PEW SHEET

Sunday 11th December : Third Sunday of Advent

Coming Up….

12th Dec	Monday		
	6.00 pm	BCT Carol Singing around Balderton	Brisbane Court
13th Dec	Tuesday		
	10.00 am	Coffee & Prayer Time	Online
	2-4 pm	Crafty Cuppa	St Giles' Community Hall
14th Dec	Wednesday		
	10.00 am	Walk & Talk (Weather Permitting)	Meet outside St Giles
	6.00 pm	Carols round the Christmas Tree	Coddington
	7.00 pm	Encounter	Online
	7.30 pm	Wednesday Group	St Giles' Community Hall
15th Dec	Thursday		
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
	2-4 pm	Drop In Café	St Giles' Community Hall
17th Dec	Saturday		
	10.30 am	BCT Carol Singing	Outside Sainsburys

18th Dec	**Sunday**		
	10.00 am	Family Communion	St Giles
	12 noon	Baptism	St Giles
	3.00 pm	Carol Service	Coddington
	4.00 pm	4 @ The Hall—Pop Up Nativity	St Giles' Community Hall

19th Dec	Monday		
	7.00 pm	Carol Service	Barnby
20th Dec	Tuesday		
	10.00 am	Coffee & Prayer Time	Online
	6.00 pm	Carol Singing	outside St Giles
		NO VESTRY HOUR	
21st Dec	Wednesday		
	10.00 am	Walk & Talk (Weather Permitting)	Meet outside St Giles
	7.00 pm	Encounter	Online
	7.00 pm	Carol Service	St Giles
22nd Dec	Thursday		
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
	2-4 pm	Drop In Café	St Giles' Community Hall
	6.00 pm	Carol Singing	outside St Giles

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

Readings for Sunday 11th December — Third Sunday of Advent

Collect
God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 35. 1-10
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the
crocus 2 it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your
God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a
pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5. 7-10
7 Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near 9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11. 2-11
2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." 11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Post Communion Prayer
We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

OUT NEXT YOUTH GROUP will kick off the new year by meeting on Friday 13th January. Please put the date in your diary.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are keen to restart our children's provision during the services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and are looking for volunteers to join the team.

Can you help? If so, please get in touch with Rev Lou on 01636 704811

NEW YEAR NOTICE

Please note that on Sunday 1st January there will be a 10.00 am Said Communion at St Giles only. On Sunday 8th January we will meet at 10.30 am at Balderton Methodist Church for our annual Covenant Service (there will be NO services at St Giles on this day). The 10.00 am Family Communion at All Saints, Barnby, will still take place on the 8th.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas Fair last Saturday. It was very well attended and a wonderful £730 was raised.

The Gibson family playing for last week's Christmas Fair.

WARM SPACES IN BALDERTON

All three churches in Balderton welcome you to a safe space to come and keep warm and make friends this winter.

We offer warm spaces at least three times a week.
There will be hot drinks, biscuits, cake and someone to talk to.
Some days there may be activities as well.

Every **Monday** at the Methodist Church Light lunch followed by fun and friendship	**9am – 3pm**
Every **Wednesday** at the Methodist Church **Bubble Group;** chat and a drink	**2pm – 3.30pm**
Every **Thursday** at St Giles Community Hall **Drop in Café**	**2pm - 4pm**
Every **Friday** at the Salvation Army Mead Way	**10am – 12noon**
On the **Second Tuesday** of the month we offer the **Crafty Cuppa** at St Giles Community Hall . If you have a craft bring it along, otherwise just come for warmth and friendship.	**2pm – 4pm**

Donations are welcome but not necessary

Christingle Tickets for St Giles on Christmas Eve at 2 pm and 4pm are now available via Eventbrite. Check out our poster for the relevant links.

You can make a donation to the Children's Society via St Giles' Christingle page here:
https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle/st-giles-church-balderton

Sunday 18th December @ 4.00 pm
St Giles' Community Hall

We are so excited to invite you to this year's **POP UP NATIVITY**. Do come along, bring your family and friends, and let's celebrate together.

NEW HOME GROUP STARTING IN THE NEW YEAR

"The Bible Course" by The Bible Society

An eight-session course helping you explore the BIG story.

Big, complex, old … just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? That's where The Bible Course comes in. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. The course provides a birds-eye view of the world's bestselling book.

Would you like to join? Would you like to find out more ? Please email Revd Louise at revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com

PLEASE HELP US RAISE ENOUGH MONEY

BARNBY CHURCH
WATERLESS LOO PROJECT

We are raising money to install an eco friendly waterless (composting) loo in our Churchyard.

To do this we need to raise a total of £14,000

We have raised some money already from church and community members but we need to raise £2000 now to fund the necessary planning procedures.
Can you help ?

All Saints, Barnby in the Willows

To help us do this we have set up a gofund.me page.

Please do visit

https://gofund.me/d4a60941

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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.