

St Giles' Bulletin



14th May 2017
5th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion
Acts 7: 55-60 (p.1100)
John 14: 1-14 (p.1082)

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 Wednesday – either email admin@stgilesparish.com or call 07948 834250.

Diary for the Week

Monday 15 th May	2.00pm	Knitting and sewing group
Tuesday 16 th May	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 17 th May	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am 7.30pm	Advice Centre in Church Hall Midweek Communion PCC Meeting
Thursday 18 th May	10am – 11.30am	Tiddlers in the church hall
Friday 19 th May	7.30pm	Youth Night
Saturday 20 th May	6.15pm – 9pm	The Big Event for Christian Aid
Sunday 21 st May	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion Coffee and refreshments Informal Worship with baptisms Tea and cake Choral Evensong

For our Prayers

Don Robson Ken Nichol Jean Stevenson Trevor Rolt Eric Nelson
Soeharto and Djuarsih (parents of Chloe James)

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.

Traidcraft Stall

There will be a Traidcraft stall **TODAY Sunday 14th May** before and after the 10.30 service. All the usual goodies will be available, plus we now have chocolate coated shortbread and the long awaited return of yoghurt raisins! Thanks for your continued support of the stall. Claire Voce

Next Meeting of St Giles' Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The next meeting of the PCC is on **Wednesday 17th May**. Its members are: Jonathan Ashton, Marian Bestwick, Tim Chambers, Martin Crew, David Davis, Alistair Ferraro, Barry Hayman, Jude Hill, Chris Lane, Johanna Langheld, Roger Ottway, Alison Place, Sally Poon, Dizzy Prentice, Lee Proudlove, Graham Rooke, Brendan Sprakes, Rosy Sutcliffe, Mark Townshend and Sheila Wheaton. Please feel free to talk to any of them, should you have any issues you want to raise.

Women @ St Giles

The next women's breakfast will take place at St Luke's, Gamston on **Saturday 24th June** 8.30-10.00am. Details of the theme and speaker to follow but get the date in your diary now! Tickets will be on sale shortly at a cost of just £3. Come and enjoy food for body and soul with worship, teaching, breakfast and chat.

Knitting and Sewing Group

The next meeting is on **Monday 15th May** at 2.00pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room. Just bring along some knitting, crochet or sewing. Just turn up – tea and coffee provided!

Meals for Alpha at St Saviour's

St Saviour's in the Meadows started an Alpha course last week and would welcome support from cooks at St Giles, who could offer a meal for their course. For more information please contact Liz Whawell on 07981138859 or lisnoake@googlemail.com. Thank you.

Free To Be – an event for Christian Women

What does freedom really feel like? We try and maintain the momentum, but life keeps adding yet more challenges! It's easy to get distracted and lose sight of who God has designed you to be. Come to Free To Be where you'll leave with inspirational, practical ideas, and a renewed vision to step out into the life God has called you to. The event is touring nationally and comes to Derby on **Thursday 6th June**, 7.30 – 10pm at The Riverside Centre, Derby, DE24 8HY. For more information, look online at www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events, call 029 2081 0800 or speak to Liz Whawell in church.

Beauvale Priory

The next Seniors' event is an outdoor Communion Service and afternoon tea at Beauvale Priory, which falls on Ascension Day, **Thursday 25th May**. Weather permitting at 1.30pm those who feel energetic will gather at Colliers Wood for a walk, and then meet up with everyone at Beauvale Priory at 2.30pm where Lee will join us to lead our service. We have our Eucharist in the peaceful ruins of the Chapel where the monks held their services 300 years ago. Everyone is welcome, not only Seniors (please bring a chair if you would find it difficult to stand for 30 minutes). If you can offer transport please indicate the number of seats available on the sign up sheet at the back of Church. For more information and printed directions speak to Doreen between services on Sundays.

A Word of Thanks

From Cameron Darkin-Price: Thank you so much to everyone who bought a book, donated or came along to my fundraising meal. I have now successfully raised the required £1800 and will be leaving for Ghana with The Nottingham Emmanuel School on July 2nd. Without your help, I would not be going! Thanks again and hope you are enjoying the books!

Is God Calling You to be a Foster Carer?

An event which aims to encourage more Christians to become foster parents is being held at St Nic's, Nottingham, on **Tuesday 16th May** at 7.30pm. The diocese is organising the event, in conjunction with Nottingham City Council. It will be an opportunity to explore what it really means to foster – both for the child and the carer – and how fostering can be part of Christian service. Bishop Paul Williams will be at the event, along with Councillor David Mellen, Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years, and foster carers who will share their real-life experiences of fostering. If you are thinking of attending please register with Catriona Gundlach catriona@southwell.anglican.org or 01636 817232.

Fashion Show

This year's fundraising Fashion Show which will be hold on **Monday 19th June** at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon and proceeds will be split equally between The Friary and Ha Fusi.

Job Vacancy

The East Midland Baptist Association (EMBA) are seeking to appoint an Association Administrator for 25 hours per week as part of a job-share arrangement, based in West Bridgford. For further information and details of how to apply please see <http://embaptists.co.uk/vacancies/>. The closing date is 12noon on **Tuesday 16th May**.

Road to Freedom

Later this month one of our congregation, Peter Rhodes, will be participating in a fundraising event for the Snowdrop Project (snowdropproject.co.uk). This charity helps survivors of people trafficking and The Road to Freedom fundraiser aims to secure the services of a counsellor and involves cycle 140 miles from Prague to Dresden, over 3 days. Peter will be covering the costs in taking part himself, so all donations will go straight to the charity - Peter's target is £1100! Please help him to achieve this by going to www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/peterrhodes. Thank you.

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 19th May Worship Night @ St Giles

Friday 26th May Cafe @ St Giles

Friday 2nd June Half Term – no youth night

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.

Thinking Christianly about the General Election

You may be interested in these resources to help you think about the forthcoming election from a Christian, non-partisan perspective. A quick read is Ian Paul's blogpost <https://www.psephizo.com/life-ministry/how-should-christians-vote>. Ian is an associate minister at St Nic's Nottingham. You will also find a range of topical resources from the Evangelical Alliance for UK churches - <https://election.eauk.org> Plus, the Archbishops of York and Canterbury have issued a pastoral letter regarding the election for Anglican churches – this is available online at www.churchofengland.org or there are paper copies at the back of church.

Family Care Bottles

As £1 coins are going out of circulation soon thought it may be an idea to empty Family Care bottles so that any £1 coins can be banked. Please put any money in a bag with your name on and give to Carole Sprakes in church.

St Giles' Mission Partners



The Friends International Prayer Diary and "Opportunity" magazine for May to August are available at the back of church. Please take one and use it to pray more effectively for this strategic ministry.

From the Friends International Prayer Diary: Pray for new staff we are hoping to recruit in Guildford, Norwich and London. Pray especially for the appointments in London, that through these staff and relationships with local churches, we would be better able to reach the thousands of international students in the capital each year. Pray that the Lord would provide the resources that the staff need – a strong base of supporters both financial and in prayer..



Elizabeth & David Dunford saw wonderful progress being made at Fusi school during their recent visit to Lesotho - photos can be seen on the mission notice-board near the back door of church.



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 (open Tue & Thu 10am – 3pm). Please see the poster in church for details of what's most needed. Thank you.



House to House Collection

Collecting bags are ready in church for our collectors. We still need collectors for quite a few roads. If you feel able to help, please contact Rachel Gregory on 0115 9234782 or rachelsgregory@btinternet.com.



christian aid week 2017

The **Big Event** will take place in church **NEXT WEEKEND** on **Saturday 20th May**, 6.15 – 9.00pm.



There will be food & bar, raffle & auction, bingo, quiz sheets and fabulous jazz entertainment from Paul Ricard & friends! The evening is suitable for all ages – do invite your friends along!

PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS ASAP so that we can be sure to cater for the right numbers.

£7.50 for adults, £2.50 for children

(on sale in church on Sundays or from the church office)

The **Plant Sale** will be held **today Sunday 14th May** and **next Sunday 21st May** - tomato, vegetable and flower plants will be on sale from the green fingered Averyl, Dizzy and co.



Details of the fantastic lots for the **Auction** are now available for viewing, and are open for advance bids for those who can't be there in person on 20th May. Contact Rachel Gregory with your maximum bid - 0115 9234782 or rachelsgregory@btinternet.com.

See the following page for details of the wonderful lots that you could bid on,

Raffle tickets are also on sale. Tickets cost £5 per strip – buy yours in church on Sundays, or from the church office. Full details of the raffle prizes is on the Christian Aid table in church.



AUCTION ITEMS 2017



You can place a sealed bid if you can't be there in person on Saturday 20th! Contact Rachel Gregory with your max bid.

Lot 1 – A dinner party for 6 people, including wines, chez Adrian

Kindly donated by Adrian Cudmore

Adrian has once more offered his considerable culinary skills. Offers are invited for 5 courses of a menu of your choice (within reason!) including wines at Adrian's home in Lady Bay. Note that there is a reserve of £240 on this lot.

Lot 2 - Framed Photograph

Kindly donated by Adrian Cudmore

Print of your choice from Adrian Cudmore's portfolio. Subjects include landscape images taken in Utah, Arizona, Yellowstone, Iceland, Norway and Scotland. To view some of his photographs go to adriancudmore.wordpress.com. To maximise the amount to be raised, Adrian will donate a framed print in a size of your choice: for bids up to £125 a framed 8"x12" print, for bids between £125 and £250 a framed 12"x18" print and if feeling flush, for bids above £250, a framed 16"x24" print.

Lot 3 – Mike Footitt & team of 3 from MF Building Services for the day

Kindly donated by Mike Footitt and team

Need any building jobs done? Been putting off that much needed maintenance? Mike and his team of 2 will come to your house for a day and tackle any plastering, plumbing, electrical work, landscaping, brick-laying, joinery or decorating jobs.

Lots 4 and 5 – Four Night Seaside Stay (dates negotiable, until end of Oct '17)

Kindly donated by Rachel and Robert White

4 nights self-catering accommodation in a three bedroom sea view flat in Filey, North Yorkshire for up to 6 people (2 double, 1 twin). For more details see the information sheet on the Christian Aid table. Treat yourself to a weekend away!

Lot 6 – Singing Lessons (2 x 40 minutes)

Kindly donated by Gerry McElearney

Perhaps you have always thought you might have hidden singing talents? Now's your chance to find out, or to improve existing skills, aided by our talented singing teacher, Gerry.

Lot 7 – A week's stay in Venice (dates negotiable, subject to availability)

Kindly donated by Neil Harbinson

A fully-equipped one-bedroomed flat in central Venice sleeping 2-4 (one double bed and two occasional single beds suitable for children aged 5+). For more details see the information sheet on the Christian Aid table. Treat yourself to a wonderful stay in one of the world's most romantic cities! The high season rental price for this apartment is £735 per week. Note that flights are not included.

**Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Monday 15th Psalm 145; Deut. 16: 1-20; 1 Pet 1: 1-12

* New Westminster - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) The Rt Revd Melissa Skelton

Tuesday 16th Psalm 19; Deut. 17: 8-end; 1 Pet 1: 13-end

* New York - (Il, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Andrew Dietsche

Wednesday 17th Psalm 30; Deut. 18: 9-end; 1 Pet 2: 1-10

* Newala - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Oscar Mnung'a

Thursday 18th Psalm 57; Deut. 19; 1 Pet 2: 11-end

* Newark - (Il, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Beckwith

Friday 19th Psalm 138; Deut. 21:22 – 22:8; 1 Pet 3: 1-12

* Newcastle - (York, England) The Rt Revd Christine Hardman

Saturday 20th Psalm 146; Deut. 24: 5-end; 1 Pet 3: 13-end

* For the work of Christian Aid

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