

# Welcome

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

April 23rd 2023 Third Sunday of Easter



Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting every parishioner on their church's Electoral Roll is warmly invited to come and support their APCM

## Today's Services

**9.30am** Holy Communion, All Saints Wighton  
**11am** Holy Communion, St Nicholas Wells  
**6.30pm** Celtic Worship, St Nicholas Wells

### In our prayers this week we remember....

- those who need our prayers: Emma Stewart, Angela Fennell, Angela Martin, Keeley Tipper, Evelyn Waits and Amanda Newton
- all those who have died recently: Michael Sidwell, Margaret Collison, and Michael Palmer.
- those who died at this time in years past: David Cox, Ruth Whiting and Mark Dunthorne.

## This Week

**Mon 24th, 12-1.30pm**, a warm space and welcome waiting for you at the Community Lunch, Congregational Hall. Donations  
**Mon 24th 6pm**, St Nicholas Annual Parochial Church Mtg, in church  
**Tues 25th 12 noon**, Funeral of Michael Sidwell, Cromer Crematorium  
**Wed 26th 10.30am** Prayer & Praise Methodist Church  
**Thurs 27th 2-4pm**, Community Supermarket, St Nicholas  
**Thurs 27th 6 for 6.30pm**, Quiz Night in aid of Handbells restoration. Meat/veg cobbler, cake. Bring your own drink. Congregational church. Tickets £8 from 'Eli & Me' or Suzanne 710208.  
**Fri 28th 4pm**, Choir rehearsal, St Nicholas

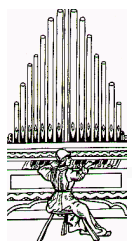
## Next Sunday 30th April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**9.30am** 'Celebration of Spring'  
**11am** Holy Communion, St Nicholas Wells  
**6.30pm** Celtic Worship



### WIGHTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL 29th April - 1st May

Children's scarecrow competition at 2.30pm Sun 30th takes place on the common opposite the Carpenters Arms. Voting for the village competition, refreshments & raffle each day in the church.



**A display about the restoration of our fine 150 year old Forster & Andrews organ** is now in church. Do take a look and you will see wonderful photos and detailed information on the history of the organ and its present state of decay demonstrating the urgent need for its refurbishment. We are very grateful to Chris, our organist, and Christine Hey for assembling the display.

Next time you wander down Staithe Place take a detour through the 'old' churchyard and you will find six nest boxes fixed to trees.

Geoff Finkemeyer and fellow Mens Shedders made them for one of last year's Conservation Activities run by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (part of the Heritage Lottery Programme). Geoff and Kevin Thatcher put them up this last week in places as advised by the NWT.



We are very grateful to them for overseeing this conservation project.

Congratulations to Brodie Deakin baptised at St Nicholas yesterday

## Dates for your Diary

**May 2nd Tues 3pm** Concerts start with 'Duos with a Difference' (see below and pick up a programme at back of the church)  
**May 7th Sunday 6pm** Coronation Praise, St Nicholas  
**May 10th Wed 3.30pm** Churches Together AGM. All welcome  
**May 13th-20th** CHRISTIAN AID WEEK  
**May 13th Sat** Bring&Buy Stall, Walsingham in aid of Christian Aid  
**May 16th Tues 3pm** Concert: 'Amamusica' St Nicholas  
**May 20th Sat, 10-12am** Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Caprice, Clubbs Lane

## St Nicholas' Spring Concert Season

### Tuesday May 2nd

Duos with a Difference: Steve Bingham and Brenda Stewart (violin, viola, electric 5-string violin + bass pedals).

### Friday May 5th, 12noon,

Wells Primary School pupils with music teacher, Matthew Preston followed by Soup Lunch (£5)

All afternoon concerts followed by Tea & Cake. Donations for St Nicholas Church. Please distribute programmes among friends, family and neighbours.

## Supporting Overseas Partners USPG

a message from the Anglican Chaplain in Warsaw: 'Our church has helped refugees while awaiting permission to travel to England under the Homes for Ukraine scheme and continues to offer help with accommodation and other expenses. We are continually reminded of the importance to pray for peace, not just for our nearest neighbours, but for all people on God's earth.'



The Easter party in church for the Ukrainian families staying locally was a great success, a lot of



fun and much appreciated. We enjoyed delicious traditional food, painting eggs and much more.

**How Churches Thrive.** Bp Jane and Archdeacon Catherine are hosting zoom sessions to share ideas to highlight current issues and encouraging stories from rural churches. Anyone interested in joining the next session on Wed 26th April 6-7pm? contact Alison 07494749999

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## TODAY'S READINGS

### 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.

### POST COMMUNION

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,

### **Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and  
addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let  
this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that  
God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you  
crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said  
to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we  
do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of  
you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be  
forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the  
promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far  
away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he  
testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying,  
'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who  
welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three  
thousand persons were added.

### **Peter 1.17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **Luke 24.13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus typically reveals himself alive by a characteristic act of communication. He speaks to Mary using her name, with its overtones of love. He reveals himself to Cleopas and his companion in the breaking of bread, with its profound meanings of sharing and sacrifice. Does his living presence among us, his body, reveal itself in the love we have for one another and to share it with our neighbours?