

PEW SHEET

Sunday 5th February 2023: Third Sunday before Lent

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Vestry Hour in St Giles: Every Tuesday 6.00 - 7.00 pm

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WEDNESDAY GROUP

The Wednesday Group are meeting on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm in St Giles Community Hall for 'My Journey,' a talk by Barbara Osario.

New members are warmly welcomed to this very interesting talk. Further details from Barbara Osario or Dilys Carby.

SAVE THE CHILDREN QUIZ SHEETS

Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz sheet, 52 were returned with 29 all correctly answered. The winner was a local Balderton resident. £271 was raised for the charity.

Jean and David Newson/Michael and Alison Wilson

During Lent, our session at Encounter (online every Wednesday at 7.30 pm) will look at the Lent Course "Holy Habits: Following Jesus". Everyone is welcome - please do drop Revd Louise an email for the zoom information.

WALK & TALK

Please note there will be no Walk and Talk on Wednesday 8th February. Back to walking on the 15th. Thank you. Lynn Green.

LENT PRAYER WALKS

Starts Monday 27th February at 11.00 am from All Saints, Barnby. Check out the poster for more dates.

MUMS & TODDLERS

Every Monday from 9.00 - 10.45 am in St Giles' Community Hall.

SUNDAY CLUB resumed 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10.00am during the service in St Giles. If you'd like to volunteer to help please get in touch with Revd Louise.

Coming Up...

Tuesday 7th February

10.00 am Prayer Time (Bring a Cuppa) online
2.00 pm Mothers' Union, St Giles' Community Hall

Wednesday 8th February

7.30 pm Encounter (online)
7.30 pm Wednesday Group, St Giles' Community Hall

Thursday 9th February

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles
2.00 pm Community Café, St Giles' Community Hall

Friday 10th February

7.30 pm Youth Group, St Giles' Community Hall

Saturday 11th February

9.00 am Men's Breakfast, St Giles' Community Hall

Quiz Night: Sat 18th Feb at 7.30 pm

Coddington Village Hall

World Day of Prayer: Fri 3rd March at 2pm

St Giles Church

Posh Afternoon Tea: Sat 25th March at 3-5pm

St Giles' Community Hall - £8/ticket

Easter Fair: Sat 25th March 2-4pm

All Saints, Coddington

The BBC Group of Churches

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

READINGS FOR 5.1.23

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Isaiah 58 The Message

Your Prayers Won't Get Off the Ground

58 ¹⁻³ "Shout! A full-throated shout!

Hold nothing back—a trumpet-blast shout!

Tell my people what's wrong with their lives,

face my family Jacob with their sins!

They're busy, busy, busy at worship, and love studying all about me. To all appearances they're a nation of right-living people—law-abiding, God-honoring.

They ask me, 'What's the right thing to do?' and love having me on their side. But they also complain, 'Why do we fast and you don't look our way? Why do we humble ourselves and you don't even notice?'

³⁻⁵ "Well, here's why:

"The bottom line on your 'fast days' is profit.

You drive your employees much too hard.

You fast, but at the same time you bicker and fight.

You fast, but you swing a mean fist.

The kind of fasting you do won't get your prayers off the ground.

Do you think this is the kind of fast day I'm after:

a day to show off humility?

To put on a pious long face and parade around solemnly in black?

Do you call *that* fasting, a fast day that I, God, would like?

⁶⁻⁹ "This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts.

What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.

Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way.

The God of glory will secure your passage.

Then when you pray, God will answer.

You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'

Matthew 5:13-20

The Message

Salt and Light

¹³ "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

Completing God's Law

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ "Don't suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish

the Scriptures—either God's Law or the Prophets. I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God's Law will be alive and working.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ "Trivialize even the smallest item in God's Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won't know the first thing about entering the kingdom.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah; may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEW HOME GROUP - ALTERNATE MONDAYS

(7.15pm for a 7.30 pm start)

at the home of Lynne & Simon Brown on Fernwood

Do call Lynne & Simon on 01636 361559 if you'd like to join.

OUR SERVICES

Everyone is really welcome



1st Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION
St Giles Church, Balderton

6.00 PM FREE TO BE
St Giles Church, Balderton

2nd Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION
St Giles Church, Balderton

10.00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
All Saints Church, Barnby in the Willows

3rd Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION
St Giles Church, Balderton

4.00 PM: 4 @ THE HALL
St Giles Community Hall, Balderton

4th Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION
St Giles Church, Balderton

10.00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
All Saints Church, Coddington

4.00 PM SUNDAY TOGETHER @ BARNBY
All Saints Church, Barnby in the Willows

Every Thursday

10.00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
St Giles Church, Balderton

Baptism & Weddings

We love to celebrate with you!
By request at Vestry Hour
Every Tuesday between 6 and 7pm
in St Giles' Church, Balderton

More information on individual services can be found on our website

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