

# St Giles' Bulletin



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

**18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

1 Corinthians 12 v 12-20 (p. 1153)

Luke 6 v 12-16 (p. 1033)

**10.00am Coffee and refreshments**

**10.30am Informal Worship**

**5.30pm Tea and cake**

**6.00pm Choral Evensong**



## 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 remember to 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. 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 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.

## Diary for the Week

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00pm 8.00pm	Knitting and Sewing Group Book Group
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am	Advice Centre in Church Hall Midweek Communion
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	1.00pm	Seniors' Games Afternoon
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	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.



### #LiveLent

Let Your Light Shine takes you on a six week discipleship journey in 2018 through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness, giving you an opportunity to explore what the gift of Jesus and the challenge of Jesus mean for you, in the context of your daily life. For each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day there is a short reading, a pause for reflection and prayer, and

an idea for a simple action that will enable the light of Jesus to shine through our everyday lives.

From Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop John Sentamu: "It is our prayer that this booklet helps and encourages you as you take hold of God's gift of life and live it – to the full. God offers us this life for the sake of others. The light he gives us in Jesus Christ is not to be hidden but to shine – it's a gift to be lived and shared. Indeed, the more we share it and let it shine, the brighter it burns."

Pick up a booklet at the back of church or download the #LiveLent app which has all the same content. You can also sign up for daily reflections – text Lent to 88802 to be sent a daily text message throughout Lent.

### Knitting and Sewing Group

The next meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the church hall meeting room. Just bring along some knitting, crochet or sewing; tea and coffee provided!

## Take up something for Lent

Lent began this week. Rather than giving something up, why not mark this important season by coming to Evensong and spending time with God in this quiet and beautiful service. Tonight, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm – all are welcome, whether you have been to Evensong before or not. Come and enjoy tea and cake from 5.30pm.



## Women's Breakfast

The next women's breakfast will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 8.30-10.30am at St Giles. Tickets cost just £3 and are on sale in church on Sunday mornings. It would be a lovely event to invite your friends along.

## Memorial Service

This year's Memorial Service is being held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. This is a quiet, meditative service; there will be an opportunity to remember those who have died during the past year and to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

## Have you seen St Giles on Social Media lately?

If you're not doing so already, why not follow St Giles on Facebook and on Twitter (@stgilesparish)! You'll keep up to date with what's going on and it's a great way to share a flavour of church life with your friends.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Youth Weekend Away – no youth night

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Worship Night @ St Giles

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.

## **Book Group**

The February choice for the Evening Group is *Autumn* by Ali Smith. They will be meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm at Claire Voce's (59, Gertrude Road) to chat about the book. Refreshments are on offer at both groups and new readers are always welcome.

## **Songs, Games and Afternoon Tea**

It's time to stretch your vocal cords and sharpen your competitive skills as we invite all Seniors to our Songs and Games Afternoon, with (of course), a delicious Afternoon Tea. This will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.30pm in the George Chapel. Please let us know if you can come along - sign-up sheet at the back of church. Voluntary contribution - £5. All friends are very welcome.

## **Men's Social**

This month's meet up will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. All men are welcome to come along to the Willow Tree pub from 8pm – if you would like any more information please speak to Tony Vokes in church.

## **Thank you from Family Care**

Family Care would like to say a huge thank you for the part you played in their 2017 Christmas Toys Campaign. The generous donations once again enabled them to work with other agencies to ensure that the toys and gifts were received by as many children in need as possible, for whom Christmas can be a tough time.

Some feedback from the charities who distributed your donations:

"You help put a smile on the families' faces every year." "The families were very grateful and wanted me to pass on their thanks to you." "With your support we have been able to ensure that every child has received a gift and I know how much that means to our families."

## **Wholeness and Healing Service**

Everyone is invited to a Wholeness and Healing service at Holy Trinity with St Francis in Clifton on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm. It will be a Eucharist, led by the Diocesan Wholeness and Healing team.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Capesthorpe Hall in Cheshire.

Take a look online at [www.bigchurchdayout.com](http://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 the church office to let Claire know so that we are aware of everyone who will be going? Thank you.



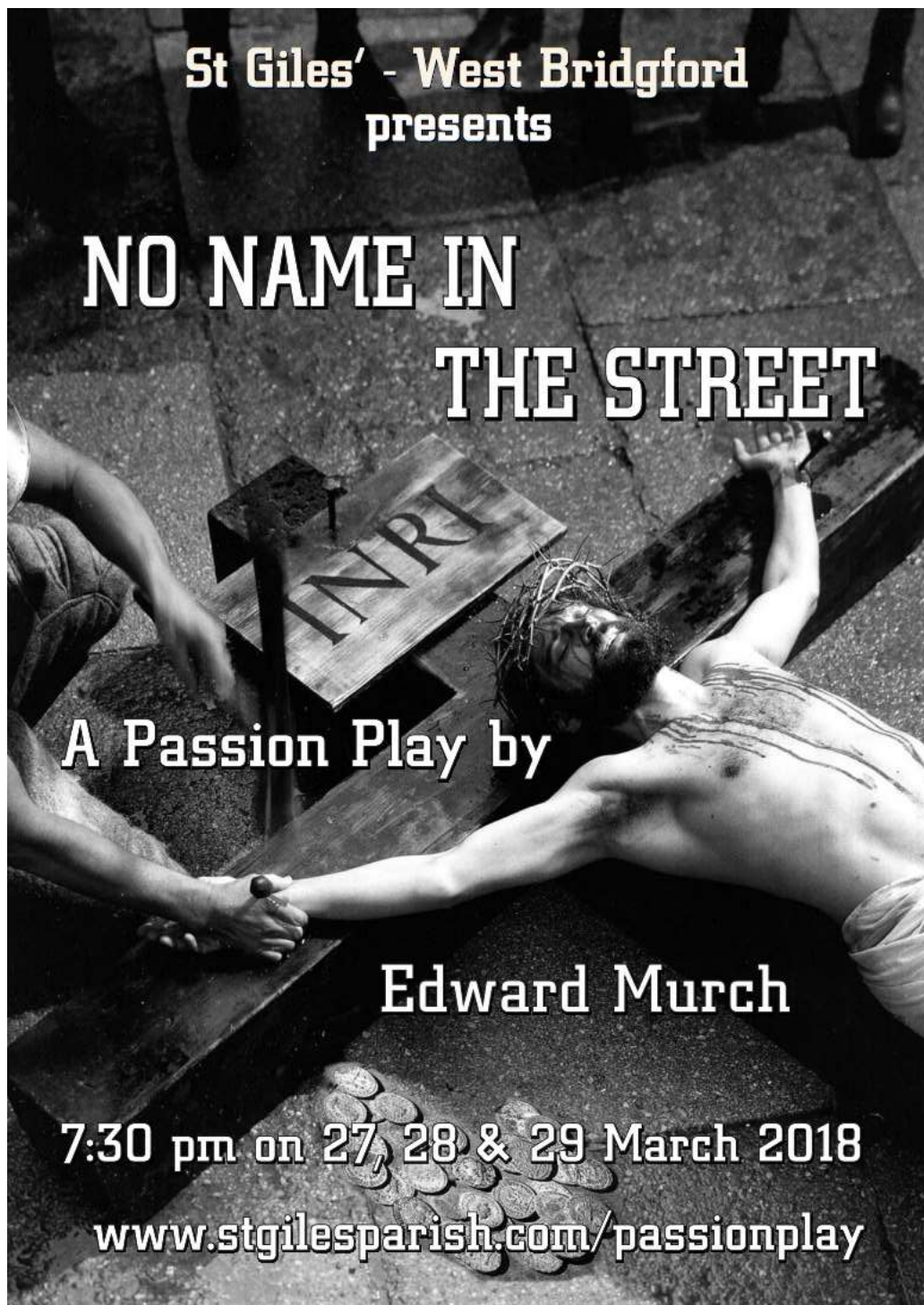
## Refresh in Lent with Bishop Paul

"I am increasingly aware that sustaining momentum in 'Growing Disciples wider, younger and deeper' is dependent on the spiritual vitality of those who serve and lead across our churches," writes Bishop Paul. "Some have borne the heat through intense and uncertain seasons of ministry, others have carried the burden of leadership in some area of church life or in their day to day working world. That is why I am going to be hosting a series called



Refresh in Lent, open to all but especially for anyone who exercises some aspect of leadership in their church, workplace, or wider community. Refresh will take place over two consecutive weeks in six locations around the diocese. I will be joined by some of the younger leaders we are nurturing who will contribute in different ways to the evenings, all you need to do is come along open to receive and be refreshed." St Giles will be hosting two of these evenings on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Each evening will start at 7.30pm with refreshments and finish by 9.30pm, doors open from 7.15pm. This is a mini-series so it is hoped that people attend both weeks, though it would be possible to attend a 'second' evening in another venue.





### **Tickets Are On Sale!**

This one-act passion play is being performed at St Giles', on three evenings in Holy Week, at 7:30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets can be obtained from Dizzy Prentice, tel 0115 984 5535, or St Giles' church office, tel 07948 834250. Tickets cost £8 on the door or £7 in advance. Or why not come in a group and have 11 tickets for the price of 10? Free refreshments will be served after the play, giving everyone an opportunity to talk over their reactions to the play.

## 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. More details will follow later in the year, but save the date in your diary for now.



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). Thank you.

The Friary's next **Fundraising Sale** is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at West Park, Loughborough Road. 11am – 1pm. 50p entrance. Clothes, toys, electrical goods, jewellery, handmade cards will all be on sale, together with refreshments.



From the Friends International Prayer Diary: Give thanks that we continue to welcome students from all over the world at Lower Ford Street Baptist Church in Coventry. Pray for the Explore team as they study the Bible with people with very different levels of understanding. Give thanks for the Mandarin Bible study that ran in December, and pray that this may continue and bring in new people.



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

Keep up to date - find us on social media:





## Collect:

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Prayer after Communion:

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are meet at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power  
to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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