

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

8 Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
22 The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1.15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1.1-14

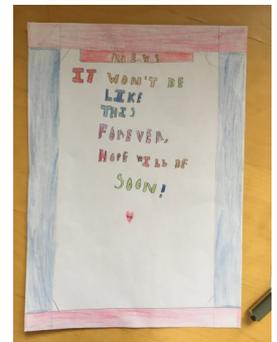
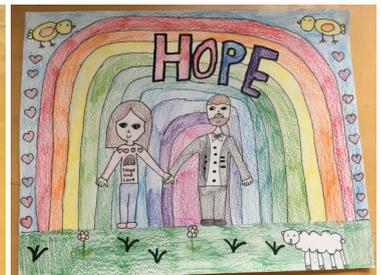
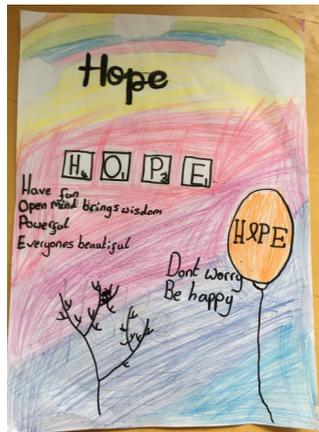
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light

of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



Thank you so much for sending us your pictures of Hope, they are wonderful!!

Look out for them on our noticeboard and around the village and keep them coming.

The BBC Group of Churches

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Free will offerings

Many members of our congregation are generous in their financial support for St Giles at services or through the weekly free will offering envelopes.

Unfortunately because of church service disruption, restrictions of movement and for health reasons not all of these contributions have been made for some months.

It would really help the finances of St Giles if you could make your donations as soon as possible. You can do this via the vicarage or the treasurer's home (54 Queen Street) or if are unable to travel please call the treasurer or the wardens; we wil collect.

Our finances have also suffered from a lack of fundraising events this year. These are wonderful social gatherings but do make a difference to enabling St Giles to pay its way. If you would like to make any further donations in lieu of fundraising activities, please do so as above.

Thank you,
Michael Wilson (St Giles Treasurer)



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

NEWARK FOODBANK

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

Items needed in February are:

TINNED CARROTS
PASSATA
LONG LIFE MILK
CHOCOLATE BISCUITS
TOOTHPASTE



PLANT A SNOWDROP AS A LASTING SYMBOL OF HOPE

St Giles, Balderton: Through the front gate to the right on the bank under the tree

All Saints, Barnby: Through the gate and around the small blue noticeboard

All Saints, Coddington: Through both entrance gates to the right and left of the paths

HELP US PLANT A CARPET OF HOPE IN EACH OF OUR CHURCHYARDS WHICH WILL BE A WONDERFUL REMINDER OF HOPE EACH YEAR

We'd be delighted if you'd help us plant a carpet of hope. Just come along and plant your snowdrop in the areas designated above. If you want help planting or would like to give a donation towards some being planted on your behalf please get in touch with church contacts:

St Giles, Balderton: Dilys Carby 672155 or Kath Hirst 700267
All Saints, Barnby: Yvette Wellard 626780
All Saints, Coddington: Yvonne Hayman 673204



Bring a Cuppa & Join us for prayer on a Thursday morning

10.00 am

For Zoom details email revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com