebound people, volunteers based at Wells Maltings and Homes for Wells. We also pray this week for those who work to keep people safe on our waters.

Thursday

We pray for those opening their homes to refugees, especially those in Wells in the coming weeks, as adjustments to lifestyles are made and new relationships forged. We pray also for refugees across the world who still seek safety and a welcome. Lord, protect them.

Friday

Lord Jesus, each day come and be our guest in our homes to sit at our table and be in our midst throughout the day. By your presence, make our household a place of infinite grace, kindness, a place of possibility and full of the Life that is you.

Saturday

We pray for our farmers as they sow their spring crops and help their stock to birth. Guide and help them through the challenges of higher prices for feed, fertiliser and disease protection. Bless them as they seek to care for their land sustainably for years to come.