

## SUNDAYS 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

### SPRING QUIZ

**Friday 19th April @ 7.00 pm**

St Giles' Community Hall

£10 in aid of St Giles

Tickets from: Alison Wilson or Jean Newson

### APCM SEASON IS LOOMING

Thank you to those groups that have already sent their APCM reports in. Please keep them coming, and note that these reports should cover the period January to December 2023 only. THANK YOU!

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 1st MARCH at 2.00pm

SALVATION ARMY CENTRE,

MEAD WAY, BALDERTON

'I beg you, bear with one another'

This year the service is written by the Christian Women of Palestine. [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

Everyone welcome.

### NEWARK TOWN BAND CONCERT

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH AT 7.30 PM

IN ST GILES' CHURCH

Tickets £10 available from church or from Alison Wilson.

### DEANERY CONFIRMATION

Please hold Richard, Rosie, Rita, Jess and Brynn in your prayers as they prepare for confirmation on Sunday 25th February at 6pm in West Markham.

Pop the date in your diary - you are very welcome to come along and support them on the day.

[www.bbc-churches.org.uk](http://www.bbc-churches.org.uk)

### SERVICES

**Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday**  
7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Communion, St Giles

**Thursday 15th February**  
10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles

**Sunday 18th February**  
10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles  
4.00 pm 4 @ The Hall, St Giles' Community Hall

**Tuesday 20th February**  
10.00 am Coffee & Prayer Time (online)  
1.00 pm Funeral of John Checkley, St Giles

**Wednesday 21st February**  
7.30 pm Encounter (online)

**Thursday 22nd February**  
10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles  
2.30 pm Funeral of Brian Fenton, St Giles

**Sunday 25th February**  
10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles  
10.00 am Holy Communion, All Saints, Coddington  
4.00 pm Sunday Together at Barnby  
6.00 pm Deanery Confirmation Service  
at All Saints, West Markham



# OPEN

**Every Thursday  
throughout Lent**

February 15th, 22nd & 29th  
March 7th, 14th & 21st

10.00 am Holy Communion

Church will then remain  
open until 1pm and  
between 5 and 7pm for  
quiet prayer and reflection

# ST GILES' CHURCH

# READINGS FOR 18TH FEBRUARY: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

## **Collect**

Heavenly father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert; help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Genesis 9. 8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.[a] 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' 12 God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' 17 God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

## **1 Peter 3. 18-22**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you[b] to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him

## **Mark 1. 9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.