

St Giles' Bulletin



23rd July 2017
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion Acts 15: 1-11, 22-29 (p.1110) Matthew 13: 33-35 (p.980)	1 - 4pm	St Giles open as part of Diocesan Open Churches
10.00am	Coffee and refreshments	3.00pm	St Giles' Choir – open rehearsal/ choir workshop
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 24 th July	3.00pm	Book Group
Tuesday 25 th July	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 26 th July	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am	Advice Centre in Church Hall Midweek Communion
Sunday 30 th July	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Coffee and refreshments Informal Worship

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.

Service Changes over the Summer

Please note throughout August there will be one Sunday morning service at 10am, with coffee served after the service. Activities will be running in the hall for Sunbeams and Junior Church children. There will be no youth sessions throughout August, although any youth who would like to go to the hall to help with Junior Church would be very welcome. The normal service pattern will resume on 3rd September when the 10.30am service will be an All Age Holiday Club celebration. In August there will also be a break from Morning Prayers, with the short service resuming on Tuesday 5th September at 9.15am. Midweek Communion won't take place on 30th August as holiday club will be in church.

Diocesan Open Churches Weekend

TODAY **Sunday 23rd July** St. Giles will be open 1-4pm as part of the Diocesan Open Churches Weekend. From 3pm St Giles' Choir will be holding an open rehearsal/choir workshop. All are welcome – they'll be performing music by Bach, Byrd, Tallis, Parry, Purcell, Attwood, to name but a few! Some of this session will be recorded for choir development and recruitment/publicity purposes. Come along to join in or to just sit and enjoy the music.

Hands at Work - Zambia 2017

As the 12 members of St Giles continue their preparations to visit Zambia this summer to walk alongside Hands at Work, please do continue to pray for us as we

embark on this trip. In addition to your prayers, we would be grateful if you'd consider supporting us financially. In addition to covering some remaining costs, we do also hope to leave a financial gift with Hands at Work in order to support the continuing work in Zambia. Please do speak to the team about how to donate, or visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Hands-Zambia2017. Thank you!

Men's Social

This month's meet up will take place on **Monday 31st July**. All men are welcome to come along to the Willow Tree pub from 8pm. Please note that there will be no Men's Social in August.

Seniors' Tea and Cakes

A warm invitation to all seniors to afternoon tea and cakes in the garden (weather permitting!) of 49 Cambridge Road NG2 5NA (Daphne Carter's house) on **Thursday 17th August**, 2.30 - 4.30pm. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you are coming. Any donations of cakes and scones would be most welcome – please bring to the 10.45 am service on 16th August or bring on the day. If you have a spare garden chair and can bring it please do, but we will have plenty spare for those who are unable to bring their own. There will be a small raffle to raise funds for another wheelchair for Seniors' use, so if you can provide a prize, that too would be most welcome. Contact Daphne on 9743749 if you need more information.

Safe Space – our group for mutual support and encouragement for people living with anxiety and depression

The next Safe Space meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd August** at 7.45pm in church. We meet in a relaxed atmosphere with refreshments where you can share as little or as much of your experiences as you wish in a safe environment. It's a good place to share successes and helpful tips as well as issues and problems but it's also OK if you prefer to listen rather than speak. Supporters and new members are always welcome. If you would like further information, please contact Daphne Carter (9743749) or Maureen Morrell (9233151).

Take Them a Meal!

You may or may not be aware that we try to support those at St Giles who would appreciate some meals being cooked for them when they are faced with challenges in their life. Most commonly, this is for families who have just welcomed a new baby, or for those recovering from an operation or illness. As you may have noticed in church, we have been blessed with the arrival of a number of new babies in the last month, so the usual cooks are working overtime! Would you like to join the team of people who provide meals? There is absolutely no obligation to commit – a request is sent to the whole group and you sign up (on takethemameal.com) if you feel able to help. For more information, please speak to Ellen Dann or Debbie Keown.

Book Groups

Afternoon Group - the next book choice is *Jeeves and the Wedding Bells* by Sebastian Faulks. The meeting to discuss the book is on **Monday 24th July** at 3pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room. New readers are welcome - just turn up!

Just One

Thank you to all who were part of our wonderful St Giles' group at Just One. We hope you all had a great day, with much in the way of encouragement in our journeys with Christ. We would welcome thoughts / reflections on the day for an article in the September edition of Church Drive. Please share your thoughts with Tim Chambers, or Andy Wright for the youth (contact details on back of bulletin).

Ladies: Save the Date, in 2018!

After the first Women's Weekend last October, we have confirmed with Cliff College in Derbyshire that we would like to return to them next year. We will be staying for the whole weekend this time, from Friday evening through to Sunday lunchtime – **19th – 21st October 2018**. Hold the date in your diaries – there will be more details in the autumn, including the option of spreading the cost of the weekend over the next year – just £12 a month for a weekend away!



Diocesan Conference 2017: Gospel, Discipleship & Creation

This year's diocesan conference takes place **Monday 9th October 2pm - Wednesday 11th October 1:30pm** at The Hayes Conference

Centre, Swanwick. The theme is *Gospel, Discipleship & Creation* and the keynote speakers are sure to inspire, challenge and enrich understanding on this theme, bringing with them diverse perspectives and insights. It will be good to consider how caring for our world should be a natural part of being a disciple of Christ and our proclamation of the Gospel in the mission of the diocese. The conference fee is £160 and booking forms and payment must be received by 18th September. For more information please speak to Lee.

Journey in Faith Course 2017/18 (JiF)

The Diocese are running a Journey in Faith (JiF) course starting in September. JiF constitutes of three modules of 9-10 weeks each running across the academic year, starting with an Induction Evening at Jubilee House in Southwell on 11th September, 7.30-9.30pm. JiF offers people the chance to meet with Christians from a variety of church traditions to look at the Bible, different methods of interpreting scripture, what we say we believe as Christians, and all with a vocational thread running through the material encouraging everyone to grow as disciples and take up their baptismal calling. It's a safe place to grapple with those questions you've hesitated to ask, with an aim of enabling students to become more confident in their faith and thereby more confident in speaking to others about it too. If you would like more information about the course contact Jackie Johnson

on 07827 291724 or jackie.johnson@southwell.anglican.org. For an application form please contact catriona@southwell.anglican.org or kate.hurst@southwell.anglican.org.

Holiday Club – Sat Nav Travellers

Booking forms can be found at the back of church for this summer's Sat Nav Travellers holiday club. The children can look forward to travelling adventures, crafts, games and sports and hear how Paul took up the challenge to spread the word about Jesus. The holiday club is running from **Tuesday 29th Aug to Friday 1st Sept** for primary school aged children. If you have children who would like to come or know of friends or family who would be interested please do invite them along. **Please book your place now to help with the planning for the week!** You can either drop off a completed form to the church office or go to the website and complete the online form.



Sat Nav Travellers!

St Giles Holiday Club 2017
Tue 29th Aug - Fri 1st Sept, 10am-12pm
For children aged 4-11 years
@ St. Giles' Church, West Bridgford, NG2 6AY
Come and join us on a fun journey this summer!
For more info: admin@stgilesparish.com or 07948 834250

Bits n' Bobs for Holiday Club!

Please collect the following items for holiday club crafts and give them to Ellen this month (ready for craft prep in August). Many thanks!

- Old CDs, egg boxes, bottle tops (from water/soft drink bottles; no milk bottles as too big)

In addition, if you have any of the following that we could use as part of the church decoration for holiday club week then please let Ellen know:

- Old suitcases / luggage, globes, binoculars (not good quality ones!)

St Giles' Mission Partners



From the Friends International Prayer Diary: The Cambridge International Outreach is about both equipping our team members, helping them to grow in their faith and in their own response to the gospel, as well as sharing the gospel relevantly with all the various internationals we'll meet in Cambridge this summer. Pray that international students who meet our team will all move closer to grasping and accepting the gospel of Jesus than they had done before. Pray for lives to be changed by Jesus!

The Philip Project aims to contribute towards the training of faithful Bible teachers among Christian international students. This has been another encouraging year where we have seen international students really grow in their understanding of the Bible and being able to share the message of Good News in a meaningful cross cultural way. Thank you for your prayers. Please pray as we seek to recruit students for the new course starting in October. If you want to know more about the Philip Project please talk to Andrew or Claire Barker.



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). **Particularly needed at the moment are items to go into the 75 non-cook food parcels being given out every week: chocolate bars, cereal bars, crisps, dried fruit, nuts, cartons of juice and bottled water.** These might seem like luxuries to many but these high energy items are the essential and easily digestible nutrition for some when they are just too compromised to cook for themselves. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



St Giles' Christian Aid Total 2017

TOTAL:	£7,313.54
Gift Aid total	£2205.10

A massive thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who supported the fundraising activities over Christian Aid week. £7313.54 will go straight to Christian Aid's work to bring an end to poverty around the world. Thank you from Rachel Gregory

**Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Monday 24th Psalm 126; Ezek 10: 1-19; 2 Cor 6:1 – 7:1

* Otukpo - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd David Bello

Tuesday 25th Psalm 7; 2 Kings 1: 9-15; Luke 9: 46-56

* Oxford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Steven Croft

Wednesday 26th Psalm 119: 153-end; Ezek 12: 1-16; 2 Cor 8: 1-15

* Oyo - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe

Thursday 27th Psalm 143; Ezek 12: 17-end; 2 Cor 8:16 – 9:5

* Pacong - (Bahr El Ghazal, Sudan) The Rt Revd Joseph Maker Atot

Friday 28th Psalm 144; Ezek 13: 1-16; 2 Cor 9: 6-end

* Peru - (South America) The Rt Revd Harold William Godfrey

Saturday 29th Psalm 147; Ezek 14: 1-11; 2 Cor 10

* For those with young children

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