

St Giles' Bulletin



18th September 2016
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion
1 Timothy 6: 6-10 (p.1194)
Luke 15: 11-32 (p.1049)
The Lost Sons

5.30pm Tea and cake

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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 19 th September	2.00pm	Knitting and Sewing Group
Tuesday 20 th September	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 21 st September	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am	Advice Centre Midweek Communion
Thursday 22 nd September	10.00-11.30am	Tiddlers in the church hall
Friday 23 rd September	12.00pm 7.30pm	Wedding in church Youth Night
Sunday 25 th September	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Coffee and refreshments Informal Worship

Notices

For our Prayers

Don Robson Ken Nichol Kate Benham Jane Hall 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.

Women's Weekend – do you need a lift?

If you would like a lift to Cliff College and haven't already told Sally or Claire, then please let either of us know this week. We can use the diocesan minibus if enough people who like to travel together. Full details of the itinerary for the weekend and directions to the venue will be available in church from next week. There will be over 70 women joining together from St Giles and St Luke's for a weekend of relaxation, refreshment and revitalisation!

Volunteer Babysitters for Alpha.

We are in need of volunteer babysitters to cover couples with children who want to come to Alpha together. In particular we need someone each Tuesday from 27th September until 1st November. If you are able to offer your time to babysit please contact Katie Conley on 07947 796691. Many thanks.

Knitters Needed!

This year we are partnering with St. Luke's Church to create a 'Sheep Trail' around Central Avenue. This will be a fun children's Christmas activity. We will need lots of knitted sheep! Could you knit a sheep by 6th November? Please talk to Ellen for more details.

Knitting and Sewing Group

Our next meeting is **Monday 19th September** at 2.00pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room. All welcome. Just turn up – tea and coffee provided!

Nativity Planning is about to start!

It's time to pack away your sandals and sunhats, and to start thinking about mince pies and carols! Might you be able to help with the preparations for this year's Christmas Nativity which takes place on Christmas Eve? We are looking for people to help with rehearsals during the 10:30am services in November and December. We need people to help with songs and dance, with costumes and props and people to come to Junior Church to lead a Christmas craft. If you might be able to help or would like to find out more please come to a Nativity planning meeting at Sarah and Iain Moppet's house (46 Rectory Road) at 8pm on **Thursday 29th September**. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be involved or find out more, please speak to Sarah Moppet, either in church or on 07903 337617 (after 7pm).

WWDOP coffee morning Sat 15th October

The West Bridgford group of churches support the Women's World Day of Prayer, which is held in early March every year. The committee holds a coffee morning every autumn to support one local and one international charity, and this year it is St Giles' turn to host. There are a number of stalls - in particular I would like to have a toys and games stall this year, and there will be the usual books, plants, cake, tombola and probably a raffle too. Please have a rummage at home and see if you've anything that you could donate - I can store items if that would be helpful. Please give me a ring if you need collection and storage: 0115 981 1295. Many thanks, Anna Rich

Do you Care?

Everyone is welcome to come along to an open evening for carers, potential carers and those who support carers, to highlight some of the help that is available. There will be speakers from Age UK, the Nottingham Carers' Hub and a local Care company and lots of signposting information will be available. The event takes place on **Tuesday 4th October** at 7:45pm at St Paul's Church on Boundary Road. Please confirm attendance if possible by email: ruthr@stpauls-boundaryroad.org.uk or leave a message for Ruth Robinson via the church office: 0115 945 2019.

Harvest Flowers and Church Decoration

Please come along and help decorate the church for harvest on **Saturday 1st October** between 9.00am and 12.00pm. There are tasks that suit all ages and

abilities - you don't need to come all morning, just a short stint is fine, but earlier in the morning would be great as all preparations need to be made before a wedding in church that afternoon. If you have any greenery and fruit or veg that can be used for decoration, please bring it along, or call Helen Jarvis to arrange collection (0115 981 9947). If you would like to donate some money towards the flowers please speak to Helen. Thank you.

Harvest Appeal

Our Harvest All Age service will be held on **Sunday 2nd October** and, as we do each year, we will be collecting donations for The Friary on Musters Road. Please bring along what you can to the service. Harvest time contributions are vital to the Friary; the donations stock the shelves for the following year. These donations are used to provide nutritious healthy hot lunchtime meals, snacks served at the Café during drop-in advice sessions and for welfare parcels given to individuals with very little or no income. All donations make a real difference to people's lives. All types of food can be redistributed. Nothing goes to waste. Thank you.

Jericho Road Project

The Jericho Road Project is currently recruiting for new volunteers. Are you interested in joining an exciting, challenging and dynamic project – or know someone else who is? Their vision is to be a beacon of hope in Nottingham by showing the love of Jesus and seeking His restoration for those affected by the sex industry. Project Areas with direct contact with the women are open to women only - On-Street/Off-Street Outreach, Life Centre, Befriending and Prison Visiting and Resettlement. Project Areas with indirect contact are open to women and men - On-Street Outreach Drivers, Prayer Team and Flapjack Makers. If you are interested e-mail abigail@jerichoroad.org.uk or call 0115 845 3691. The closing date for applications is Monday 3rd October.

Parenting Teenagers

Care for the Family is running an event in Nottingham: *Parenting Teenagers – Getting Them (And You!) Through*, on **Wednesday 16th November**, 7.30 – 10.00pm at the Britannia Hotel. Tickets cost £6 each (£5 if you buy 4+). For more information or to book, go to www.careforthefamily.org/parenting-teenagers or call 029 2081 0800.

Food for the Journey

A daytime group open to everyone! As Christians we are all on a journey of discovery as we seek to grow closer to Christ and to live out his example in our lives. As with all journeys, this journey is one where we need to be nourished and encouraged in order to progress. With this in mind, we are planning a series of 7 meetings at St Giles this autumn to learn more about some of the “Great Prayers of the Bible”. The topics to be covered are: regular prayer, faithful prayer, desperate prayer, intercessory prayer, exploratory prayer, urgent prayer and ultimate prayer, and each will be led by different people. The first meeting is in the church hall on **Thursday 29th September**, with tea/coffee and cake at

1.30pm and finishing by 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome - come and join us on the journey. For more information, please speak to either Rachel White (0775 855 7601) or Johanna Langheld (0772 901 4639).

Emmanuel House is Recruiting

Recruiting for two positions for the winter shelter 2016-2017.

Part-Time Shelter Coordinator

To organize, deliver and evaluate the operations of the Nottingham Winter Shelter during 2016-17, alongside a fellow Shelter Coordinator. 30 hours per week, £20,000 pa (pro rata). Duration: 7th Nov 2016 – 9th April 2017. The deadline for applications is 9 am on Monday 3rd October. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be on Tuesday 11th October.

Project workers on a sessional/casual basis

To deliver the operations of the Nottingham Winter Shelter during 2016-17, alongside fellow Project Workers. £8.50 p/h, Duration: 14th Nov 2016 – 3rd April 2017. The deadline for applications is 9 am on Monday 10th October. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be on Wed 19th Oct (pm) and Thurs 20th Oct (eve). For both positions, it is essential to attend training on the evening of 1st November from 7pm. Email jobopportunities@emmanuelhouse.org.uk for an application pack with job and person specifications.

Book Groups

The Evening Group is reading *The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brien and will be meeting to discuss the book on **Monday 3rd October** at 8.00pm. at Sheila Wheaton's house (70 Gordon Road).

The Afternoon Group is reading Deirdre Purcell's *The Winter Gathering* and will be discussing the book on **Monday 10th October** at 3.00pm. in the Church Hall Meeting Room. New readers are welcome at both groups. Just turn up!

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 23rd September Worship Night: Being a Christian at School

Friday 30th September Walking Meal £3 (details to follow)

Friday 7th October Quiz 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.



Alpha @ St Giles

Would you like to explore some of the big questions around faith and Christianity?

Come along to Alpha in the George Chapel!

Tuesday evenings, 7.45pm – 9.30pm, starting on **Tuesday 27th September** and running until mid December.

Each week we'll start with some delicious puddings together, before moving on to a short film and a discussion time. Alpha is an opportunity to explore some of the key questions of Christianity, to hear from others and to share your own perspective, in a friendly, open environment.

Please speak to Tim Chambers or Katie Conley if you would like to know more. There are postcards at the back of church – please take some to give to friends and family who might be interested in coming to Alpha.

St Giles' Mission Partners



From the Friends International Prayer Diary: This new academic year sees Steve Trelogan join our Southampton team and Peter Longbottom join our team in Sheffield. We thank God for these additions and pray that our teams will be strengthened and will further flourish because of them. We pray for both of them as they start ministering to international students and pray that they would quickly get to grips with the unique challenges and pressures of international student ministry.

Start of a new academic year for Friends International

In preparation for the new intake of international students in mid-September we need to recruit volunteers of any adult age to help with regular activities and hospitality. This is a hugely rewarding, valuable way of serving God and sharing Christ's love and Good News. Volunteers are needed for: Monday evening Globe Café teams, Thursday lunchtime (fortnightly) CAMEO ladies' activity, Table Talk, Bible Studies, Hospitality (can be arranged flexibly to suit your availability). Please get in touch: liz.middleton@friendsinternational.uk or rachel.chard@friendsinternational.uk.

In 4 centres, including Nottingham, Friends International are recruiting Christian International Students to sign up for the Philip Project. Please pray for students, who may be arriving in the country this month, to discover the course is on offer and sign up. If you want to know more about the course please talk to Andrew Barker.



The Friary Urgently Needs Your Donations Please!

The Friary are just a few tins away from running out of tinned meat, tinned fish, pasta sauces, cereal bars & puddings such as rice pudding, tinned fruit, custard.. Also shaving foam and razors. Please bring your donations into church or take them directly to the Friary on Musters Road, or their depot on Ludlow Hill Road.

The Friary needs Jeans!

Don't know what to do with your old jeans? The Friary will happily take them off you! They are now DESPERATE for jeans (all shapes, states and sizes, both men's and women's). Please go through what you have at home, and bring in any jeans you no longer wear....bring them in! They have regular requests for waist 30/32" but whatever you've finished with they will put to use. Thank you!



Thank You from Ha Fusi School

In August, Elizabeth Dunford gave a talk to the seniors about life in Lesotho (including a taster session of typical food). Those attending very generously collected £208.40 to support the students from Ha Fusi School. A thank you letter is posted on the notice board -do read it to appreciate how grateful the students are.



**Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Monday 19th Psalm 71; 1 Kings 21; Acts 21:37 – 22:21

* Guyana - (West Indies) Vacant

Tuesday 20th Psalm 73; 1 Kings 22: 1-28; Acts 22:22 – 23:11

* Gwagwalada - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Moses Tabwaye

Wednesday 21st Psalm 49; 1 Kings 19: 15-end; 2 Tim 3: 14-end

* Haiti - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jean Duracin

Thursday 22nd Psalm 78: 1-39; 2 Kings 1: 2-17; Acts 24: 1-23

* Hanuato'o - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Alfred Karibongi

Friday 23rd Psalm 55; 2 Kings 2: 1-18; Acts 24:24 – 25:12

* Harare - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Dr Chad Nicholas Gandiya

Saturday 24th Psalm 68; 2 Kings 4: 1-37; Acts 25: 13 - end

* For those preparing for confirmation

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