Church news

Sunday 4th July
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Revd. Phil Smith writes: -

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter on the longest day of the year (June 21st) when we had all so hoped that the Co-vid restrictions would have been lifted – on reflection that was perhaps a too ambitious target – so roll-on July 19th and let's see what that brings.

The fact is none of us know what the future will hold – that is in God's hands and it is to Him that we have to place our trust.

There is a passage of scripture that I read daily (well almost) – which is taken from the Book of Jeremiah Chapter 29 verses 11-14 – if you are not familiar with the passage grab your Bible or go online and have a look. It speaks of God knowing the plans He has for us, looking out for our welfare protecting us from harm and giving us a future with hope. But then God goes on to remind us that, that will only happen if we make a real effort to engage with Him to seek Him out in prayer with all our hearts – as my dear Mother- in-Law Enid would have said – we need to 'Work at it'.

Which reminds me, if I would ever forget that Charlotte and I will be celebrating our 30th Wedding Anniversary on July 7th which co-incided with our move to Newark, crossing the threshold of our first home together and just as significantly crossing the threshold of our new church to be together - St Giles at Balderton – when Revd. Charles Young was about to retire as Vicar.

Who could have foreseen the plans that God had in place for us and although there have been challenging moments over the last 30 years – we have got through them with God's help and the love and support of our family and friends and no more so than those we have made at St Giles and All Saints' both in our home village of Coddington and at Barnby.

Our deep-felt love and thanks to you all.

I think it is only fitting I should end with the often-repeated words of my Father-in- Law Dennis – 'We have everything, but everything to thank God for'.

So let us enjoy this summer and make the most of it and look forward to the day when we can worship together without our masks!

Every Blessing, Revd Phil

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Sunday 4th July:
10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles' Church, Balderton
3.00pm Songs of Praise in Barnby Churchyard

Thursday 8th July
10.00 am St Giles, Balderton

Please note that it has been decided not to go ahead with the summer fair (games and fun) on Saturday 3rd July in St Giles' Community Hall. Do pop over to All Saints Barnby instead though as they hold their OPEN CHURCH with various activities to enjoy - not forgetting their Songs of Praise on Sunday (4th) at 3pm in the churchyard. Remember your picnic too !

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MIKE BACHE RETIRES

I know that you will all want to join me in expressing a huge thank you to Mike Bache who retires from his position as Reader at All Saints, Coddington this month.

Please hold he and Sheila in your prayers as they enjoy some well earned retirement.

ST GILES TODAY: WE REALLY NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are really excited that our new quarterly magazine will launch in August. Content for the first issue will cover August to October inclusive so please do send in your articles for that period for consideration to stgilesbalderton@gmail.com NOW!. Thank you !

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE HYMN?

There is a suggestion box in St. Giles' Church where you can put your choices. We will hope to include them in some of the services, and at our Informal Songs of Praise on Sunday 22nd August at 4.00pm. *Michael and Alison Wilson*

Holiday at Home

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

Sunday 22nd: 4.00 pm
Informal Songs of Praise – St Giles Church

Monday 23rd: 12 noon
Picnic & Garden Games – St Giles' Community Hall

Tuesday 24th: 10–12
Drop in Cafe & Table Games – St Giles' Community Hall

Wednesday 25th: 7pm
Quiz & Fish & Chips – St Giles' Community Hall

Thursday 26th: 3pm
Afternoon Tea & Scones – St Giles' Community Hall

Friday 27th: 2pm
Sports Afternoon – Coronation Street Playing Field

Everyone is welcome. Just come along and join in.
Tickets for Wednesday and Thursday are available from Linda, Jean & Alison in church

READINGS

Sunday 4th July: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 5. 1-5; 9-10
Ezekiel 2. 1-5
Mark 6. 1-13

We've journeyed together through so much these last few months. As we look to the future, from September we begin our new pattern of services. We really hope you will join us as we start something new.

From September 2021

1st sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION
St Giles' Church, Balderton

6.00 PM FREE TO BE
St Giles' Church, Balderton

2nd sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION
St Gile's Church, Balderton

10.00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
All Saints' Church, Barnby in the Willows

3rd sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION
St Giles' Church, Balderton

4.00 PM : WORSHIP IN THE HALL
St Giles' Community Hall, Balderton

4th sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION
St Giles' Church, Balderton

10.00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
All Saints' Church, Coddington

4.00 PM SUNDAY TOGETHER AT BARNBY
All Saints' Church, Barnby in the Willows

Baptism & Weddings

We love to celebrate with you !
By request at Vestry Hour
Every Tuesday between 6 and 7pm
in St Giles' Church, Balderton

We are really excited to embark upon a new pattern of services, starting in September.

Come along and see what it's all about - and please do invite your friends

We are your church - and we are here for you!

More information on individual services can be found on our website

www.bbc-churches.org.uk