

# PEW SHEET

*Sunday 6th February: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

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**Whilst the wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, we respectfully ask you to consider those around you.**

### This month's letter comes to us from Mr John Dodd...

I thought perhaps people would like to hear about how my Licensed Lay Ministry training is going as we are now nearly halfway through term two and actually nearly halfway through my first year, which is a frightening thought – how quick time passes!

The first term was concentrated on studying The Bible and how although it is made up of different books, they form one story and I found it interesting to think about the Bible as a play in 6 Acts: starting with the opening scene, establishing context and characters, moving on to the problem, partial resolution before further complications and finally the resolution in the final act. It is both scripture and a script; it reveals God's purpose and invites us to participate.

We of course enter the story in Act 5 scene 2, (the church is taken into all the world) looking forward to Act 6 and the completion of the story as told in Revelation. In Act 5 the kingdom has already arrived, but it is not yet fully here.

However last term we particularly studied the New Testament and each of the ten sessions was spent looking at a different book. It was fascinating getting some background on the writers, the cultures at the time and reasoning behind their messages and how they fit in the overall story and being encouraged to look at each passage afresh, without applying other versions or previous knowledge, or perceived knowledge. I found this quite intense with such a lot to be covered each time and was grateful the sessions were recorded so that I could revisit them and go over points again. Our tutor for most of the weeks was very knowl-

edgeable and although very enthusiastic, did approach each session with a sense of trying to cover information that ordination training would cover over a longer period of time.

This term we are looking at what The Church is and what makes it the church. So far, we have agreed it is an act of God, the one who creates and sustains it. We are unified by it being an act of the event of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit blesses us with different gifts as we can read in 1 Corinthians Ch 12 and how just as the body is made up of different parts, all equal and working together, so we are all baptised into one body of Christ through the one Holy Spirit.

This is something to remember in our own churches: do we value each other and work together for the glory of God? We **all** have different gifts. I wonder what your particular gift is and if it is being used effectively?

*John Dodd*

## Next week's services are:

### Sunday 13th February:

10.00 am Family Communion, St Giles

10.00 am Family Communion, All Saints, Barnby

### Thursday 17th February

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles

## The BBC Group of Churches

**St Giles, Balderton, All Saints, Barnby in the Willows & All Saints, Coddington**

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## Readings for 6th February are:

### Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,  
our salvation and our strength,  
without you we are lost;  
guard us from all that harms or hurts  
and raise us when we fall;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Isaiah 6. 1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

### Luke 5. 1-11

Now one day when Jesus was standing squashed in a crowd beside the lake, he saw two boats at the shore. The boats were empty because the fishermen had got out of them to wash their nets. Jesus stepped into one of them. It was Simon's boat. He asked Simon to take the boat a little way out from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from there.

When he had finished speaking to the crowds, he spoke to Simon, "Go out further to the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we fished all night and caught nothing. However, I'll take you at your word and let down the nets." So, they went out deeper and let down the nets and suddenly they were full to bursting! They waved to their partners to bring out the other boat to help them. They filled both boats with fish. The boats were so full that they were nearly sinking!" When Simon Peter saw this, he fell

down at Jesus' knees and said, "Please go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord!" Simon Peter was gripped with amazement, they all were: those with Simon in his boat and also James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were in the other boat. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you'll be catching people." They rowed to the shore. Then they left everything there and followed him.

### Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 4th MARCH

This year England, Wales, and Northern Ireland have prepared the 'World Day of Prayer' service entitled 'I know the plans I have for you'.

The service will be held at Balderton Methodist Church at 2.00pm.

## Calling all magazine distributors past and present.

We are trying to put together an updated list of who receives the Benefice Bulletin. Could anyone who delivers copies please let me know how many copies and who they take them to.

If you delivered the magazine pre Covid and lockdowns but no longer do so could you let me know who you delivered to so that we can check if they still require a copy.

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## Advance Notice for Group Reports for the APCM

Can all groups please send their 2021 report to Linda Lawrence by March so that they can be included in the APCM booklet. Thank you !

## Taking up a role on one of our PCC's in the benefice

Have you ever considered getting more involved in the business of running our churches ? If you would be interested in exploring the possibility of joining a PCC please speak with Revd Louise, she'd love to hear from you.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates:

St Giles, Balderton: Sunday April 3rd at 4pm in church

All Saints, Barnby in the Willows: Monday April 4th at 7pm in church

All Saints, Coddington: Tuesday April 5th at 7pm in church

## Electoral Roll Review

We will be conducting a review of St. Giles' Electoral Roll between 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Membership of the roll entitles you to vote at the APCM on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022.

If you would like to know more about joining the roll, please speak to me or to Rev'd Louise. There is a copy of the current roll in the church porch and if you are on that you do not need to do anything.

Jean NEWSON (01636 673970)  
Electoral Roll Officer

## DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE

We are delighted that St Giles will host the Newark & Southwell Deanery Confirmation Service **TODAY** (6TH) at 6pm.

**You are all invited to come along to the service and join us in supporting them.**

Your prayers are really appreciated as Jennifer, Rhiannon & Kassia get confirmed by Bishop Andy.

## A CRAFTY CUPPA STARTS 8TH MARCH

*Who else is excited for this ?*

*If you'd like to help by offering hospitality for this please let Revd Louise know -*

*revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com*



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# A Crafty Cuppa

**Come, join us for a cup of tea, a natter and bring any crafts that you are working on**

**2.00 - 4.00 pm**

Every Second Tuesday of the month

St Giles' Community Hall, Main Street, Balderton

# FOOD BANK

## Current Shortfall items are:

Sugar (500g packs if possible)  
Cereal/breakfast bars  
Tinned meat - serve hot (eg: Stew)  
Soap bars  
Shampoo  
Strong shopping bags

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*Donations can currently be made at the supermarket as you do your weekly shop, or for Balderton residents you can currently drop off any parcels to the vicarage, 107 Main Street, Balderton. Please leave any items under the porch and these will be collected regularly.*

*Alternatively you can also leave them at 6 Collinson Lane, Fernwood.*

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## *To make a one-off gift*

To make a one-off donation please do a bank transfer to the following account, adding a reference to indicate the source and also send an email to [info@newark.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@newark.foodbank.org.uk). This will help them to recognise the source of the donation. Thank you in advance for supporting them in this way.

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## *Lent Prayer Walks*

*Every Monday @ 11.00 am*

During Lent we invite you to join us as we prayer walk around our communities.

Everyone is welcome.

We will leave at 11.00 am from the relevant church.

7th March - All Saints, Barnby  
14th March - Coddington  
21st March - Balderton  
28th March - Barnby  
4th April - Coddington  
11th April - Balderton.

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## *GROWING GOOD LENT COURSE*



*WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30 PM*

Join us as we explore how our churches can be faithful and fruitful in our local communities.

Each session includes a bible reading, a short film, discussion and prayer, as well as research and stories from churches all across England

For Zoom details please email [revelouiseholliday@gmail.com](mailto:revelouiseholliday@gmail.com)

Wednesday evenings  
via Zoom  
(in the Encounter slot)  
on the following dates:

23rd February  
9th March  
16th March  
23rd March  
30th March  
6th April

