

## SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024

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### WALK & TALK

Please note that there will be no "Walk and Talk" on Wednesdays 20th March, 27th March and 3rd April 2024.

### ST GILES' EASTER FLOWERS

Donations of money towards Easter flowers can be given to Christine Lathlane before Easter week, or if anyone would like to bring spring flowers to decorate church we will be there on Saturday 30th March at 9am to receive flowers.

Flower Ladies, Deborah Pollard, Christine Lathlane and Jill Eagles, have now been looking after organising church flowers at St Giles for the past year. Donations of money towards buying flowers is always appreciated. If anyone would like a special date remembered or would like to give a general donation we are happy to receive this.

Thank you. Christine and Deborah.

### SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON EASTER SUNDAY

After the St Giles 10.00 service there will be an Egg Hunt for the children. Children are also invited to bring along a decorated hard boiled egg for an egg rolling competition. There will be a prize for the egg that rolls the furthest.

### ELECTORAL ROLL

We will be holding the annual electoral roll review between 24th March and 14th April prior to the APCM on 5th May. If you are already on the roll, you do not need to do anything. (There is a copy hanging in the church porch for you to check). If however, you would like to join the roll or learn more about it, please speak to Jean Newson

### APCM 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

### SERVICES

Sunday 17th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent  
10.00 am Family Communion, St Giles  
4.00 pm 4 @ The Hall, St Giles' Community Hall

Tuesday 19th March  
10.00 am Coffee & Prayer Time (online)

Wednesday 20th March  
7.30 pm Encounter (online)

Thursday 21st March  
10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday  
10.00 am Start at the Methodist Church before processing to St Giles for a Family Communion  
10.00 am Holy Communion, All Saints, Coddington  
4.00 pm Sunday Together at All Saints, Barnby - "The Judas Cup"  
6.00 pm Service of Tenebrae, St Giles

### FACEBOOK

St Giles' Community Hall now have their very own facebook page. Please do follow us and share where you can.

### OPEN DURING LENT

St Giles' Church will be open during Lent as follows:

**March 14th & 21st**  
following the 10.00am Holy Communion service until 1pm and then between 5 and 7pm.

# READINGS FOR 17th MARCH:

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

### **Collect**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Jeremiah 31. 31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,[a] says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **Hebrews 5. 5-10**

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 1having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **John 12. 20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' 30 Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people[a] to myself.' 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen