

# St Giles' Bulletin



A community of disciples seeking to witness to Jesus and serve him in West Bridgford and beyond

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

**1 Samuel 3: 1-11 (p.274)**

**Matthew 5: 13-16 (p.969)**

**10.00am Coffee and refreshments**

**10.30am Informal Worship**

**7.30pm Worship Night**

## Welcome to St Giles

We are a growing community of people of all backgrounds and all ages, and we are convinced that God wants to do great things here in West Bridgford, in Nottingham, and beyond. If you would like more information – about who we are, what we do and what’s going on - then please speak to whoever is leading today’s service, and help yourself to the postcards in the information carousels. At the rear of church is The Haven, a glazed (but not soundproofed!) room where parents can take unsettled babies or children who are too young to join the children’s groups. The church hall can be found through the rear doors of the church. In the hall you will find toilets and baby changing facilities.

At St Giles we are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and have policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment. These can be viewed on our website. Our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Dizzy Prentice and can be contacted on 07951 538670 or [dizzy.prentice@btinternet.com](mailto:dizzy.prentice@btinternet.com).

### Diary for the Week

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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am      | Bump and Baby Group               |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.15am       | Morning Prayer                    |
|                            | 10.30am      | Seniors’ Coffee at Bradmore       |
|                            | 7.30pm       | Real Life                         |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30-12.30   | Advice Centre in the church hall  |
|                            | 10.45am      | Midweek Communion                 |
|                            | 8.00pm       | Ladies’ Evening                   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 10 – 11.30am | Tiddlers in the church hall       |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.00am      | Seniors’ visit to Hodsock Priory  |
|                            | 12.30pm      | Alpha                             |
|                            | 7.30pm       | Youth Night                       |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.00am       | Holy Communion                    |
|                            | 10.00am      | Coffee & Refreshments             |
|                            | 10.30am      | Informal Worship                  |
|                            | 6.00pm       | Choral Evensong (tea & cake 5.30) |

## For our Prayers

Derek Gee Sheila Edwards Philip Smeeton Linda Docherty Patrick Smith

*He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.*

### Worship Night

Everyone is invited to an evening of praise, prayer and worship in church today, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm.



### Sunbeams

Our Sunday morning Sunbeams group is for children aged 2-4 years before they start school. Unfortunately, due to space and the ratio required of leaders to children we cannot accommodate under 2s in this room. If you need to bring an under 2 in while you settle or stay with your Sunbeams aged child just let our team know; it's no problem. If you are visiting do ask any of the team about the 'Haven' room at the back of church for 0-2 year olds.

### Art Exhibition at Southwell Minster 2<sup>nd</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February

Jenny Bell has been given a solo art exhibition at Southwell Minster - the title work is 'Nativity for a New Year' which was used for a St Giles' event a few years ago. The Minster has agreed to a St Giles' group visit on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 12noon-4pm if that would be of interest. Speak to Jenny if you would like a lift - she has a few places in her car. Otherwise the Minster is open to visitors 7 days a week, but check online for concerts and services.

### Seniors' Coffee

The next Seniors' Coffee Morning will be at Bradmore Garden Centre on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am. If you would like a lift please meet at the Church car park at 10.15 or contact David Dunford on 981 6821 if you would like to be collected from home. There were 49 seniors on our recent lunchtime outing and we usually have over 30 people each month at Bradmore. If you're new to St Giles, or just newly senior, why not come along and find out about our programme for seniors?

### Knitting and Sewing Group

The next meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the church hall meeting room. Bring along some knitting, crochet or sewing; tea and coffee provided!



**Congratulations to Kristine Mole** who has been accepted for ordination training to be a vicar in the Church of England! This is fantastic news following a year of discernment and preparation. Let us keep her and Jonathan in our prayers as they prepare for Jonathan's curacy and embark on a new pattern of life for their family.

### **Giving Campaign Update from Lee**

A big thank you from me, Chris Lane our treasurer and Jude and Alison our churchwardens for the response to our autumn giving campaign. There has been a really healthy response with a number of members increasing their giving to St Giles and several others making arrangements to give for the first time. We are still counting up the pledges but it was reported at our last PCC that we are looking at a year on year increase of planned giving at St Giles of over £20,000. This is a really generous response and means that we are able to set a balanced budget for the year, maintain our current levels of staffing and increase our Parish Share. Once again thank you! If you have reviewed your giving and intend to change it or to perhaps give to St Giles for the first time but not made the arrangements yet, the most straightforward way is to set up a standing order for St Giles from your bank account. Our details are:

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| Account Name | St Giles | Account Number | 04096168  |
| Sort code    | 77-22-43 | Reference      | your name |

If you are making any changes to your giving, plan on giving for the first time, or just have questions then please correspond in confidence with Chris, our Treasurer. He can be contacted at [treasurer@stgilesparish.com](mailto:treasurer@stgilesparish.com). Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of St Giles.

### **Ladies' Night**

The next ladies' gathering is taking place this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm at Copper – come along for a drink and a chat. Hope to see you there.

### **Working Men's (Curry) Club - Saturday 23rd February**

Fancy a curry and a few beers? Come along to a low key, relaxed get together with fellow Christian men of working age. Meet at Bombay on Radcliffe Road for 8pm. It will be an evening to chat about work, family, life, anything that bothers or interests you! Costs to be paid on the night. There are still places so speak to David Davis if you'd like to come along, either in church or on 07779 585051.



## **Bump & Baby Group**

Bump & Baby Group meets on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February – it is a friendly, supportive group for Mums-to-be or anyone with a baby under 12 months old. Chat over tea, coffee and cake while your little one enjoys the baby sensory toys. £1 donation. The group meets fortnightly 10.30am - noon in church.

## **One Life Encounter**

You are invited to a series of three diocesan worship evenings throughout this year, an opportunity to come together to celebrate the gift of life in all its fullness. The worship will blend the best of liturgy and informal styles and will focus on the proclamation of the word and the celebration of the sacraments in a creative way. The first evening is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm - *With Humble and Contrite Hearts* – at St Peter & St Paul's Hucknall NG15 6JG.

## **Book Groups**

Evening Group is reading *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris and will be meeting to discuss the book on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm (at Claire Voce's house, 59 Gertrude Road).

The Afternoon Group is reading *Death of an Owl* by Paul Torday and will be discussing the book on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room. New readers are always welcome at both groups.

## **Open Doors – Standing Strong Event**

Open Doors, who supports persecuted Christians, is hosting a Standing Strong Regional Gathering at Trent Vineyard, Lenton Lane NG7 2PX on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30-9pm (doors open from 7pm). The evening is open to all – come and hear stories from a speaker with a first-hand understanding of the persecuted church, and join in worship and prayer for the persecuted church. If you have any questions, or would like a lift, please speak to Alison Place, either in church or on 07726 117 096.

## **Service for World Day of Prayer – 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Everyone is welcome at the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit (corner of Melton Road & Victoria Road). This year's service has been devised by the Christian women of Slovenia, based on Jesus' parable of the great banquet in Luke 14: *Come- everything is ready.*

## Christian Bookstall

At the Church Weekend, Andrew and Claire Barker are once again planning a Christian Bookstall. If there are any books or subjects people would like to see on the stall then please talk to them, or email [a.barker@btinternet.com](mailto:a.barker@btinternet.com).

## Revitalize your Prayer Life!

Why not take a look at these free apps and see if you might find any of them useful in structuring your prayer life? Turn one of our biggest distractions – our mobile phones – into a portable prayer tool!

- **Prayermate** [www.prayermate.net](http://www.prayermate.net)

*To help you pray consistently for yourself, for your loved ones and for God's world.*

- **The BibleApp** [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com)

*Read the bible, or listen to the audio versions – chose your preferred Bible translations - for smartphones & tablets, and also online at Bible.com.*

- **Bible in One Year** [www.bibleinoneyear.org](http://www.bibleinoneyear.org)

*A daily Bible reading app with commentary by Nicky Gumbel (audio version available too). There's also the option to subscribe to daily emails.*

- **Unreached of the Day** [www.joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/app](http://www.joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/app)

*A daily prayer prompt for a different part of the world where little or nothing is known of Jesus. Also available as a downloadable calendar, or a daily email.*

- **Daily Prayer** [www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship)

*Morning, Evening and Night Prayer from the Church of England, in both Traditional and Contemporary formats. Also online on the CofE website.*

- **Echo Prayer** – [www.new.echoprayer.com](http://www.new.echoprayer.com)

*Echo Prayer helps you keep track of your prayers, reminds you to pray throughout the day, and lets you share prayer requests.*

- **24/7 Prayer** – [www.24-7prayer.com/blog/2802/introducing-inner-room-our-new-prayer-app](http://www.24-7prayer.com/blog/2802/introducing-inner-room-our-new-prayer-app)

*24/7 Prayer's Inner Room is a prayer list app that equips, enables and inspires you to pray, each day (includes audio option so that you can pray on the go).*

## St Giles' Mission Partners



There is a box for donations at the back of church or you can take them to the Friary at their depot at Unit 6C Ludlow Hill Road, NG2 6HF (Tue & Thu 10am – 3pm).

If possible, please donate items from the most needed list below - these really help vulnerable people at this time of year:

- Drinks: bottled water, cartons of juice, coffee, tea.
- Snacks: nuts, seeds, crisps, cereal bars, chocolate bars, biscuits.
- Tins: fish, meat, puddings, fruit, custard and soup.
- Hats, scarves, gloves, socks, mens' jeans sizes (30, 32, 34 waist), boxer shorts (size medium), knickers (size 10-12), mens' trainers (any sizes).
- Rucksacks and sleeping bags.

From the Friary: "thank you for the support of everyone at St Giles who has a collection box and for the generous gift of £233.70 which came from those boxes. Gifts such as this are vital to help the Friary provide services that are devoted to empowering homeless and vulnerable adults to rebuild their lives by offering practical services, advice and emotional support." If you would like to know more about collecting your loose change please speak to Carole Sprakes.



Southampton University Christian Union's events week includes an international or, maybe more accurately, cross-cultural track with Peter Teagle as speaker and FI staff as CU guests. Pray that students who come regularly to the CU's iCafé and local international student events would come. We give thanks for the opportunity to share Jesus with them and those we will meet for the first time..

### Hosting International Students

More international students are arriving in Nottingham for the new semester and are being welcomed by the Friends International team. Could you host one or two of these students in your home for a meal in the time they are here? If so, please take a leaflet from the rack at the back of church, talk to Andrew or Claire Barker or email [rosemary.rettie@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.rettie@gmail.com) .

## Collect:

Lord of the hosts of heaven,  
our salvation and our strength,  
without you we are lost:  
guard us from all that harms or hurts  
and raise us when we fall;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do  
with your most gracious favour,  
and guide us with your continual help,  
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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