Church news

Sunday 14th February
First Sunday before Lent

It will soon be Ash Wednesday (17th February) and we'd like to invite you to pick up an Ash Wednesday prayer pack from the basket under the porch at the vicarage, or outside St Giles' Church, available from Sunday 14th February. We will also be delivering some so you may get one through your letterbox.

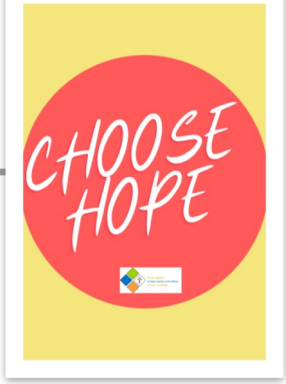
0800 804 8044
DailyHOPE
A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

200 Club Results

The Draw for the 200 Club took place during the online PCC meeting on Tuesday 9th February.
First prize of £47.00 went to No 83 held by Peter Goodwin. Second Prize of £20.40 went to No 38 held by Linda Makey. £68.00 was raised for the Community Hall Development Fund.

Well done to those who won and thanks to all who subscribe.

If you would like to help towards raising funds to improve our Community Hall and in doing so take part in a monthly draw at only £2 per month, please contact me on 01636 605226.



NEWARK FOODBANK

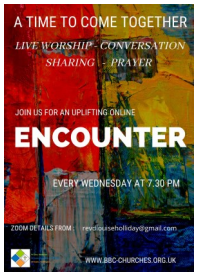
Thank you so much to everyone who is still finding a way to support our local Foodbank.

During January our donations weighed in at a total of 40.5kgs. Well done everyone.

Items needed in February are:

TINNED CARROTS
PASSATA
LONG LIFE MILK
CHOCOLATE BISCUITS
TOOTHPASTE

Newark foodbank



During Lent we will be sharing our own stories of faith during "Encounter" on a Wednesday evening. If you don't have the internet but would like to send in your story of faith, we'd love to receive it.

HELP US TO KEEP OUR NOTICEBOARDS FRESH

Send in your works of art and messages of hope to the vicarage. We'd love to share them both on our noticeboards, on facebook and on our website.

SPREAD HOPE … What can you do?

- Look out for messages and artwork of HOPE around our villages.
- Perhaps design something yourself and put it in your front window for passers-by to see.
- Plant a snowdrop as a lasting reminder of HOPE in one of our churchyards.

The BBC Group of Churches

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

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

2 Kings 2.1–12

2Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2]Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. [3]The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

4 Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. [5]The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. [7]Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. [8]Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' [10]He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' [11]As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. [12]Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Corinthians 4.3–6

[3]And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4]In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [5]For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. [6]For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9.2–9

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3]and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. [4]And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. [5]Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' [6]He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. [7]Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' [8]Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.
9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Children's Group:

For Primary School age children…

Do you know someone with children who might like to join us for arts, crafts, stories?

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.30 am and they'd be really welcome.

To find out more please call 01636 704811 or email revdlouise-holliday@gmail.com.

You can also see what we've been up to over the past few weeks by visiting our website