



Welcome to the United Benefice of

St Giles Balderton, All Saints Barnby in the Willows & All Saints, Coddington

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Sunday 1st December **Advent Sunday**

8.00 am	Holy Communion St Giles, Balderton <i>Revd Louise Holliday</i>
9.30 am	Family Gift Service St Giles, Balderton <i>Please bring your unwrapped gift and wrapping paper, to be donated to the Salvation Army Toy Appeal.</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion All Saints, Coddington <i>Revd Phil Smith</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion All Saints, Barnby <i>Revd Phil Smith</i>
6.00 pm	Advent Carol Service St Giles, Balderton <i>Come and find out what we're waiting for....</i>

ADVENT CANDLE SONG (Tune: ANGEL VOICES)

Advent 1

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.



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

9.30 am	Parish Eucharist St Giles, Balderton <i>Revd Louise Holliday</i>
OT Reading	Isaiah 11. 1-10 Beryl Reed
Epistle	Romans 15. 4-13 Colin Reed
Gospel	Matthew 3. 1-12 Jean Newson
Intercessions	John Dodd
Offertory	Bellringers
3.00 pm	Christingle All Saints, Coddington
6.00 pm	Evensong St Giles, Balderton
First Reading	Amos 7 Kath Hirst
Second Reading	Luke 1. 5-20 Deborah Pollard

St Giles' Christmas Whist Drive:
Wednesday 11th December at 7.15pm
in St Giles' Community Hall

Donations for the whist drive or raffle are much appreciated. Please give your items to Derrick Hough.

Sunday 1st December

Collect

Almighty God,
As your kingdom dawns,
Turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
That we may be ready to meet you
In our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

OT Reading - Isaiah 2. 1-5

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
3 Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Epistle - Romans 13. 11-end

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; 13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel - Matthew 24. 36-44

36 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,[a] but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42 Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day[b] your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
Make us watchful and keep us faithful
As we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
That, when he shall appear,
He may not find us sleeping in sin
But active in his service
And joyful in his praise;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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

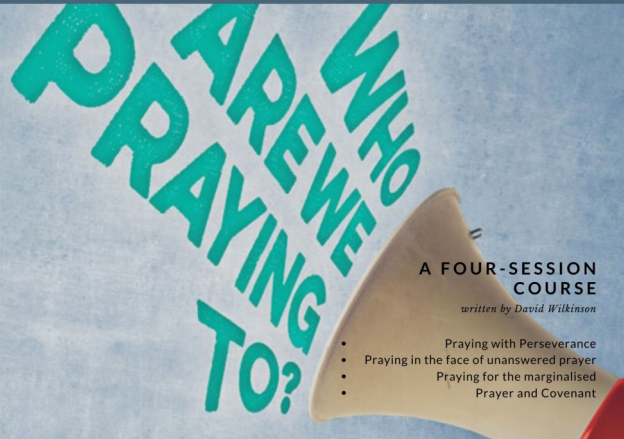
BRING YOUR SINGING VOICES!

There will be NO YOUTH GROUP on the last Friday in December.
Youth Group resumes on Friday 31st January 2020

Who are we praying to ?

You are all invited to our

ADVENT COURSE



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

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

ST GILES CHURCH, BALDERTON

Please continue to pray for our youth group, the coffee drop in, as well as the home groups. If you want to know more about any of these please contact Revd Louise at the vicarage



This month's urgently needed items are:

Long Life Fruit Juice (not squash)

Long Life Milk

Sponge Puddings (Tinned or Microwaveable)

Alcohol free Christmas puddings

Christmas treats

Chocolate biscuits



For full shopping list see the BBC website

Notices

Plastic Bottle Tops: Help Save the Planet

A great response so far to our collection for bottle tops. Well done, keep them coming.

Save the Children Quiz Sheets, price £1 are now available from Jean Newson and Alison Wilson

Parish Office email address

Please note that with effect from Wednesday 4th December Louise Riley, parish administrator, will only be contactable for BBC-related matters at stgilesbalderton@gmail.com

The nsdeaneryoffice@gmail.com address will no longer be checked regularly.

Come and help us decorate the church for Christmas:

23rd December at 9.00 am



Looking Ahead in the Benefice...

Monday 2nd December

11.00 am Funeral of Mr Victor Sweeney, St Giles

7.00 pm Bellringing Practice, St Giles

Tuesday 3rd December

6-7pm Surgery, St Giles

6.00 pm Rainbows & Brownies Carol Service, St Giles

Wednesday 4th December

9.30 am Prayer Team, St Giles

Thursday 5th December

9.45 am Holy Communion, St Giles

12.30 am Funeral of Mr Douglas Clarke, St Giles

7.00 pm Advent Course continues, St Giles

Friday 6th December

7.00 pm Choir Rehearsal, St Giles

Saturday 7th December

10-1pm St Giles' Christmas Fair, Community Hall

Monday 9th December

10.30 am Funeral of Mrs Doris Doyle, Sherwood Crem

1.30 pm Funeral of Mr Nigel Dewbrey, Grantham Crem

Tuesday 10th December

6.00 pm Fernwood Carol Service

Wednesday 11th December

6.00 pm Scouts Carol Service, St Giles

7.30 pm Christmas Whist Drive, St Giles Comm Hall

Friday 6th—Sunday 15th December

St Mary Magdalene Christmas Tree Festival, Newark

Thursday 19th December

11.00 am Carol Singing at Lancaster Grange



St Giles' Church, Balderton

INVITES YOU TO A

nativity presentation

Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus
together

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22ND 2019
@ 9.30 AM

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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

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