

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2024: FATHER'S DAY

SERVICES

Sunday 16th June

10.00 am Family Communion, St Giles

4.00 pm 4 @ The Hall, St Giles' Community Hall

Tuesday 18th June

10.00 am Coffee & Prayer Time (online)

Wednesday 19th June

11.30 pm Funeral of Karen Pickering, St Giles

7.30 pm Encounter (online)

Thursday 20th June

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles

Sunday 23rd June

10.00 am Family Communion, St Giles

10.00 am Holy Communion, All Saints, Coddington

4.00 pm Sunday Together at Barnby

HOME GROUP NEWS

Mondays from 3rd June, from 7.30pm, at the home of Ian and Linda Lawrence, our Home Group will look at "The Chosen"

The Chosen is a ground-breaking streaming television series about the life of Jesus. Each session works in tandem with an episode from the show, bringing the Old and New Testaments to life in a fresh way.

If you are interested in taking part, and to confirm the address, please get in touch with Revd Louise: revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com. It's not too late to join!

COFFEE MORNING

Dorewood WI are holding a coffee morning on Saturday June 22nd from 10am to 12 noon in St Giles Community Hall, Main Street, Balderton.

£2 entrance which includes coffee/tea and homemade cake. Raffle Tombola and stalls.

PRAYER & PRAISE

@ Free to Be on Sunday 7th July at 6pm - St Giles

You are all invited to come along and join us for a time of worship and prayer as we pray for our local community.

Whether you are new to church or a regular you can be assured of a really warm welcome.

LATE SPRING CLEAN

LATE SPRING CLEAN in St Giles' Church
Saturday 13th July starting at 9.00 am.

Many hands make light work. Please come along even if you can only spare half an hour or so. Bring a duster, a can of polish, a fully charged small hand held vacuum cleaner or anything else you might need. Thank you in anticipation.

A FUN NIGHT

What a wonderful night was had by all that attended last Friday's "Retro" night. Dancing the night away to 60's, 70's and 80's music was just the tonic.

A massive THANK YOU to Paul Walker and team who raised an amazing £840 for the St Giles' Community Hall floor campaign.

ST GILES' SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 6TH JULY

2:00 - 4:00 PM

St Giles' Community Hall

This year St Giles' Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 6th July. There will be games, stalls, refreshments and of course our famous raffle.

- Jean Newson is very happy to accept prizes for the raffle.
- Items for the tombola can be given to Sue Naylor or delivered to the Community Hall any Monday morning.
- Wine donations to Kath Hirst or to the Community Hall on a Monday morning.
- If you are planning on donating cakes can you let Deborah Pollard, Anne Roberts or Madeline Gibson know please.
- Anne Roberts is collecting for a book stall or donations can be delivered to the Community Hall on Monday mornings.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Don't forget to be there on the day for stalls, games, entertainment, refreshments and the grand raffle.

CAN YOU HELP ON THE DAY ?

We really need volunteers to help set up and tidy away, as well as various other roles throughout the fair. If you can help please get in touch with Jean or Dilys. THANK YOU

READINGS FOR 16TH JUNE

Collect

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

1 Samuel 15. 34 - 16.13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. 35 Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' 11 Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

2 Corinthians 5. 6-10, 14-17

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4. 26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

30 He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**