

St Giles' Bulletin



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

13th May 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end (p.1092)

John 17:6-19 (p.1085)

10.00am Coffee and refreshments

10.30am Informal Worship

8.00pm First Priority Prayer

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 cards in the information carousels – one by the coffee hatch and one near the front door.

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 church hall (please collect your child from the hall if they’ve not been brought back to you by the time the service ends!)
- **Youth** gather by the front door and then go over to Lutterell Hall across the road. 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.

Diary for the Week

Monday 14 th May	3.45pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 15 th May	9.15am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer Taizé Service (tea & cake 5.15pm)
Wednesday 16 th May	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am 7.30pm	Advice Centre in the church hall Midweek Communion PCC Meeting
Thursday 17 th May	10.00 – 11.30am 6.00pm	Tiddlers in the church hall Evening Prayer (tea & cake 5.15pm)
Friday 18 th May	10am – 12 noon 7.30pm 7.30pm	Friday Cake Break for Christian Aid Concert by the William Jewell Choir for Christian Aid Youth Night

Saturday 19 th May	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 th May	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Coffee and Refreshments
	10.30am	Informal Worship
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong

For our Prayers

Don Robson Ken Nichol Jean Stevenson Philip Smeeton

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.

Celebrating 5 years of Traidcraft at St Giles

A message from Claire Voce: 5 years ago I set up the Traidcraft stall at St Giles to enable our congregation to directly help some of the world's poorest people trade their way out of poverty. Traidcraft buy from small scale farmers who aren't able to grow the much bigger volumes Fairtrade at supermarkets require. They put the farmers in a stronger position in local and world markets, give technical advice, provide better plants and seeds, and generally enable people to improve their lifestyles in areas where simply surviving is incredibly hard. St Giles have particularly enjoyed Traidcraft's delicious Stem ginger cookies, medium roast coffee, peanut butter and fruit and nut Museli! So, **please join the celebrations by purchasing from the stall TODAY** - and enabling our friends from all around the world to continue to benefit from growing and processing the finest Fair Trade goods. Thank you.

St Giles' Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting

The first meeting of the new PCC is on Wednesday 16th May. 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 to talk to any of them, should you have any issues you want to raise.



Thy Kingdom Come

Be part of our church family coming together to pray, as we join with the global church, united in ten days of prayer. Please see the flier for full details of prayer events taking place at St Giles, and elsewhere.

Some opportunities for prayer after work....

- Tue 15th 6.00pm Taizé Service: a quiet, reflective service with music and prayer.
- Thu 17th 6.00pm Evening Prayer.
Come along from 5.15pm for tea & cake before both services.

Some opportunities for prayer first thing.....

- Tue 15th – Fri 18th Early Morning Prayer, 6.30-7.00am
- Tue 15th 9.15am Morning Prayer
- Sat 19th 9.15am Morning Prayer

First Priority Prayer

First Priority Prayer will now take place in the George Chapel **THIS Sunday 13th May**, at 8pm, as part of Thy Kingdom Come.

In addition, all are invited to take part in the Prayer Labyrinth at the Methodist Church on these days:

- Tue 15th May 10am–12pm; 1–4pm; 6–8pm
- Wed 16th May 12.30–3pm; 7.30–9pm
- Thu 17th May 10am–12pm



Messy Church

Please note that the next Messy Church is taking place in church on Monday 14th May, a week later than usual due to the bank holiday. Come along after school, from 3.45pm until 5.15pm - join in all the action and then share tea together. Invite your friends with families along!



Church Cleaning

Following the sad loss of Aileen Foster, we are looking for someone for up to 2 hours/week for dusting and polishing in church (not heavy work). The hours can be flexible to fit in with other commitments and this is a paid post. For more details please speak to Helen Jarvis or Claire Sheard.

Girls' Breakfast

The next girls' breakfast will be on Saturday 26th May 10.00 – 11.30am at the Rectory. Please bring your bible, money for a drink from Café Nero and friends! Speak to Sally Proudlove for more information.

Are you a budding Mary Berry?!

Any donations of homemade cakes for sale at this Friday's Cake Break for Christian Aid are very much appreciated. Please drop them off in church on Wednesday or Thursday morning or bring them along on Friday from 9.30am. If you could let Claire Sheard or Rachel Gregory know that would be helpful. Thank you!



1st Birthday for Dorothea

Many of you will remember Lukas and Susa Drapal who moved back to the Czech Republic last year with their young baby Dorothea. Laurie Woodgate is collecting cards and gifts that anyone would like to send to Dorothea to celebrate her first birthday and will send it over in early June. If you would like to contact Laurie please speak to him in church or contact him on 07730358665 or laurie.woodgate@gmail.com.

Fundraising Fashion Show – next month

Save the date for this year's Fashion Show – it's on Monday 18th June at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £5.00 and will be on sale in church later this month. There will also be a raffle and refreshments on the night. All proceeds to Friary and Ha Fusi school.

Knitting and Sewing Group

The next meeting is on Monday 21st May at 2.00pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room. Bring along some knitting, crochet or sewing– tea and coffee provided!



Coming up this week.....



St Giles Presents

THE WILLIAM JEWELL CHOIR, MISSOURI, USA

An eclectic programme featuring works by
composers from around the world.

18TH MAY • 7.30PM • ST GILES WEST BRIDGFORD

*Tickets £10 waged, £5 unwaged includes a glass of wine or soft
drink and nibbles.*

All proceeds in support of Christian Aid

Contact - admin@stgilesparish.com 07948 834250



The William Jewell Choir

are calling in at St Giles to do
a performance during their
tour of English Cathedrals.
The performance will be a mix
of sacred and secular music.
Tickets cost £10 each (£5
unwaged / children) and
include a glass of wine/soft
drink and nibbles.

Come and enjoy a Friday Cake Break

@ St Giles' Church

**Friday 18th May
10am – 12noon**

Pop in for tea, coffee
and homemade cakes



All proceeds to
Christian Aid

The **Plant Sale** will be held over the
next two Sundays – 20th and 27th May
– please bring your own bags to carry
home your plants.



St Giles' Mission Partners



On behalf of the Trustees, staff and visitors the Friary wishes to express grateful thanks for your generous gift of £1,640 raised from performances of your Passion Play in March.

Please 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 (Tue & Thu 10am – 3pm).



This week please pray for: Sami who has just finished his PhD in the UK and is about to return to Iraq. He has attended the church locally and has come to love his church like a family. He has learned a lot about Jesus and we pray he would continue to investigate Christianity and make a decision to follow Him. It will be hard for him to return to Iraq and he can't bear thinking about leaving. Finding a job will be hard. May the Lord guide his future steps and provide for him as he returns to Iraq.



Rafiki Thabo Foundation:

Thank you to Junior Church for donating the proceeds of the Good Friday workshop – a magnificent £419 was sent to Ha Fusi school. The school recently had electricity connected to the classrooms through your generous help. The principal wrote "When the rainy season starts, the storms are so heavy that the classrooms are dark and the teacher cannot be heard because the rain on the roof is so loud. Lighting in the classrooms has enabled lessons to continue so that students' learning has not been compromised"

The Big Church Day Out is the UK's largest annual gathering of the wider church that creates a space for all denominations and ages to gather each year for two exciting days of worship and celebration. This year it takes place on 1st and 2nd June at Capesthorne Hall in Cheshire. Take a look online at www.bigchurchdayout.com to see if this might be something you'd enjoy. We are not co-ordinating bookings as a church but we do hope that quite a few people might decide to go along. If you do book, either for the day or weekend, please would you email Claire in the church office so that we are aware of everyone who will be going?



Collect:

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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