

*Wollaston, E Maudit, Bozeat & Strixton church community***Worship this Sunday - 2nd Jan****online from 11am** (via youtube, facebook, websites)*Live stream of the service at Wollaston*

onsite: 9am Holy Communion @ Strixton
 9:15am Morning Prayer @ Bozeat
 11am Morning Worship @ Wollaston
 11am Holy Communion @ E Maudit

Readings for this Sunday

Jeremiah 31.7-14
 Psalm 147.13-21
 Ephesians 1.3-14
 John 1.10-18

General information

St. Mary's, Wollaston is open for private prayer each Friday, 10am to 12pm. All welcome.

Car parking for Sunday morning at St. Mary's, Wollaston - we do have permission to use the limited number of spaces at the Scott Bader Commonwealth centre.

Giving - if you would like to give regularly to support the work of the church please contact the individual church treasurer:

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Booking St. Mary's Church Community Hall in Bozeat - please contact Chris & Linda Brett on 01933 665831

Online services are continuing

St. Mary's Bozeat & Wollaston, Northamptonshire
 Youtube channel:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiJR-fqRHF2J4mnccy4A9TQ>

Prayer Chain - St. Mary's, Wollaston runs a prayer chain where needs will be prayed for by a team of people. Use the confidential email, websprayerlink@gmail.com, to send in your requests.

This Newsletter - to receive a copy by email or include an event etc in the notices, email Adrian (see overleaf)

Prophetic Word for 2022**Are you ready to enter the flames?***Daniel 3: 16-18*

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

I feel like the Lord is saying that the year 2022 will be a year of holy fire. For some it will be the fire of your first love, of entering into relationship with Jesus for the first time or returning to the passion you had when you first knew him (Revelation 3:14-18). For others it will be a fire of spiritual awakening that will equip you with new gifts of revelation and power. Not only will you have wisdom and courage, but you will see Holy Spirit move within your life in miraculous ways, giving you prophetic visions and dreams. (Acts 2, Joel 2). For another group it will be a fire of surrender, of allowing the Lord to burn away everything in your life that does not bring him glory. This is the blessing of discipline, of those he calls forth from the multitudes, from a face in the crowd, to be an intimately known son or daughter of the king (Matthew 3:12). For yet another group it will be a fire of persecution, a time when you will be faced with a choice: Will you continue to follow Jesus even though it costs you everything? (Daniel 3)

And I feel like the Lord is saying, "Just as Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego followed me into what looked like death, so I am asking you. Unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives (John 12:24). They were confident of my power, my goodness, my faithfulness and love. They knew that I, the great I AM, was what held every cell of their bodies together (Colossians 1:17), they knew that in me they lived and moved and had their being (Acts 17:28), and they had faith in my sovereignty (Psalm 115:3). Their reward was not only an escape from the heat of the flames, but more importantly, a heavenly revelation of me in my glory, which changed not only their own lives but served as a powerful witness unlike any other. The evil king, Nebuchadnezzar, was utterly transformed by what he saw when my saints entered the fire: they were not consumed, and a fourth, like the son of man, walked among the flames with them. His response to their supernatural submission to suffering set a new decree that everyone in that nation would turn from idols and worship, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

So I say to you, in 2022, do not fear the flames. You will find me in the midst of them. I will save you from them and deliver you through them if you, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, hold tightly without wavering to the hope you profess, for I, your God, can be trusted and I keep my promises (Hebrews 10:23)."

- **Face coverings** when attending church - following the government's announcement and the move to 'Plan B'; face coverings are now mandatory in places of worship... with the current increase in infections, it is now advised to keep your face covering on when singing!
 - **New Toddler group** starting in the New Year at St. Mary's, Wollaston. It will be called 'Toddlers, Toast and Toys (3Ts)', it will run on Tuesday's, 10-11:30am, and will start on Tuesday 25th January. More details to follow, but contact Louise Morton (01933 664256) for more details, and do spread the word...
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New for 2022...

The Benefice needs a **new Safeguarding officer**. Mark Short has done this job amazingly well for a number of years but will be laying down this responsibility following the next round of annual meetings in the Spring. The following is from the Diocese website:

In the Peterborough Diocese we take safeguarding children and vulnerable adults very seriously. We are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our community.

The Diocese of Peterborough will:

- *Promote a safer environment and culture*
- *Safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church*
- *Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation*
- *Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons*
- *Care pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons*
- *Respond to those that may pose a present risk to others*

Every parish or benefice has a named Safeguarding Officer whose responsibilities include ensuring that everyone who has significant contact with children or vulnerable adults is properly checked and monitored. We work closely with the police and social services when specific concerns about children or vulnerable adults arise.

This is really an important and vital role within the Benefice and if you feel you might be able to take it on, please have a word with Mark or Adrian about what is involved. Many thanks, Adrian

The Daylight shop on Cambridge Street Wellingborough has now fully reopened for 5 days a week except Mondays. Donations of items to sell can now be taken into the shop. The shop will also take bags of rags which are turned into cash to fund the work of the Daylight Centre. Opening times are 9.30am to 4.30pm. All money raised, approximately £1,000.00 per week, funds the work of the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough. Please do give them your support. Thank you.

Hardship Fund - With energy prices rising fast, just a reminder that there is a hardship fund available for members of the congregations across the Benefice or for those known to you who need some short term help with their finances. Do speak confidentially with Adrian for more details.

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