

St Giles' Bulletin



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

10th March 2019
First Sunday of Lent

9.00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 60: 4-9 (p.747)

John 15: 1-11 (p.1083)

10.00am Coffee and refreshments

10.30am Informal Worship

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.

Diary for the Week

Monday 11 th	10.30am	Bump & Baby Group
Tuesday 12 th	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Seniors’ Coffee at Bradmore
	7.30pm	Real Life
Wednesday 13 th	9.30-12.30	Advice Centre in the church hall
	10.45am	Midweek Communion
	8.00pm	Ladies’ Night
Thursday 14 th	10 – 11.30am	Tiddlers in the church hall
Friday 15 th	12.30pm	Alpha
	7.30pm	Youth Night
Sunday 17 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Coffee & Refreshments
	10.30am	Informal Worship
	12.00pm	Welcome Lunch
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong (tea & cake from 5.30pm)

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.

Welcome Lunch – Sunday 17th March

If you have started coming to St Giles in the last year or so, Lee and Tim would love you to come along to a welcome lunch next Sunday in the George Chapel after the 10.30am service (starting at about midday). It'll be a relaxed buffet lunch, an opportunity to chat and get to know some more people at St Giles. You're welcome to just turn up on the day but if you do know that you'll be coming please let Tim know (for catering purposes) – curate@stgilesparish.com.

St Giles' Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The next meeting of the new PCC is on Wednesday 20th March. Its members are: Marian Bestwick, Tim Chambers, Barry Clarke, Martin Crew, Alistair Ferraro, Barry Hayman, Jude Hill, Chris Lane, Johanna Langheld, Roger Ottway, Alison Place, Dizzy Prentice, Graham Rooke, Rosy Sutcliffe, Mark Townshend, Hilary Walters, Sheila Wheaton and Rachel White. Please feel free to talk to any of them, should you have any issues you want to raise.

Seniors' Coffee Morning

The Seniors' Coffee Morning will be at Bradmore Garden Centre on Tuesday, 12th March 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.

24 Hours of Prayer – 22nd / 23rd March

Starting on Friday 22nd March we at St Giles will be embarking on 24 hours of prayer! The youth will kick us off at their worship night, then on Saturday 23rd the church will be open 9.15-11.15am and again 3-5pm for any who wish to make use of the prayer space. For more information about prayer themes and how to sign up to a prayer slot, see the separate flier in church.

Bump & Baby Group

Bump & Baby Group meets on Monday 11th March – 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.

Church Weekend Away

If you are coming on the weekend away at the end of the month you should have received an information booklet by email, but there are also some printed copies at the back of church, so please take one. Any special requests for meals, lifts, etc. need to be with Claire by Sunday 17th March so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Reflections for Lent

LentPilgrim is the Church of England's 2019 Lent campaign – it invites you to explore the unexpected and often challenging vision Jesus sets out in this crucial part of his teachings. Each day provides you with a short reflection on a Bible reading, an invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to the Beatitudes' challenge to live as God intends. Details of the resources (a book, daily email or app) can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/lent>

Lent Panels in Church

The Advent panels on the north wall (first seen in 1989) have been replaced by the Lent panels (1991.) This set takes as its theme the parallels between the Old and New Testament, and the ancient prophecies foretelling the Messiah.

Lent Talks in the City

Everyone is welcome to a series of talks this Lent, with a focus on prayer in today's world - Thursdays during Lent at St Peter's Church, Nottingham (next to M & S). Each talk will begin at 1pm, followed by discussion, ending by 2pm (light refreshments available from 12.30, no charge).

- 14th March: Prayer and Art (The Revd Dr Richard Davey)
- 21st March: Prayer and Creation (The Revd Dr Helen Hall)
- 28th March: Prayer and Poetry (Ruth Shelton)
- 4th April: Prayer and Mental Health (The Revd James Saxton)
- 11th April: Prayer and Inclusiveness (The Revd Jenny Jones)

Renewal of Church Electoral Roll

This year we have to compile a completely new church electoral roll, and **everybody has to sign up even if you were on the previous roll.** It is the church's membership list, and you need to be on the roll to attend the church's Annual General Meeting on 28th April and to speak and vote at it, or to stand for

election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) or Deanery Synod. Application forms will be handed out at some services and will be available in the Welcome Area. The closing date for forms is Saturday 13th April, but please fill them in sooner rather than later, especially if you're going away during the school holidays. You can join the electoral roll if you are baptised and at least 16 years old. (If you are 15 you can sign a form and it will take effect on your 16th birthday.) You must also either live in the parish (you can check this at www.achurchnearyou.com) or have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the last six months (unless you were prevented by illness or other essential reason from doing so). If you would like further information please ask Richard Crawley (07768 886846) or one of the churchwardens, Alison or Jude.

Sunday Service Changes in March and April

On Sunday 31st March, as many of our congregation will be on the weekend away, there will be one service at St Giles, Holy Communion at 9.00am, followed by coffee afterwards. There won't be any children or youth activities during this service, as most of the leaders and helpers will be away.

The All Age service in April will be on Easter Sunday morning, 21st April, at 10.30am. On the first Sunday in April there won't be an All Age service at 10.30 but activities for children and youth will run.

Street Pastors

Have you ever thought of becoming a Street Pastor? Or know of anyone who would make a great one? Contact streetpastors@maltcross.com to find out more about getting involved in this practical display of God's love. If you would like to know more about what's involved you could talk to Debbie Keown who is a serving Street Pastor - debbie.keown@ntlworld.com

Afternoon at the Movies

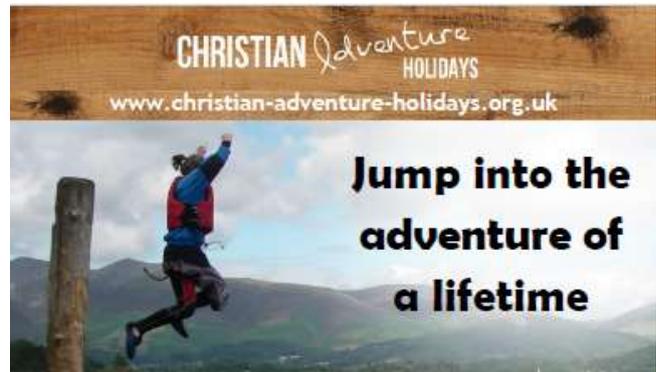
The next Seniors' event is an Afternoon at the Movies with a soup and roll lunch on Thursday 21st March in the George Chapel. There will be a cartoon and newsreel at 11.30am, then a break for lunch, followed by the main feature film. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church. There is no charge for this event and please feel free to bring along a friend or neighbour. For any more information see Doreen during coffee time.

Ladies' Night

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

Christian Adventure Holidays

If you're looking for something for your older children to do over the summer and they'd like to try lots of great outdoor activities in a friendly and fun-filled community, then they will love Christian Adventure Holidays. CAH provide summer adventure activity



holidays for young people aged 12 to 17 years, based at Bassenfell Manor Christian Centre, overlooking Bassenthwaite Lake. The focus is to encourage fun, friendship and Christian Faith. The cost of a week away is £268.

For more information or to make a booking go to www.christian-adventure-holidays.org.uk

Knitting and Sewing Group

The next meeting is on Monday 18th March at 2pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room. Just bring along some knitting, crochet or sewing and turn up.

Book Groups

The Evening Group is reading *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty and will be meeting to discuss the book on Monday 25th March at 8pm at Jill Ridgewell's house (76 Edward Road).

The Afternoon Group is going to read *Neither Nowt nor Summat* by Ian McMillan and is meeting on Monday 8th April at 2.30 pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room. New readers are always welcome at both groups!

List of Children's Resources

Over the last couple of weeks in the bulletin there has been a list of some suggestions for children's Bibles and other children's Christian resources, recommended by members of our congregation. We apologise that we included www.thebricktestament.com in that list, which was a mistake. It was included in good faith on the basis of a recommendation but on further investigation we realise that it is not suitable for children and young people, although superficially appealing.

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.

Fundraising Sale for the Friary – Saturday 30th March, 11am – 1pm, West Park Pavilion, Loughborough Road. Stalls include Adult & Children's Clothes, Household & Electrical items, Toys, Books, Bric-a-brac and Jewellery.

Refreshments are available. Entrance fee - 50p



We thank God for the increase in students signing up for hosting this year. Pray that God would provide new hosts to meet the increased demand and that the visits would create opportunities for hosts to share God's love and speak about Jesus.

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



Elizabeth & David Dunford have just returned from an amazing visit to our mission partner Fusi Secondary School in Lesotho. Have a look at the notice board to see photos of some of the students benefiting from our help, and all the students excited to receive pens and pencils from the people of St Giles.

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.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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