

PEW SHEET

Sunday 26th September: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

A big WELCOME to each and every one of you here today !

TODAY'S READINGS:

Collect

Gracious God,
You call us to fullness of life;
Deliver us from unbelief
And banish our anxieties
With the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

26 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Matthew 6: 25-33

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
May always precede and follow us,
And make us continually to be given to all good works;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES: 3rd OCTOBER

10.00 am Family Communion, St Giles
1.00 pm Baptism, St Giles
3.00 pm Harvest Service, All Saints, Coddington
6.00 pm Free to Be, St Giles

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HARVEST DONATIONS

We will be accepting your donations of dried goods at each of our Harvest services in aid of Foodbank. Thank you in advance :-)

BRING YOUR GARDEN TOOLS

Another churchyard working party will take place on Sat 25th Sept from 10am to 3pm, plenty of little jobs need doing. Bring a few garden tools along and gloves. We'll have a tea break too! Eco-church is growing.

NEXT EDITION OF NEW MAGAZINE

The next edition of our new magazine will be due soon. If you have any items for consideration please send them to Louise Marshall at the vicarage, or via email at stgilesbalderton@gmail.com by 1st October (November, December, January issue).

CAIRN OF ROCKS AT ST GILES

Once again throughout the month of November we invite you to decorate a stone or rock and place it in our cross frame as a mark of Remembrance.

ST GILES MUMS & TODDLERS ARE BACK

Every Monday in St Giles' Community Hall

9am - 10.30am. £1.50 per family.

Come for a friendly chat and a cuppa while your children play in a safe environment.

DROP-IN COMMUNITY CAFÉ FOR EVERYONE

We are now open !!! Every Thursday 2-4pm in St Giles' Community Hall. Come along - bring a friend - make new friends - coffee, cake and conversation.

4 @ The Hall had a great first session on Sunday.

Here's what people said they enjoyed:

"I came to support the new format Sunday event at the hall and had no idea what to expect. It was wonderfully welcoming, friendly and informal. Very thoughtful activities which could involve children and adults. Very good modern music."

"The friendly welcome; the chance to sit and chat; the table set-up; chance for the children to do some colouring and take part in some activities; the singing; the blend between structured/unstructured time"

"I thought the activities were great and there was a nice balance between the children being able to do some colouring and then also being active"

"Couldn't have asked for a better session! Amazing"

CONSTRUCTION OF ST GILES' NET OF POPPIES

Thank you so much for all your wonderful creations, I have been overwhelmed by the donations.

We are now at the difficult stage of attaching all the poppies to the net. I will be running two working parties in St Giles Community Hall, small hall on:

Monday 4th October 11am until 4pm

Tuesday 5th October 1pm until 5 pm.

Do you have 10 minutes, half an hour, an hour or even longer to help attach the huge number of poppies to the netting?

If you can tie a knot you can attach a poppy! We are not sexist so would love to see some of our men come and help.

I will be arranging further working parties when I know how much more there is to do. Please bring a darning needle or equivalent plus a pair of scissors with you.

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- and of course don't forget to visit St Giles during the season of remembrance to see what great things our community are capable of.



ALL WELCOME



LET'S GIVE THANKS



HARVEST IN OUR CHURCHES

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

10.00 AM ST GILES, BALDERTON

4.00 PM ALL SAINTS, BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS

SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

3.00 PM ALL SAINTS, CODDINGTON

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