All Saints, Coddington

In the United Benefice of
St Giles, Balderton, All Saints, Barnby-in-the-Willows
& All Saints, Coddington

(In the deanery of Newark & Southwell and the
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From the Vicarage

Thanks to Mr John Dodd
for this month's contribution

"Remember, remember the fifth of November.
Gunpowder, treason and plot.
I see no reason why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot."

This children's rhyme refers of course to the plot to blow up King Charles and parliament in 1605 and which is remembered each 5th November and is a way for people to think about the past and to learn from history so that mistakes are not made again.

November is a time we tend to think of remembering all sorts of things, starting with All Saints Day and of course Remembrance Sunday.

All Saints' Day is a feast day celebrated on **1st November** and an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. I particularly like the thought of remembering all those unknown saints whom maybe we have known (or know) personally. In relation to this, the following quote from Pope John Paul 11 in 2003 seems pertinent:

"We celebrate today the solemnity of All Saints. This invites us to turn our gaze to the immense multitude of those who have already reached the blessed land and points us on the path that will lead us to that destination."

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember *all* martyrs. Originally 13th May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to 1st November.

Remembrance Sunday presents a poignant opportunity to think of and thank all the brave people who have lost their lives or were injured during conflicts and wars. Last year was a particularly special time with the centenary of the end of WW1 but I hope the momentum started then in helping younger generations continue to remember the horrors of war and to avoid such future atrocities will continue. It was certainly very moving hearing the young scouts and guides talk at the service on Remembrance Sunday and I look forward to hearing more this year.

Remembering is very important for us all, from the little things like which day to put the bins out (and which one is it this week?) and what did I come upstairs for? to remembering people. It fascinates me how different things, e.g. songs and smells can trigger memories. I find the older I get, the harder it is to learn lines for plays and have to look for links to hook

things on to remember them. But then our brains are designed to make links along the various pathways and that is how we learn and remember facts, with them becoming second nature and not having to think too closely about how to do things.

Many people worry about losing memories and of developing Alzheimer's and dementia, though long-term memories are easier to hold on to. I am sure many of us have fond memories of our childhoods and of our relatives no longer with us, who will of course have helped to shape the people we are today.

Above all we need to remember our relationship with God and that he loves us and sacrificed his son for us. A true relationship with him will of course shape our lives more profoundly than anyone or anything else. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians Ch 2 v11-13 commands them to remember what life was once like for them and how their lives have been changed.

Remember your desperate situation before God saved you so that you will rejoice in what Christ did for you on the cross.

Let us always thankfully remember and rejoice for what Christ did for us on the cross.

John Dodd

November Sunday Services

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Sunday 3rd November: All Saints Day
9.30 am Holy Communion
Readings: Isaiah 1. v. 10-18

Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Sunday
6.00 pm Remembrance Service

Sunday 17th November: Second Sunday before Advent
4.00 pm Holy Communion
Readings: Malachi 4. v 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3. v. 6-13; Luke 21. v. 5-19

Sunday 24th November: Christ the King
6.00 pm Evening Prayer
Readings: 1 Samuel 8. v. 4-20; John 18. v. 33-37

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Every Monday: 9.15 am Morning Service

NOTICE-

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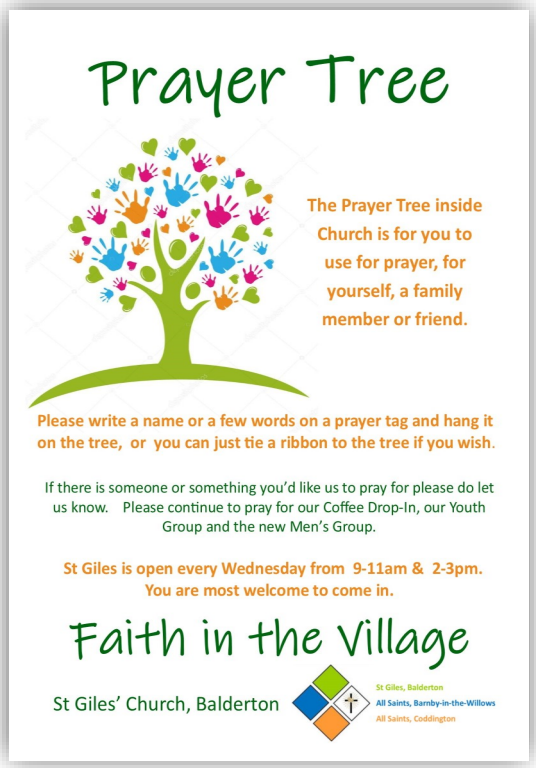
Please note that instances of dog fouling in our churchyard have recently increased. Please be alert to this and report instances to the Church Wardens –

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!

The next PCC meeting *will be held on Tuesday, 5 November 2019 at 1100 am at Yvonne Hayman's house. This is a re-scheduled meeting instead of the one originally planned for 1 October 2019.*

The Cheese and Wine Quiz night on 12th October made £366 for church funds. From feedback, it seems everyone enjoyed it and had a good evening. Many thanks to all who came to support us, our brilliant helpers and a big Thank You to John Kirton who was our Quiz Master.



BOARD

Forward Planning - If anyone would like to donate items for the Church Christmas Fair in November, for Tombola, Raffle, Wine unwanted gift-tables, would they please give them to Sheila Bache or Barbara Horton. Many Thanks in anticipation.

Please pray for:

Prayer Requests

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

A Forum for MEN

Who want to discuss questions of faith & life

For details of the next session
please contact Paul Handley or give the vicarage a call 01636 704811

Do come along. You are all really welcome.

And relax, the only suggestion of physical activity is in our name!

Working out life together

GYM
GOD YOU ME

'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

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/all-saints-coddington/

THE PITT STOP

Everyone is Welcome

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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

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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

16th November
2019
All Saints' Church
Coddington
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
CHRISTMAS
FAIR
In the Church and
Village Hall
Gifts
Quizzes
Games
Music
Refreshments