

# St Giles' Bulletin



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

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

**1 John 3 v 1-7 (p.1226)**

**Luke 24 v 36-48 (p.1062)**

**10.00am Coffee and refreshments**

**10.30am Informal Worship with baptisms**

**6.00pm Choral Evensong (tea and cake from 5.30pm)**

## 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 16 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Funeral Service for Aileen Foster
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am	Advice Centre in Church Hall Midweek Communion
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10-11.30am	Tiddlers in the church hall
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am 7.30pm	Seniors’ Visit to the cathedral Youth Night
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Coffee and Refreshments Informal Worship

## 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.

### Revision of the Electoral Roll

Thank you to the people who have signed up for the Electoral Roll. The closing date was Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April and the new roll is displayed on the board in the Welcome area, together with a list of people who have been removed from the roll. It is now frozen until the AGM on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, and can only be amended if there is a serious error. If you have any queries about the Electoral Roll please speak to Richard Crawley in church or phone him on 07768 886846.

### Annual General Meeting

The Parish meeting to elect churchwardens will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April in church at about 12.30 pm, followed by the AGM. This year, there are elections for our 4 Deanery Synod representatives, as well as 7 vacancies for PCC members. Nomination forms for all these posts are at the back of church; completed forms should be returned to Dizzy Prentice, PCC Secretary, by hand, or via the Safeguarding tray in the Minister's vestry.

### St Giles' AGM preceded by a Bring and Share Lunch

We will be holding our AGM following the 10.30am service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Please do try to stay for this meeting; it is important in the life of our church. We will be reviewing the past year with thanksgiving, looking at our finances and electing a proportion of our PCC members. There will be a bring and share parish lunch before the AGM, an opportunity for us to spend some extra time together as a church family, so please bring something tasty to share with everyone (food can be left in the hall kitchen when you arrive at church).

### Evening Book Groups

The next book choice is Red Joan by Jennie Rooney and the group will be meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm at Sheila's (70 Gordon Road) to discuss it. New readers very welcome!

## Family News

### Aileen Foster

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Aileen Foster who has died. Her funeral service will take place at St Giles on Monday, April 16th at 9.30am followed by refreshments in the George Chapel.

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

### Calling all Cricketers!

Well, the daffs are just about blooming so it's time to turn our minds to the main sporting event of the summer - the annual slog against the Holy Spirit Church! The big game is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July (2pm). If you would like to play, please contact Matt Keown on 07734 547775 or speak to him in church – all standards are very welcome, and especially if you're new to St Giles!



### Raffle and Auction Prizes for Christian Aid

Rachel Gregory is sourcing prizes for the raffle and auction that will take place at the Christian Aid Quiz Night on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. If you have an object or particular skill that you could offer (a couple of hours gardening, a night's babysitting or a culinary skill perhaps?), do please chat to Rachel in church or contact her on [rachelsgregory@btinternet.com](mailto:rachelsgregory@btinternet.com) or 07752977395 or 01159234782.

### Seniors' Tour of the Catholic Cathedral

The next Seniors' outing will be a tour of the Catholic Cathedral on Derby Road on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. The tour starts at 10.30 am and there is the option of going to the Playhouse Bar and Kitchen just round the corner from the Cathedral after the tour. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come, and remember to indicate if you need transport (meet in the church car park at 10am for a lift there). For more information please speak to Rachel White in church.

### Knitting and Sewing Group

The next meeting is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room. Just bring along some knitting, crochet or sewing. Just turn up – tea and coffee provided!

## **School of Discipleship: Real LIFE**

Later this year the diocese is preparing to launch its School of Discipleship under the leadership of the Revd Dr David Emerton. The School will exist 'to grow disciples who grow disciples', helping both to realize the wider diocesan vision for Growing Disciples wider, younger and deeper and to assist in releasing the local church to continue growing towards complete maturity in Christ. To this end, and beginning in September 2018, the School of Discipleship will be offering a diocesan-wide discipleship course called Real LIFE, designed to envision, empower and equip God's people in making the life-long journey of following-after Christ. Many of you will have seen David talk about the course at the Refresh evening.

To find out more about Real LIFE and what the course will entail, join David Emerton and Richard Kellett, Director of Discipleship & Ministry, at 'A Discipled Life' – an evening designed to give you a feel for what Real LIFE looks like, hosted in four locations across the diocese:

- St Peter's Ravenshead NG15 9FD | Monday 21 May 2018
- St Nic's Nottingham NG1 6AE | Wednesday 23 May 2018
- Christ Church, Worksop S81 0XS | Tuesday 5 June 2018
- St Leonards, Newark NG24 2DP | Thursday 14 June 2018

These taster evenings are open to all and will start at 7:30pm and finish by 9:30pm. It would help with the planning to know if you intend to come to one of these evenings – please let Claire know - [admin@stgilesparish.com](mailto:admin@stgilesparish.com)

## **Girls' Breakfast**

The next girls' breakfast will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10-11.30am at the Rectory. Bring a bible and money for a Nero's drink.

## Fancy an Adventure?

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 take a look at Christian Adventure Holidays. They provide summer adventure activity holidays for young people who are 12 to 17 years old. They are based at Bassenfell Manor Christian Centre, overlooking Bassenthwaite lake the Lake District. The focus of each adventure week is to encourage fun, friendship and Christian Faith. For more information go to [www.christian-adventure-holidays.org.uk](http://www.christian-adventure-holidays.org.uk)



If you're looking for something for your 12-17 year olds 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.

**What is it?** A summer activity holiday for young people: encouraging fun, friendship and christian faith. Our weeks include sailing, canoeing/kayaking, and mountain walking, but scrambling, mountain biking and abseiling can also be a feature.

**Where is it?** We are based at Bassenfell Manor Christian Centre, overlooking Bassenthwaite Lake in England's picturesque Lake District.

**When is it?** We run 5 weeks in the summer holidays during July and August.



**Do I need to have...?** All you need is you and a willingness to try something new, we'll provide everything else you need.

**How much does it cost?** The week, including everything you need, costs £250, though financial assistance is available if this is a barrier to your adventurer attending.

**Brilliant, how do I book?** [www.christian-adventure-holidays.org.uk](http://www.christian-adventure-holidays.org.uk), click on 'book here' and you're away! If you have any questions, follow the contact details for each week on the website.

## St Giles' Mission Partners



2018 sees the return of the Christian Aid Quiz Night!

Yes, the Christian Aid Quiz Night is back, on the evening of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets cost £10 and are on sale now on Sunday mornings in church or from the church office.

The **Plant Sale** will be held as usual in mid May, so please wait to buy your tomato, vegetable and flower plants from green fingered Averyl, Dizzy and co, rather than rushing off to the garden centre before then!

Lots of other fundraising activities will be taking place through the week, including the **House to House Collections** and the **Friday Cake Break** (on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May). If you would like to get involved in the fundraising effort for Christian Aid in May then please do speak to Rachel Gregory after the 9am service on Sundays. [rachelsgregory@btinternet.com](mailto:rachelsgregory@btinternet.com) or 07752977395 or 01159234782.



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).

### Co-op Membership Supports the Friary

The Friary is a selected charity of the Co-op Membership Scheme 2017/18. Every time you choose selected Co-op branded products and services the Friary can benefit. If you are a Co-op member earn points for you and funds for the Friary by visiting: [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership), to select your charity.



The next Philip Project Nottingham day is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please pray for students and teachers as they look at a Bible overview and in contrast other World views. Katie Conley and Claire Barker are mentors for 2 students. Also please pray for Andrew as he visits Glasgow and Edinburgh the following week to help them develop the Philip Project for International Christian Students in those cities.

**Collect:**  
Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:**  
Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.

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