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

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

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Sunday 9th February
Third Sunday before Lent

9.30 am	**Parish Eucharist** St Giles, Balderton *Revd Reg Walton*
OT Reading	Isaiah 58. 1-9a (9b-12) Paul Handley
Epistle	1 Corinthians 2. 1-12 (13-end) Beryl Reed
Gospel	Matthew 5. 13-20 Colin Reed
Intercessions Offertory	Sue Baldock Wednesday Group
6.00 pm	**Evensong** St Giles Balderton
First Reading	Jeremiah 26. 1-16 Cathy Cross
Second Reading	Acts 3. 1-10 Deborah Pollard

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Sunday 16th February
Second Sunday before Lent

9.30 am	**Parish Eucharist** St Giles, Balderton *Canon John Chambers*
OT Reading	Genesis 1. 1– 2.3 Derek Lee
Epistle	Romans 8. 18-25 Terry Wilshin
Gospel	Matthew 6. 25-end John Dodd
Intercessions Offertory	Michael Wilson Men's Group
11.00 am	**Holy Communion** All Saints, Barnby in the Willows *Canon John Chambers*
4.00 pm	**Holy Communion** All Saints, Coddington *Canon John Chambers*
6.00 pm	**Evensong** St Giles, Balderton

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6th March 2020 and will be held at the Salvation Army Centre starting at 2pm. The Service has been written by the ladies of Zimbabwe and has the title "Rise, take your mat and walk".

If you have difficulty getting to the Salvation Army Centre please speak to either Alison or myself and we may be able to arrange a lift. We would love to see some men at the service so please encourage them to attend.
Linda Lawrence, Alison Wilson

Sunday 9th February:

Collect
Eternal God,
Whose Son went among the crowds
And brought healing with his touch:
Help us to show his love,
In your Church as we gather together,
And by our lives as they are transformed
Into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OT Reading - Isaiah 58. 1-9a (9b-12)
58 Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.
3 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers. 4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is
such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?
6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator[a] shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your
rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the
speaking of evil,

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11 The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 2. 1-12 (13-end)
2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters,[a] I did not come proclaiming the mystery[b] of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom,[c] but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—
10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. [d]
14 Those who are unspiritual[e] do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.
16 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 5. 13-20
13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
17 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,[a] not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks[b] one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Post Communion Prayer
Merciful Father,
Who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we

may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Evensong

First Reading - Jeremiah 26. 1-16

26 At the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from the Lord: 2 Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. 3 It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change my mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings. 4 You shall say to them: Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, 5 and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently— though you have not heeded— 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.
7 The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. 8 And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, 'You shall die! 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, "This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant"?' And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

10 When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, 'This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.' 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, 'It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. 13 Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. 14 But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. 15 Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.'

16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, 'This man does not deserve the sentence of death, for he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.'

Second Reading - Acts 3. 1-10

3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. 2 And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. 4 Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' 5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,[a] stand up and walk.' 7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8 Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9 All the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him .

Mrs Dilys Carby is the **Benefice Parish Safeguarding Co-Ordinator** Please speak to her if you have any concerns regarding the safety of children or vulnerable adults

Looking Ahead in the Benefice…

Monday 10th February

7.00 pm Bellringing Practice, St Giles

Tuesday 11th February

6-7pm Surgery, St Giles

7.30 pm PCC Meeting, St Giles, Balderton

Wednesday 12th February

7.00 pm Alpha , The Willow Tree, Barnby

Thursday 13th February

9.45 am Holy Communion, St Giles

Friday 14th February

7.00 pm Choir Rehearsal, St Giles

Saturday 22nd February

7.00 pm Quiz Night at Coddington Village Hall

(contact Joyce or Bernard Allen for more info)

Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday

7.30 pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

St Giles, Balderton

Saturday 29th February

10-12 Leap Day Coffee Morning,

St Giles' Community Hall. All welcome

Sunday 8th March

4.00 pm Songs of Praise, St Giles

Saturday 14th March

1-2pm Pre-Loved Jumble Sale, Coddington Village Hall.

(Contact Sheila Bache or Barbara Horton)

3.00 pm Afternoon Tea, St Giles' Community Hall

CALLING ALL CHURCH GROUPS….

Yes we know it's early but please could you send your 2019 Group Reports in to Louise Riley at stgilesbalderton@gmail.com by the end of February so that we can make sure the APCM booklet is ready in plenty of time. THANK YOU

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

All Saints, Coddington are looking for a new Treasurer. Please prayerfully consider if this might be something you can help with. For more information speak with Revd Louise Holliday on 01636 704811, or with churchwardens Yvonne and Sue.

ELECTORAL ROLL

As usual we will be reviewing the electoral roll before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The review will take place between Sunday 23rd February and Sunday 8th March. There is a copy of the current roll in the church purch and if you are on that you do not need to do anything. If you aren't and would like to join the roll, please speak to Jean Newson or one of the wardens.

BIG EVENSONG SERVICE
Directed by Patrick Craig
and sung by over 80 upper voices!
in SOUTHWELL MINSTER on
Saturday 15th Feb at 5:30pm
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in aid of
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AFTERNOON TEA
Saturday 14th March
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All proceeds to the
Community Hall
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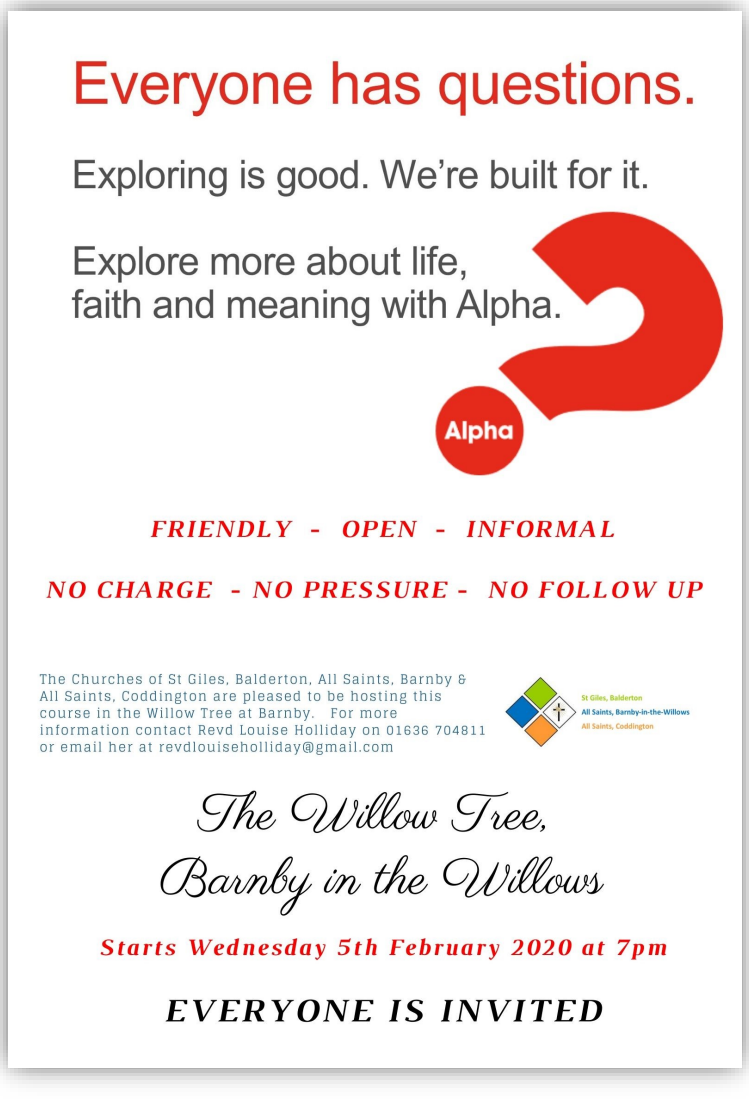
3.00 pm for 3.30 pm
St Giles' Community Hall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