

# St Giles' Bulletin



**10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
***Second Sunday of Advent***

**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p.723)  
Mark 1: 1-8 (p.1002)

**7.00pm Beer and Carols in the  
Stratford Haven pub**

**10.00am Coffee and refreshments**

**10.30am Informal Worship**

Soon after the start of the 10.30 service, our children & youth groups begin:

- Sunbeams (ages 2½ - 4½) & Junior Church (primary age) meet in the hall.
- Youth meet in the church welcome area and then go over to Lutterell Hall.

At the rear of church is The Haven, a glazed room where parents can take babies or children who are too young to join the children's groups and need some space to wriggle, crawl or cry! There are toys and books in boxes underneath the seats to help keep babies and toddlers entertained, but please be aware that the room is not soundproof. The church hall can be found through the rear doors of the church. In the hall you will find toilets and baby changing facilities (in the disabled toilet).

If you have a notice for the bulletin, please send details by 10am on Thursday – either email [admin@stgilesparish.com](mailto:admin@stgilesparish.com) or call 07948 834250.

## Diary for the Week

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	WB School Carol Service
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am 10.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Seniors' coffee at Bradmore Alpha
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am	Advice Centre in Church Hall Midweek Communion
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 - 11.30am 1.00 – 2.30pm	Tiddlers in the church hall Bump to Baby Group
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm	Youth Night
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am 7.00pm	Holy Communion Coffee and Refreshments Informal Worship Carols by Candlelight

### For our Prayers

Don Robson   Ken Nichol   Jean Stevenson

*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.*

*If you or someone you know at St Giles would appreciate some pastoral support do talk to Daphne Carter in confidence.*

### Changes to our services over Christmas

Please note the following changes to our service pattern over Christmas. There will be just one service on Christmas Eve morning – Informal Worship at 10am, followed by coffee. Sunbeams, Junior Church and Youth activities will take place as usual during this service. The late Communion Service on Christmas Eve will start earlier than in recent years, at 11pm. There will be one service on Christmas Day – All Age Communion at 10am, followed by coffee for those who don't need to rush off to check on the turkey! On the following Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December, there will be one service – Holy Communion at 10.00am. There will be no Morning Prayer in church on 26<sup>th</sup> December or 2<sup>nd</sup> January, and no Midweek Communion service on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Sunday services are back to normal on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – the 10.30am service will be January's All Age Worship.

## Family News

The funeral of Eileen Else who died recently in York will be held at York Crematorium on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 11.20am. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.

*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age*

### Nativity Dress Rehearsal

The dress rehearsal for the Nativity will take place in church on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** 10am-12pm. School age children can be dropped off once they have been signed in but parents of younger children will need to stay. Sunbeams are very welcome - they can choose a costume and join in and stay for as much or little of the practice as they can manage. Parent volunteers to help with costume organisation at the practice and on the day and refreshments for leaders and children at the practice are gratefully received - just let Sarah or Iain know.

### Junior/Youth Choir for Christmas

I am looking for singers for our junior/youth choir, to perform a song at Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, and at the Nativity at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We will be rehearsing straight after the 10.30 service on **December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**. I'm not just looking for junior singers, but as many youth to take part too. Please sign up at the back of church. Thanks, Hannah

### Walking Group

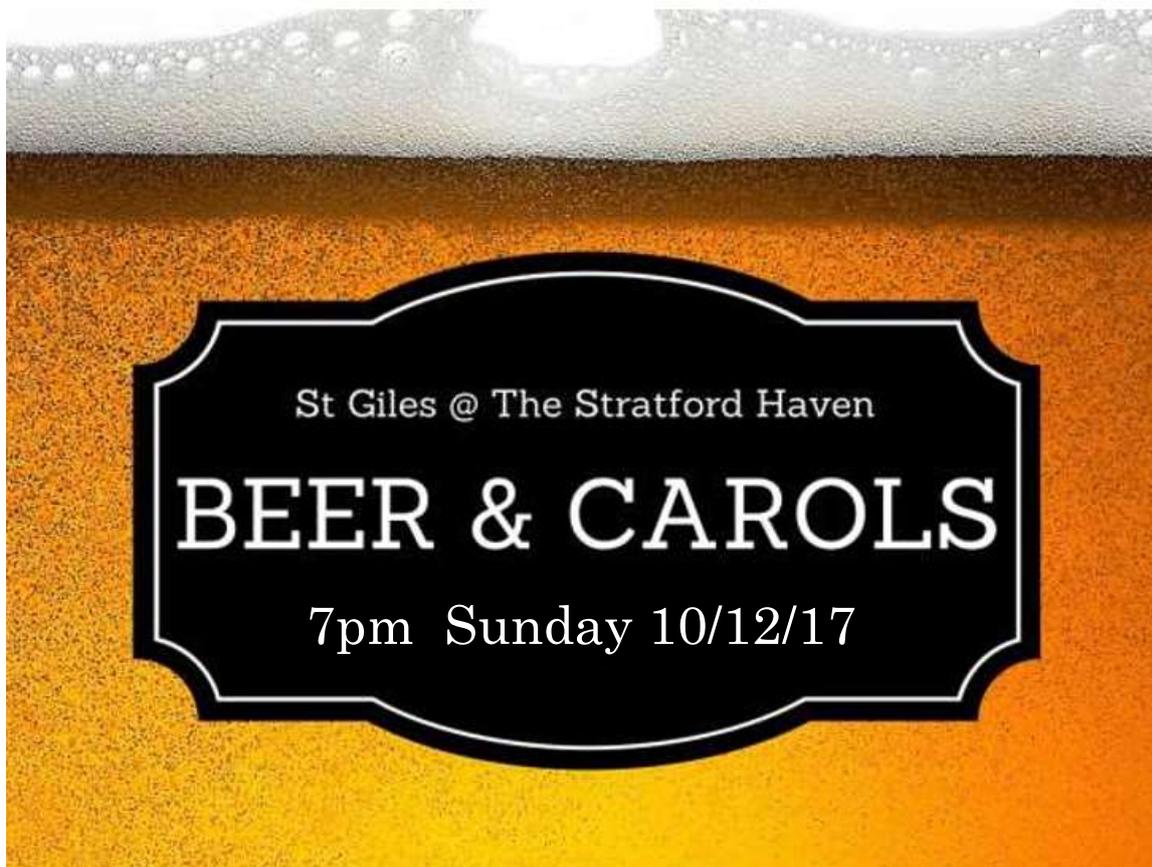
The next walk will be on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.30am around Gedling Country Park. Meet in the car park at Spring Lane, Mapperley, NG4 4PE or buses 47, 47A and 47B to Spring Lane. The park has good paths so we should be able to avoid the mud! If you'd like to know more speak to Johanna on 846 9461.

### Bump and Baby Group

If you are a mum-to-be or a mum or dad with a baby up to 12 months old, come along to the Bump and Baby Group in the George Chapel this **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**, 1-2.30pm, to enjoy a chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake. There will be sensory toys for the little ones to enjoy and each session will finish with a short reflective thought and prayer. To find out more speak to Ellen Dann.

### Thank You from Family Care

On behalf of Family Care and all the families in Nottinghamshire that they support, thank you for the toys and gifts donated at the Christingle service. They are very much appreciated and will help to make Christmas a happy time for children in difficult circumstances. Thank you too to those who have collection boxes at home for Family Care – we have recently donated £196 from these boxes, which was gratefully received. This will help with their work running a bereavement service for children, an adoption service and looking after children who have been abused.



### **Beer and Carols – TODAY!**

We are gathering at The Stratford Haven pub, Stratford Road again this year to enjoy a hearty Christmas carols sing-a-long, complete with beverage in hand. It's a great occasion to get into the festive mood so come along and invite your friends - **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 7pm.

### **Carol Singing in Care Homes**

Once again St Giles will be going to sing carols in local care homes and retirement housing. We will be visiting Westdale Care Home, 129 Melton Road, 2.30pm on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** and Lutterell Court, NG2 7LN on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.30pm. Please do consider coming along to join the festive voices – the residents really appreciate it. There are sign-up sheets at the back of church. We will meet at the venues 5 minutes beforehand. Many thanks.



### **Readers for Carols By Candlelight**

Would you like to read one of the lessons at this year's Carols by Candlelight service at 7.00pm on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**? The readings tell of the wonder of God's gift of His Son to the world, and it is great if we can get a mix of people from across all sections of our church family to read them. Please let Claire know if you are interested (contact details on the back of the bulletin).

## St Giles' Mission Partners



### Gifts that keep giving beyond Christmas

Present Aid is a charity gift website that supports the work of Christian Aid. Find the perfect gift for family, friends, teachers and loved ones which could transform the lives of people living in poverty around the world. Take a look online at <http://www.presentaid.org/>.

- £9 to give a child in Bangladesh textbooks, stationery and school essentials
- £13 to give a struggling farmer the training and equipment to fish for a living
- £15 to give nets protect 5 children from being bitten by deadly mosquitos

### Enough for Everyone this Christmas - Christmas Appeal 2017

Children across South Sudan and Burkina Faso are dying from hunger. They are bearing the brunt of ongoing conflict and climate change. At Christmas, a time of plenty, when we come together with family and friends to celebrate, relax and often overindulge, it feels particularly unjust that so many families will go without food, security and hope. Go online to donate to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal - [www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal). **For every pound you give, the UK Government will give a pound more.**



### Community Crisis Appeal

The Friary's services need to continue but funding can't keep pace with demand without your help. They have launched a Community Crisis Appeal with a fundraising target of £30k by the end of December. Please respond today! To donate £5 text FCCA55 £5 to 70070; to donate £10 text FCCA55 £10 to 70070, or go online to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/friarydrop-in/helpfriaryhelpthem> There are over 50 rough sleepers in Nottingham every night – thank you for helping them.

Please also continue to bring your donations into church (box near the front door) or take them to the Friary at their depot at Unit 6C Ludlow Hill Road, NG2 6HF (open Tue & Thu 10am – 3pm). Thank you.



### News from Fusi Secondary School

This year we have been able to support some upgrading work to the school by purchasing a photocopier and extending the electricity supply to the classrooms. We have also bought a computer for the primary school - the first computer experience for the pupils there. In January, a new set of students are hoping to progress to High School and need our support for their fees. Please keep them in mind.

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**From the Friends International Prayer Diary:** Over the Christmas period there are amazing opportunities to host international students. Christmas dinner, carol services, mince pies & mulled wine, Christmas trees – these may all be very normal to us, but to an international student they may be an unconventional cultural experience! Pray that church members would seize the opportunities to invite internationals for a meal, to a service etc. Pray that international students would be able to see through the commercialism of the season to who Jesus is and why He was born.

## youth@stgiles

*"To serve and equip young people on their journey of faith in Christ."*

Youth Nights are held on Fridays from 7.30 to 9.30pm. All youth are very welcome and please do bring friends along too. Coming up.....

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party at St Luke's Church

Any questions, please speak to Andy Wright, after the 10.30 service on Sundays, or his contact details are on the back of the bulletin.

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you from the Royal British Legion to all who contributed to the poppy appeal. £99.06 was raised at St Giles, out of total of £13,774 in West Bridgford.

### Job Vacancy – St John's College - College Administrator, 0.6 FTE

The role is responsible for providing administrative support for the operational activities of the College. The post is 0.6 FTE, 21 hours per week, salary: £18,270 per annum, initially on a contract to end 31.08.18 but could be extended. <https://stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/contact/current-vacancies>. Please return completed application forms to [recruitment@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk). Application deadline for applications **12 noon on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, interviews **21<sup>st</sup> December**.

### Knitting and Sewing Group

The Knitting and Sewing group will be meeting on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm in the church hall meeting room.

### Seniors' Coffee

The next Seniors' Coffee Morning will be at Bradmore Garden Centre on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.30 am. 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.



## **Christmas with St Giles**

### **Carols by Candlelight**

7pm December 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Christmas Eve**

4pm The Nativity

11pm Holy Communion

### **Christmas Day**

10am A Christmas Celebration  
for all ages

**Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ  
comes again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
Amen.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Psalm 44; Isa 30: 1-18; Matt 14: 1-12

\* Wiawso - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Ackah

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Psalm 56; Isa 30: 19-end; Matt 14: 13-end

\* Willochra - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Revd John Stead

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Psalm 62; Isa 31; Matt 15: 1-20

\* Windward Islands - (West Indies) The Rt Revd Calvert Friday

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Psalm 54; Isa 32; Matt 15: 21-28

\* Wondurba - (Loryko, Sudan) The Rt Revd Matthew Taban Peter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Psalm 86; Isa 33: 1-22; Matt 15: 29-end

\* Worcester - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd John Inge

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Psalm 145; Isa 35; Matt 16: 1-12

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