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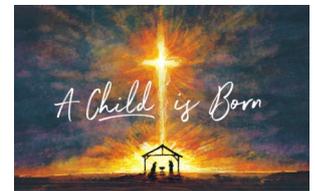
## *Christmas and New Year 2021*

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

It has been wonderful to share time together this Christmas in a way that wasn't possible last year, with carol services, schools in church, carol singing in the community, pop up nativity and of course our Christingles. Being able to gather for Midnight Mass is particularly significant for me as it is one of my favourite services of the year. This year has been challenging on so many levels and it's true to say there are still challenges ahead, but this year has also demonstrated what can happen when the community comes together.

In John's Gospel we are reminded that the light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. As Christians we are beacons of Christ's light, may we shine that light this Christmas season and the coming year. I pray that you all have a blessed, happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing you on the 2nd January. Do come along to our Free to Be "New Year Praise" at 6pm in St Giles and we will give thanks to God and look forward to all that the new year has to offer.

**Revd Louise**



*Silent Night Oh Holy Night.*

**ADVENT CANDLES**

**Advent 5: CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Advent candles tell their story  
on this Christmas Day  
Those who waited for God's glory:  
they prepared the way.  
Christ is with us: loving, giving,  
in us living, here today!

**THE WEARING OF MASKS IS NOW MANDATORY  
IN ALL OF OUR CHURCHES**

**WE CARE ABOUT YOUR WELLBEING - PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE**

**Wishing you all a Joyous and Healthy Christmas and New Year from everyone at  
St Giles, Balderton, All Saints, Barnby in the Willows & All Saints, Coddington**

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

### Funerals:

#### 23rd December

1.00 pm - George Goddard - St Giles

2.30 pm - Oneta Rose Ellis - St Giles

#### 10th January 2022

10.30 am - Desmond Purdew - St Giles

### REFRESHMENTS

We are giving thought to reintroducing tea and coffee after the 10am service at St Giles in the new year. We really value your thoughts. Is this something you'd like? Would you like to volunteer to help?

### DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE

St Giles will host the Newark & Southwell Deanery Confirmation Service on Sunday 6th February 2022 at 6pm. Would you like to find out more about confirmation? Revd Louise would be delighted to talk with you. 01636 704811

### OUR COMMUNITY HALL IS NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS

Our Community Hall, once a Victorian School House, is situated on Main Street, Balderton (opposite Chesters). It is well used by the community in which it sits, with lots of church and non-church groups meeting here regularly. Its impact on the community is significant and often reaches out beyond Balderton. There are three rooms of different sizes that can be hired, as well as basic kitchen facilities.

*Please contact the Community Hall Booking Secretary Deborah Pollard on 01636 672923 for more details, a booking form and conditions of hire. For more information see the notice board inside the Hall.*

### BENEFICE BULLETIN

The next issue of our "Benefice Bulletin" covering the months of February, March & April (including Easter!!) is being compiled now.

The deadline for all entries for consideration for this issue is Wednesday 5th January.

Please email your items to Louise Marshall at [stgilesbalderton@gmail.com](mailto:stgilesbalderton@gmail.com) (and don't forget your photographs too!).

*Thank you*

### COMING UP...

#### Thursday 23rd December

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles, Balderton

5.30 pm Community Carol Singing, St Giles, Balderton

#### Christmas Eve

2pm & 4pm Christingles (tickets only),  
St Giles, Balderton (SOLD OUT!)

11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist, All Saints, Coddington

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#### Christmas Day

10.00 am Family Communion,  
All Saints, Barnby in the Willows

10.30 am Family Service, St Giles, Balderton

#### Sunday 26th December: Boxing Day

10.00 am Family Communion, All Saints, Coddington

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT ST GILES ON BOXING DAY**

#### Thursday 30th December

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles

#### Sunday 2nd January 2022

10.00 am Family Communion, St Giles, Balderton

6.00 pm "New Year Praise" at Free to Be, St Giles, Balderton

#### Thursday 6th January

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles

**Please note that there will be no "Surgery" in St Giles on Tuesday 28th December.**

## COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

What a wonderful time we had carol singing this week. Thank you to all those who took part.



## POP UP NATIVITY

WOW! What a wonderful "Pop Up Nativity" we had on Sunday at 4 @ The Hall. Thank you so much to all those that came and took part in whatever way. We wish you all a super Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.



# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

## READINGS

### Christmas Eve

#### Collect

Almighty God

As we prepare with joy  
To celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
Embrace the earth with your glory  
And be for us a living hope  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Isaiah 9. 2-7

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

#### Hebrews 1. 1-12

**1** Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, <sup>[a]</sup> whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains <sup>[b]</sup> all things by his

powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'?

Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'?

<sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'

<sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.'

<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.'

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'

<sup>10</sup> And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; <sup>12</sup> like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

#### John 1. 1-14

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

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

the will of man, but of God.

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, for whom we wait,  
You have fed us with the bread of eternal life:  
Keep us ever watchful,  
That we may be ready to stand before the Son of Man,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Christmas Day**

### **Collect**

Lord, Jesus Christ,  
Your birth at Bethlehem  
Draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
Accept our heartfelt praise,  
As we worship you,  
Our Saviour and our eternal God.

### **Isaiah 9. 2-7**

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have seen a great light;  
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### **Titus 2. 11-14**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,<sup>12</sup> training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled,

upright, and godly,<sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.<sup>14</sup> He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

### **Luke 2. 1-20**

**2** In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.<sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.<sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered.<sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.<sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.<sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.<sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.<sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:<sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,<sup>l</sup> the Lord.<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,<sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'<sup>l</sup>

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'<sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.<sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;<sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.<sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
Whose Word has come among us  
In the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
May the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

**Amen**

# Sunday 26th December

## Collect

Gracious Father,  
Who gave the first martyr Stephen  
Grace to pray for those who took up stones against him;  
Grant that in all our sufferings for the truth  
We may learn to love even our enemies  
And to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt,  
Looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us,  
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.

## Acts 7. 51-end

<sup>51</sup> 'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. <sup>53</sup> You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.'

<sup>54</sup> When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. <sup>55</sup> But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

## Galatians 2. 16b-20

<sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is justified<sup>[a]</sup> not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.<sup>[b]</sup> And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ,<sup>[c]</sup> and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup> and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,<sup>[d]</sup> who loved me and gave himself for me.

## Matthew 10. 17-22

<sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,  
We thank you for the signs of your mercy  
Revealed in birth and death:  
Save us by the coming of your Son,  
And give us joy in honouring Stephen,  
First martyr of the new Israel;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

# Sunday 2nd January

## Collect

God our Father,  
In love you sent your Son  
That the world may have life:  
Lead us to seek him among the outcast  
And find him in those in need,  
For Jesus Christ's sake.

## Jeremiah 31. 7-14

7 For thus says the Lord:  
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.'  
8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child  
and those in labour, together; a great company, they  
shall return here. 9 With weeping they shall come, and  
with consolations<sup>[a]</sup> I will lead them back, I will let them  
walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they  
shall not stumble; for I have become a father to  
Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
10 Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it  
in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel  
will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a  
flock.'  
11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed  
him from hands too strong for him.

12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. 14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

### **Ephesians 1. 3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ <sup>[a]</sup> before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, <sup>[b]</sup> having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this <sup>[c]</sup> is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **John 1. 10-18**

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

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses;

## **WALK AND TALK**

This friendly group have been blessed by many Wednesdays of good weather and have therefore been able to walk throughout 2021 in spite of restrictions and lockdown.

Therefore we will kickstart our 2022 walking and talking on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 10.00am from the outside of St. Giles' Church.

Anyone who would like to join us please feel free to do so. Just turn up.

Refreshments will be available afterwards.

If you would like to check if we are walking please feel free to ring or email me. Let 2022 be a new start.

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**Our Community Café has now closed for Christmas and we'll let you know when it will resume in the new year.**

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

All praise to you,  
Almighty God and heavenly King,  
Who sent your Son into the world  
To take our nature upon him  
And to be born of a pure virgin:  
Grant that, as we are born again in him,  
So he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth  
As he reigns in heaven, now and for ever. **Amen**



**NEW YEAR PRAISE**  
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