

# DOUBLE PEW SHEET

17th & 24th September: 15th & 16th Sundays after Trinity

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Welcome to a double issue of our Pew Sheet. The next issue will be out for Sunday 1st October.

## COMING SOON

### Saturday 23rd September

7.30 pm Music for an Autumn Evening, St Giles.  
Tickets now available from Alison Wilson. £10.

### Sunday 24th September

10.00 am Harvest Festival, St Giles  
12.30 pm Followed by Harvest Bring & Share Lunch in  
St Giles' Community Hall  
4.00 pm Harvest Festival, Barnby (Sunday Together)

### Sunday 1st October

3.00 pm Harvest Festival, Coddington

### Saturday 7th October

7.30 pm Fun Quiz Night, All Saints, Coddington

### Saturday 28th October

7.00 pm Cabaret Evening, St Giles' Community Hall

### Sunday 29th October

6.00 pm Commemoration Service, St Giles  
We come together as a benefice to remember those we've recently lost. If you would like to join us, maybe light a candle in memory of a loved one, you'd be very welcome. Open to Everyone.

### Saturday 4th November

3-5pm Afternoon Tea, St Giles' Community Hall

## **4 @ The Hall**

Please note that it has been decided that 4 @ The Hall will NOT go ahead in September. This clashes with the Dragonboat Race on the River Trent at which many of our members will be attending. The October 4 @ The Hall will go ahead as usual in St Giles' Community Hall on 15th October at 4 pm.

## **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.

## **Foodbank Shortfall Items for September are:**

UHT Milk, Soup, Tinned Meat, Pasta Sauce, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Sponge Puddings, Washing Pods, Deodorant, Size 5 & 6 Nappies

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

Requests for Home Communion 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](mailto:crwilkes@btinternet.com) (e-mail is preferred means of contact) or phone: 01636 385650.

You can now give online to the work of our churches by scanning the QR Codes here:



All Saints,  
Barnby in the Willows



St Giles,  
Balderton



All Saints,  
Coddington

## READINGS FOR 17th SEPTEMBER

### Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Exodus 14. 19-end

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.<sup>20</sup> It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.

The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.<sup>22</sup> The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.<sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.<sup>24</sup> At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.<sup>25</sup> He clogged<sup>[a]</sup> their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

<sup>26</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.'<sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.<sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.<sup>29</sup> But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.<sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

### Romans 14. 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith,<sup>[a]</sup> but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions.<sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.<sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.<sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord<sup>[b]</sup> is able to make them stand.<sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.<sup>6</sup> Those who observe the

day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.<sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.<sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.<sup>11</sup> For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to<sup>[f]</sup> God.'<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### Matthew 18. 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?'<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

<sup>23</sup> 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.<sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;<sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.<sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything."<sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.<sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;<sup>[d]</sup> and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."<sup>29</sup> Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you."<sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.<sup>31</sup> When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.<sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.<sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?"<sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.<sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister<sup>[e]</sup> from your heart.'

### Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## READINGS FOR 24th SEPTEMBER

### Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Exodus 16. 2-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?'<sup>[a]</sup> For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

### Philippians 1. 21-end

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is

far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

### Matthew 20. 1-6

**20** 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,<sup>[a]</sup> he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## "BEING WITH" Home Group

**Alternative Mondays from 4th September at 7.30 pm at the home of Fi and Billy in Barnby.**

There will be 10 sessions in total.

The course uses storytelling, wondering and reflection to encourage and welcome the insights that each person brings.

**For more information and to sign up please contact Revd Louise at [revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com](mailto:revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com) or call her on 01636 704811.**

# NEWS ITEMS

Please note that the Balderton Churches Together Songs of Praise scheduled for the 8th October has had to be cancelled on this occasion.

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Revd William Thackray ( Former Vicar of St.Giles Church) is celebrating 50 years of being ordained as a deacon in Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday 24th September at 11.00am in Northallerton, Yorkshire where he now lives. The former Bishop of Whitby is going to lead the service.

## RIDE & STRIDE

Many congratulations to cyclists and walkers who took part in Notts Historic Churches Trust ride and stride last Saturday 9th September. They all did exceptionally well, especially in the incredible heat.

A big St Giles 'thank you' to Edward Casebourne, Mark and Katrina Westmoreland, Christine and Matthew Lathlane, Michael Wilson, Richard and Brin Jones, Alex and Matthew Gibson - and two dogs ! Between them they visited 56 churches!

Thank you also to the sponsors and all the stewards who helped at St. Giles.

## LICENSING SERVICE

We are absolutely delighted that our very own John Dodd will be licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister at Southwell Minster at 11am on Saturday 14th October 2023. A bring and share lunch to celebrate will follow in St Giles' Community Hall. You are all invited and there is a sign up sheet at the back of St Giles. (If you can't come to the Minster you can just join us for lunch).

Please come and join us as we celebrate and give thanks for John's ministry amongst us.

## BENEFICE VISION DAY

Once again we will come together in St Giles Church to review our benefice vision and to look ahead.

All PCC members and congregation members are invited to attend on Saturday 18th November from 9.30 am until 3.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker, The Revd James Halstead, our newly appointed Area Dean and Principal of the Diocesan School of Discipleship, will join us.

Please do make every possible effort to attend. Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL AND BRING & SHARE LUNCH — Sunday 24th September - 12.30pm in the Community Hall, Main Street, Balderton.

Following St Giles' Harvest Service at 10.00am, let us get together for a 'Bring and Share Lunch'. Just bring something sweet and savoury enough for two - It doesn't have to be home made. Also bring your own drink and glass, we will provide tea and coffee.

*Please add your name to the list in St Giles if you intend to join us so we have an idea of numbers. Everyone is invited !*

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be decorating St Giles' church on Friday 22nd September starting at 3.30pm. We are requesting the loan of garden implements, we have a wheel barrow! We would like fresh produce for the display, either home grown or bought and cakes with a produce theme e.g. carrot cake, apple cake, pear cake.

Our intention is then to auction off the produce after the Harvest Lunch. For further information speak to Linda Lawrence or Ann Roberts.

## DELIVERY OF HARVEST GOODS

The harvest offerings from the schools will not be coming to St Giles before the Harvest Festival as the children will be bringing them on Wednesday 27th September.

We would like to make a start on organising the offerings from 3.30pm on that day. If anyone is able to come to St Giles that afternoon your help would be appreciated.

We are hoping to distribute the offerings to our parishioners on Friday 29th and we would appreciate drivers to help.

## THE NEXT BENEFICE BULLETIN

The deadline for the November, December, January issue of our Benefice Bulletin will be Wednesday 4th October. Please send your items to Louise at the vicarage via email: [stgilesbalderton@gmail.com](mailto:stgilesbalderton@gmail.com)

## FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

If you have a photograph, taken somewhere in the benefice or at one of our churches, that you think would make a good front cover, please do send it in to [stgilesbalderton@gmail.com](mailto:stgilesbalderton@gmail.com) for consideration.

## PRAYER SQUARES

Keep those squares coming... our blankets and shawls are in much demand and you'll be pleased to hear are giving great comfort to their recipients.