PEW SHEET

Sunday 19th March 2023: Mothering Sunday

Vicar: Revd Louise Holliday - revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com / 01636 704811

St Giles' Community Hall Bookings: Deborah Pollard - 01636 672923

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

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IF YOU CAN'T COME TO CHURCH, THE CHURCH WILL COME TO YOU...

Requests for Home Communions should be made to Revd. Phil Smith.

Requests for Home Visits should be made to the group co-ordinator, Chris Wilkes, who will arrange for someone to visit. His contact details are as follows: crwilkes@btinternet.com (e-mail is preferred means of contact) or phone: 01636 385650.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

St Giles will be carrying out an annual review of the electoral roll between 26th March and 16th April 2023. If you are already on the roll you do not need to do anything but if you are not please speak to Jean Newson (01636 673970) or to the vicar about joining it. A copy of the current roll is in the church porch.

EASTER DAY FUN

There will be an egg hunt in St Giles' Church after the morning service. This will be followed by egg rolling outside. Children need to bring their own hard boiled and decorated egg to roll down the slope outside the tower door.

The owner of the egg that travels the furthest will receive a prize.

BENEFICE BULLETIN DEADLINE

The timeline for entries for the next issue of our Benefice Bulletin (covering May, June and July inclusive)- ideally between 9th March (when I intend to start putting the magazine together) and 29th March at the absolute latest. Many thanks, Louise Marshall, stgilesbalderton@gmail.com

NOTICES

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK:

We will be spring cleaning inside St Giles' church from 10-12 on Saturday 1st April. Bring your own duster. The more the merrier.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS:

St Giles' Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 14th May 2023 at 4pm in church. Please could you let us have your group reports as soon as possible please. stgilesbalderton@gmail.com

All Saints' Barnby in the Willows will hold their meeting on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm in church.

All Saints' Coddington will hold their meeting on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7pm in church.

QUIZ EVENING to support Christian Aid

FRIDAY 24th MARCH at 7.30pm
Salvation Army Centre, Mead Way, Balderton
Ticket £5 or donation (includes tea/ coffee and cake)
BOOK A PLACE at Salvation Army Centre Office 01636 640097

ST GILES' QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 21st APRIL at 7.00pm in St. Giles' Community Hall
In aid of Community Hall development fund.

Tickets £10 (with fish and chips supper) now available from Alison Wilson 673298 and Jean Newson 673970
Please bring your own drink.

The BBC Group of Churches

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

READINGS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful; watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 2. 1-10

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. [2] The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. [3] When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. [4] His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

[5] The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. [6] When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. [7] Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' [8] Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. [9] Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. [10] When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

John 19. 25b-27

[25] And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' [27] Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

IF YOU HAVEN'T VOTED YET PLEASE DO....
AND IF YOU HAVE VOTED, PLEASE CAN YOU VOTE AGAIN ?

St Giles' Gardening Group have been nominated to be part of Asda's charity "Asda Foundation Green Token Giving."

Vote here: www.asda.com/green-tokens before the end of April. The group with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation with second place receiving £400 and third place £300. **Choose "Newark" from the drop down box.** You will be able to vote once every seven days, so please do return and vote as much as you can - and please do encourage others to vote for us.

#AsdaFoundation #GreenTokenGiving.

FAIRTRADE

St Giles are moving over to Fairtrade refreshments. If you do donate anything to us in the future please can you make sure it's Fairtrade, which is available in most supermarkets. Thank you !

FOODBANK REMINDER

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.