

SUNDAYS 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

DEANERY CONFIRMATION

Please hold Richard, Rosie, Rita, Jess and Brin your prayers as they prepare for confirmation on Sunday 25th February at 6pm in St Nic's Tuxford (please note the change of venue)

You are very welcome to come along and support them on the day.

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

Everyone welcome.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

If you have any greenery for making up bunches of flowers for Mothering Sunday, would you please leave outside vestry door by Saturday 9th March.

Any offers of help putting the flowers together would be much appreciated. This will take place in the vestry at 2.00pm on Saturday 9th March.

Thank you
Alison Wilson, Christine Lathlane

NEWARK TOWN BAND CONCERT

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH AT 7.30 PM
IN ST GILES' CHURCH

Tickets £10 available from church or from Alison Wilson.

SERVICES

Sunday 25th February: Second Sunday of Lent

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
St Nic's, Tuxford

Tuesday 27th February

10.00 am Coffee & Prayer Time (online)

Wednesday 28th February

7.30 pm Encounter (online)

Thursday 29th February

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles
10.30 am Funeral of June Richfield, St Giles

Sunday 3rd March: Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles
6.00 pm Free to Be, St Giles

Tuesday 5th March

10.00 am Coffee & Prayer Time (online)

Wednesday 6th March

7.30 pm Encounter (online)

Thursday 7th March

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles

Sunday 10th March: Mothering Sunday

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles
10.00 am Family Communion, All Saints, Barnby
10.00 am Family Communion, All Saints, Coddington

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING DATES

St Giles Balderton: Sunday 5th May at 4pm in church
All Saints, Barnby: Monday 13th May at 7pm in church
All Saints, Coddington: Tuesday 14th May at 7pm in church

READINGS FOR 25th FEBRUARY:

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way may we come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 4. 1-7

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

John 15. 1-17

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[c] my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants[d] any longer, because the servant[e] does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen