PEW SHEET

Sunday 10th July — Fourth Sunday after Trinity

THIS MONTH WE HEAR FROM THE REVD DAVID MILNER...

As we travel into July, the Platinum Jubilee is already a fading memory as are a number of the significant Christian festivals that mark the Christian Calendar. Last weekend I dipped into the Glastonbury Music Festival. Watching on my TV, I was able to easily make a cup of tea, have a drink, go to the loo!! All a few steps away from a comfortable chair! Importantly for me I could turn to another channel when the band playing did not appeal. So good so far? What I missed was the vibration, the noise, the smells good and bad, and jostling amongst the press of many thousands of people. An essential ingredient I missed was being there.

Over the Jubilee weekend I in the company of many village members took part in celebratory events. We shared all manner of homemade fare. At the heart of all the celebrations was a real sense of community created through conversation, fun and laughter. Laughter that meant we hardly noticed the rain that dripped relentlessly down necks and arms from parasols. We will always remember the weekend, in large part because we joined in. We were not watching from the comfort of our couch but actively taking part.

Over recent months I've had the opportunity to come to St Giles and be part of Sunday worship, not a watcher from a far but being an active participant. It continues to be a privilege to be part of the community laughing a good deal! Getting to know congregation members and hear stories is a gift which I value very much. My engagement with the community at St. Giles reminds me forcibly that everyone has an important story to share, whether big or small they add vitality and value to our lives.

At the heart of the Gospel message is the imperative to engage with those around us, to love those in our community and beyond. There is no such thing as easy love. It will have a cost. Often love can be sacrificial, giving up something that is important to us, surrendering our preferences to help and support others.

Finally standing with others and having a coffee and a biscuit after services end, has been a revelation, at the back of church, collecting a hot drink and a chocolate biscuit I discover are passports to engaging and taking part. It's good to talk!

Please send in your entries for the next Benefice Bulletin to stgilesbalderton@gmail.com by Wednesday 13th July at the very latest. Thank you !

IT'S PRAYER TIME

JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY @ 10.00 AM FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME
- AND DON'T FORGET YOUR CUPPA

Zoom details can be obtained by emailing ***jmdodd1957@gmail.com***

The BBC Group of Churches

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 10th JULY:

Collect
Gracious father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amos 7. 7-end
7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a
wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.
8 And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I
said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a
plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again
pass them by; 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made
desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and
I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of
Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very
centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his
words. 11 For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the
sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."'

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land
of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13 but
never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary,
and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am[a] no prophet, nor a
prophet's son; but I am[b] a herdsman, and a dresser of
sycomore trees, 15 and the Lord took me from following the
flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people
Israel."
16 'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.
You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach
against the house of Isaac."
17 Therefore, thus says the Lord: "Your wife shall become a
prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall
fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely
go into exile away from its land."'

Colossians 1. 1-14
1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters[a] in Christ in
Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in
Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,
5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have
heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel
6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in
the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among
yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended
the grace of God. 7 This you learned from Epaphras, our
beloved fellow-servant.[b] He is a faithful minister of Christ on
your[c] behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the
Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not
ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with
the knowledge of God's[d] will in all spiritual wisdom and
understanding, 10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good
work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be
made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious
power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with
patience, while joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has
enabled[e] you[f] to share in the inheritance of the saints in the
light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and
transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom
we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10. 25-37
25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.[a] 'Teacher,' he
said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 26 He said to him,
'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' 27 He
answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and
with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' 28 And he
said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you
will live.'

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is
my neighbour?' 30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from
Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who
stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and
when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So
likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him,
passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while travelling
came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with
pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having
poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own
animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The
next day he took out two denarii,[b] gave them to the
innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back,
I will repay you whatever more you spend." 36 Which of these
three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into
the hands of the robbers?' 37 He said, 'The one who showed
him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Post Communion Prayer
Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicated and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

NB: Please send in by Wednesday 13th July for inclusion in the next issue of our Benefice Bulletin. Anything received after this date will be used in the November issue. Thank you x

Are you new to St Giles or have you attended for years? Whichever it is we would like to hear about you, your life and/or your faith.

You may have sat next to someone in church for years but how much do they know about you or you about them.You may be new to the church and interested in getting to know people.You may be new to the church and want to share some of your background with others.

A short article and a photograph, so that you can be identified, is what we are asking you to send to Louise Marshall or bring to me in church. We can arrange to take a photograph if you feel that you haven't got one that is suitable.

Remember a friend is a stranger that we haven't yet met.

St Giles prides itself on being a friendly church, let us all get to know each other a little more through these articles.

Linda Lawrence

Entries can be given to a churchwarden or sent in to stgilesbalderton@gmail.com

ST GILES' SUMMER FAIR NEWS

Despite some light showers of rain it was good to be able to hold our Summer Fair after the disruptions caused by COVID. The afternoon raised just over £750 for church funds.

Many thanks to all who supported the event. Special thanks to all who donated prizes and cakes and ran stalls and those who served the refreshments.

A huge thank you to the small team who erected and dismantled the gazebos.

JOIN THE SPONSORED WALK TO EIGHT CHURCHES

All Saints' Church Coddington is raising money for its Fabric Fund, to carry out essential repairs and maintenance, by having a sponsored walk to the eight churches detailed overleaf.

PLEASE SPONSOR US OR JOIN US ON THE WALK

The full route is approximately 20 miles, mainly off-road, and can be undertaken in full or in part, any time during August 2022, starting at Coddington All Saints' via the churches at Barnby, Beckingham, Fenton, Stubton, Dry Doddington, Claypole, finishing at St Giles Balderton.

The sketch map overleaf shows the route of public footpaths between the churches and a choice of pubs.

·You can get some sponsors and do the walk or plan your own combination of routes to walk in separate stages any time up until Wednesday 31st August. Do remember to take a photo of yourself at each church for evidence and later display in All Saints' Church.

Funds collected can be donated online to All Saints Coddington Parochial Church Council
Sort code: 30-95-88 Ac. No: 00397671 Ref: Sponsored Walk
or handed in at All Saints' Church Coddington on Saturday, 3 September 2022 between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

For further information, or if you plan to join us in August, contact Barbara on 01636 678788 or barbara@ashby2014.plus.com or Sue on 01636 676707 or susanlovell244@gmail.com

Please come and worship with us in an informal and exciting way

An opportunity to gather together,
meet new people, join in with a variety of activities
and, of course, eat cake !

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3rd Sunday of the month @ 4.00 pm

St Giles' Community Hall

OUR SERVICE TIMES

Tuesday 12th July
10.00 am Prayer Time (online)

Wednesday 13th July
7.30 pm Encounter (online)

Thursday 14th July
10.00 am Holy Communion,
St Giles, Balderton

Sunday 17th July
10.00 am Family communion,
St Giles, Balderton

4.00 pm 4 @ The Hall
(St Giles' Community Hall)

Tuesday 19th July
10.00 am Prayer Time (online)

Wednesday 20th July
7.30 pm Encounter (online)

Thursday 21st July
10.00 am Holy Communion,
St Giles, Balderton

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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.