

# All Saints, Coddington



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WILLOWS  
& ALL SAINTS, CODDINGTON

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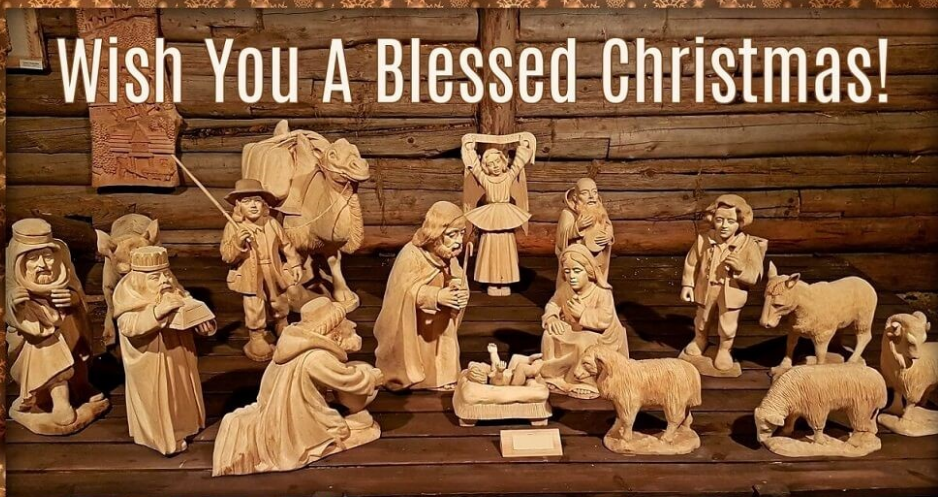
St Giles, Balderton

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*December 2019*

Wish You A Blessed Christmas!



# From the Vicarage

*Thanks to Canon John Chambers for this month's contribution*

## Are we there yet?

We always seem to be in a hurry to get to places and if there's a short cut I am sure most of us would take it. In science fiction, we see some creative solutions to that question. Characters can teleport from one place to another and I suspect that many of us would be tempted to use such methods if we could to avoid long journeys and satisfy our impatience. However, if we could do that, we would lose out on what those journeys could have entailed. Imagine, for example, arriving instantly at your destination of Ambleside having not travelled through the beautiful Lake District.

This is how I see Advent; a rich and important journey which we so often miss as we get sucked in to the commercial belief that Christmas is already here. I am writing this letter in November and the shops have been full of festive Christmas cheer for over a month already. The irony is that while our shops and media begin Christmas early and end it on 25 December, in the Church, Christmas truly begins on 25 December. The Christmas season then continues into January until Epiphany, by which time the shops have long forgotten it and are stocked ready for Valentine's Day! It seems to me that at best, Advent is misunderstood and used only as a countdown to Christmas.

## So what is Advent all about?

Well it is, of course, partly to do with remembering Jesus' birth and, because of where Advent is placed in the Church calendar, we cannot but help looking forward to the Nativity. Opening doors on our Advent calenders, (chocolate ones please), does indeed help us countdown until Christmas. However, and I'm sorry if I shock you, this is not what is at the heart of Advent.

The word comes from the Latin *adventus* which means 'coming'. So the season of Advent can be thought of as a time of looking to the past as we remember Jesus coming to earth as a baby, and to the future in anticipation of his second coming.

For Christians this changes the way we engage with Advent, it shifts its focus from the past to the future, and in turn challenges us to look at how we live our lives in the present.

Of course we need to think about Christmas before the day — shopping, decorations, nativity rehearsals, cake making and so on — but despite the excitement and anticipation that Christmas brings, there is still room to experience the significance and richness of the Advent journey.

Christmas is a time of great hope and joy. What better time to take on a new challenge together. May God bless you this Christmas and as you travel on your advent journey.

# DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES



## **Sunday December 1st: Advent Sunday**

**9.30 am Holy Communion**

*Readings: Isaiah 2. v 1-5; Romans 13. v 11-14; Matthew 24. v. 36-44*

## **Sunday December 8th: Second Sunday of Advent**

3.00 pm Christingle

## **Sunday December 15th: Third Sunday of Advent**

4.00 pm Carol Service

## **Sunday December 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

6.00 pm Lessons & Carols

## **Christmas Eve**

11.30 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

*Readings: 2 Samuel 7. v 1-5, 8-11, 16; Acts 13. v. 16-26; Luke 1. v. 67-79*

## **Sunday December 29th: First Sunday of Christmas**

10.00 am Benefice Service at St Giles, Balderton

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***Every Monday: 9.15 am Morning Service***

## **Contact Information**

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## CHURCH NOTICES

*If you have any safeguarding concerns about children, young people, or vulnerable adults, then please contact our Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Dilys Carby.*

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*If you have any concerns about health & safety in the church or churchyard, then please contact our Health & Safety Co-ordinator, Nigel Hayman, on 01636 673204.*

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*Should you be in need of first aid, our First Aid Kit is located in church on the wall to the left of the vestry door.*

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*Please note that instances of dog fouling in our churchyard have recently increased. Please be alert to this and report instances to the Church Wardens –*

*Yvonne Hayman  
on 07977 696772,  
or Sue Lovell  
on 01636 676707.*

*If appropriate, please alert people to the need to respect the families of those buried in our churchyard by not allowing their dogs to use it as a toilet, and the need for them to pick up their dog's poo if necessary!*



## NOTICE-

### ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS FAIR

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes and gifts, not to mention time spent running games and stalls. Thanks to those who came to support and spent their hard earned cash and to Santa for welcoming and making everyone feel jolly. We raised a grand total of £1025.35.

Barbara and Sheila,  
On behalf of The Fund Raising Team

### Please pray for:

We pray for those who are ill at this time and for those who are grieving and mourning the loss of loved ones.

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Please continue to pray for Pit Stop, Little Fishes, our new youth group, the coffee drop in and our new men's group, as well as the home groups. If you want to know more about any of these please contact Revd Louise at the vicarage



We are writing to thank you for your very generous donation in OCTOBER 2019

This weighed in at **48.9 kgs!**

We are really grateful for such generosity at Harvest Time.

Jenni Harding, Newark Foodbank  
PR & Fundraising Co-ordinator



# BOARD

The final PCC meeting for 2019, scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December, has been cancelled due to its proximity to the re-arranged PCC meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Therefore, the next PCC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 4 February 2020** at 7.00 pm. Please make a note in your 2020 diaries that the APCM will be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2020 at 7.00 pm

The Bonus Ball winning number for November was 40. Congratulations to John Draycott who has won £25 this month.



The December draw is the last in the current 6 months period for 2019

If you wish to continue for the January to June 2020 and would like the same numbers please contact me ASAP. I am aware that some people want to change numbers so the sooner you let me know, that you wish to continue, the better the chance you have of keeping your number. The cost is still £1.00 per month paid in advance.

Many thanks, Sheila

*All Saints, Coddington  
invites you to a*

## CAROL SERVICE

*Sunday 15th December  
@ 4.00 pm*

Bring your singing voices  
and enjoy a joyful evening  
singing Christmas Carols



## WELCOME

DOGS TO PLEASE BE KEPT ON A LEAD  
IN THE CHURCH YARD.

PLEASE ALSO PICK UP ANY MESS  
THAT THEY MAKE

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN  
RESPECTING THIS SACRED SPACE  
FOR THOSE WHOM THIS CHURCHYARD  
IS THE RESTING PLACE OF  
AND FOR THEIR LOVED ONES.



# Who are we praying to ?

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You are all invited to our

## ADVENT COURSE

WHO  
ARE WE  
PRAYING  
TO?

### A FOUR-SESSION COURSE

*written by David Wilkinson*

- Praying with Perseverance
- Praying in the face of unanswered prayer
- Praying for the marginalised
- Prayer and Covenant

THURSDAYS

@ 7.00 - 8.30 PM

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28TH NOVEMBER, 5TH, 12TH & 19TH DECEMBER

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ST GILES CHURCH, BALDERTON



**facebook.**

Check us out.... @CoddingtonAllSaints



free for all ages refreshments

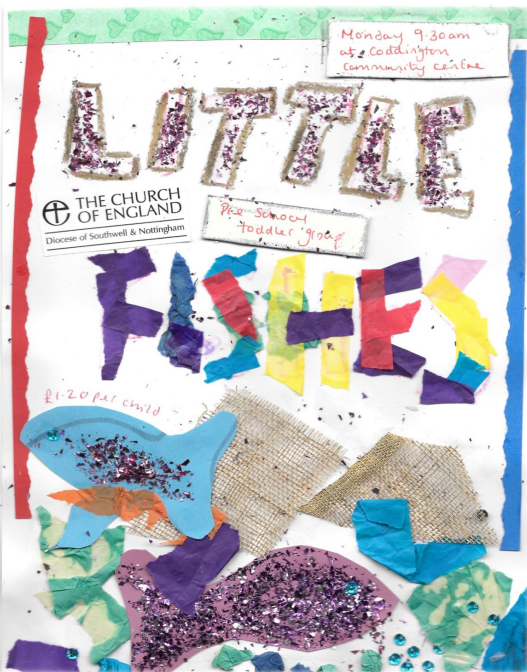
craft, story & play



Every First Thursday of the month

(For an hour after school. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult.)

Coddington Community Centre



'Little Fishes' baby and preschool group. Craft play, bible story time and refreshments at Coddington Community Centre on a Monday 9:30-10:30 am during term time



It's that wonderful time of the year...

## ST GILES' CHRISTMAS FAIR

Father Christmas / Stalls / Crafts / Gifts / Entertainment / Cakes & Refreshments

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 10.00 AM TO 1.00 PM

St Giles' Community Hall, Main Street, Balderton



All Saints, Barnby  
invite you to their

## CAROL SERVICE

Monday 16th December 2019 @ 7.00 pm

A JOYFUL EVENING SINGING OUR  
FAVOURITE CAROLS

BRING YOUR SINGING VOICES!

## **Ecclesiastical to donate £120,000 to good causes as part of its annual 12 days of giving Christmas campaign**

As part of its annual 12 days of giving Christmas campaign, Ecclesiastical Insurance will be giving 120 different charities an early Christmas gift of a £1,000 donation, with 10 winners announced each weekday from 5 to 20 December. Winners will be drawn at random – and while it is not a popularity contest, the more times a charity is nominated the more chance it has of being selected. Ecclesiastical is inviting people to nominate a registered charity close to their hearts to benefit from this festive boost.

Nominations are open from 5 November to 19 December and you can vote for your charity at **[www.ecclesiastical.com/12days](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/12days)**

## **North Aisle Roof**

Work started on 25 November 2019 on the new roof to the north aisle, to replace the lead one stolen earlier in the year. The new roof is made of terne-coated stainless steel. Work should be completed by 20 December 2019. For the duration of the works, scaffolding will be in place on the north side of the church. The scaffolding will be fixed and alarmed. If you have any queries about this work, then please contact Sue Lovell, Church Warden.

## **Outgoing Chief Executive presented with oak tree**

Friends and colleagues gathered at Southwell Minster to say farewell to Canon Nigel Spraggins, the former diocesan Chief Executive.

The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomed Nigel and the congregation, which included staff from Jubilee House, to the service.

Bishop Paul Williams paid tribute to Nigel, saying: “You have the gift to hold and express the big vision and yet to hold the individual in your heart... you are known and deeply respected by the people here today.”

Nigel preached and was later presented with the gift of an oak tree sapling, referencing the tree that features in the diocesan Growing Disciples logo and the significance of the oak in Nottinghamshire.

Nigel has been Diocesan Chief Executive since 2007 and is leaving to become Director of Development and Governance with the Archway Learning Trust, an expanding Nottingham based Multi Academy Trust.





All Saints is your village church, a beautiful and historic community building, here for all in the parish and beyond. It needs looking after and keeping open and for this we need volunteers to help. Could you give a little of your time and talents for this ?

Below are some of the tasks involved:

- ◇ **Altar Guild**
- ◇ **Cleaning Duties**
- ◇ **Church Open Days**
- ◇ **Fund Raising Events and Coffee Mornings**
- ◇ **Refreshments after Services.**

For more information please contact:

Joan on 07896415047

## ALL SAINTS' CODDINGTON – OPEN CHURCH DATES 2020

As always, we are looking to extend our team of volunteers to assist us with the roof grant requirement that we be open for 40 (non-service) days per annum. If you can assist us with these 1-hour slot rotas we would be very grateful. Please contact Joan Rigby on 07896 415 047, or Sue Lovell on 01636 676707, for more information.

If you are unable to commit to being a volunteer, then do please pop in for a coffee/tea; chat; choose a book; prayer; quiet reflection; ..... as we would love to see you and our volunteers would love having you to visit! Also, please bring along your family and friends, and remember to sign our visitors' book, as a return on our visitor numbers each year has to be made to English Heritage in support of our roof grants.

### DATES for YOUR DIARY 2020

<b><u>MARCH 2020</u></b> Saturday, 14 March 0930-1530 Wednesday, 27 March 0900-1500	<b><u>APRIL 2020</u></b> Wednesday, 1 April 0900-1500 Saturday, 4 April 0930-1530 Wednesday, 8 April 0900-1500 Wednesday, 15 April 0900-1500 Wednesday, 22 April 0900-1500 Wednesday, 29 April 0900-1500
<b><u>MAY 2020</u></b> Saturday, 2 May 0930-1530 Wednesday, 6 May 0900-1500 Wednesday, 13 May 0900-1500 Friday, 15 May 0930-1530 Wednesday, 20 May 0900-1500 Wednesday, 27 May 0900-1500	<b><u>JUNE 2020</u></b> Wednesday, 3 June 0900-1500 Saturday, 6 June 0930-1530 Wednesday, 10 June 0900-1500 Wednesday, 17 June 0900-1500 Friday, 19 June 0930-1530 Wednesday, 24 June 0900-1500
<b><u>JULY 2020</u></b> Wednesday, 1 July 0900-1500 Saturday, 4 July 0930-1530 Wednesday, 8 July 0900-1500 Wednesday, 15 July 0900-1500 Friday, 17 July 0930-1530 Wednesday, 22 July 0900-1500 Wednesday, 29 July 0900-1500	<b><u>AUGUST 2020</u></b> Saturday, 1 August 0930-1530 Wednesday, 5 August 0900-1500 Wednesday, 12 August 0900-1500 Wednesday, 19 August 0900-1500 Friday, 21 August 0930-1530 Wednesday, 26 August 0900-1500
<b><u>SEPTEMBER 2020</u></b> Wednesday, 2 September 0900-1500 Saturday, 5 September 0930-1530 Wednesday, 9 September 0900-1500 Wednesday, 16 September 0900-1500 Friday, 18 September 0930-1530 Wednesday, 23 September 0900-1500 Saturday, 26 September 0930-1530	

ALL SAINTS,  
CODDINGTON  
ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU  
*Christingle*

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 3.00 PM

*Join us as we think about the  
work of the Children's Society*

*Jesus is the Light of the World*





# CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

## **Sunday 1st December**

9.30 am Family Gift Service, St Giles, Balderton  
6.00 pm Advent Carol Service, St Giles, Balderton

## **Saturday 7th December**

10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Giles' Christmas Fair, St Giles' Community Hall

## **Sunday 8th December**

3.00 pm Christingle, All Saints, Coddington

## **Tuesday 10th December**

6.00 pm Carols at Fernwood Community Centre

## **Wednesday 11th December**

6.00 pm Scouts Carol Service, St Giles, Balderton

## **Sunday 15th December**

4.00 pm Carol Service, All Saints, Coddington

## **Monday 16th December**

7.00 pm Carol Service, All Saints, Barnby

## **Tuesday 17th December**

2.30 pm Carols at The Oaks Nursing Home  
7.00 pm Rotary Carol Service, All Saints, Coddington

## **Wednesday 18th December**

7.00 pm Annual Carol Service, St Giles, Balderton

## **Thursday 19th December**

11.00 am Carols at Lancaster Grange Nursing Home

## **Sunday 22nd December**

9.30 am Nativity Presentation, St Giles, Balderton  
4.00 pm Lessons & Carols, All Saints, Coddington

## **Christmas Eve**

3.00 pm Christingle, St Giles, Balderton  
11.30 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist, St Giles, Balderton  
11.30 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist, All Saints, Coddington

## **Christmas Day**

10.00 am Family Communion, All Saints, Barnby  
10.30 am Christmas Day Family Service, St Giles, Balderton

## **Sunday 29th December**

10.00 am Benefice Service, All Saints, Coddington