

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Traditionally this service takes place on the first Friday in March, so would have taken place this coming Friday 5th March. This year it is from Vanuatu, and entitled 'Build on a strong foundation'. There is a worship service that can be found online at wwdp.org.uk.

We are hoping to hold the service at Balderton Methodist Church later in the year. Alison Wilson, Linda Lawrence

OUR CHILDREN NOW MEET VIA ZOOM...

Would your primary school age children like to join us for arts, crafts and stories? We'd love them to join in.



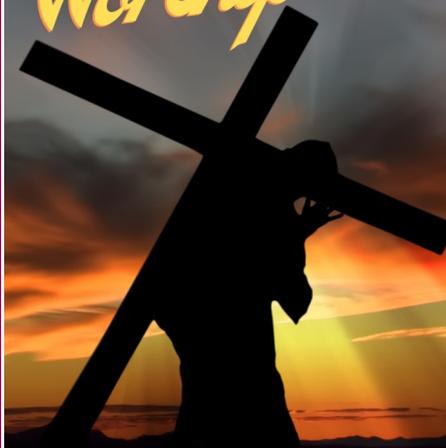
1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH
@ 11.30 AM

We meet via Zoom, email revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com to get the details. We'd love you to join us.



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Online Worship



Join us as this year we travel online from Palm Sunday on 27th March through Holy Week to Easter Sunday on 4th April

www.facebook.com/ChurchinBalderton/

www.bbc-churches.org.uk

NEWARK FOODBANK

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

Items needed in March are:

Passata
Tinned Cold Meat
Tomato Ketchup
Long Life Milk
Jam
Small (500g) bag sugar
Toothpaste



PLANT A SNOWDROP AS A LASTING SYMBOL OF HOPE

It's not too late to help us plant a carpet of hope in one of our churchyards. Just come along and plant a snowdrop in the areas designated. If you want help planting or would like to make a donation towards some being planted on your behalf please do get in touch with one of our churchwardens.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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:

Exodus 20.1–17

20 Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other

gods before me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my

commandments.

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

1 Corinthians 1.18–25

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2.13–22

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING OR SOMEONE YOU'D LIKE US TO PRAY FOR? PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH AND LET US KNOW

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GIVE AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF YOUR CHURCH

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)