

St Giles' Bulletin



26th November 2017
Christ the King

- 9.00am Holy Communion**
Psalm 100 (p.604)
Matthew 25: 31-46 (p.995)
Christ the King
- 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 Thursday – either email admin@stgilesparish.com or call 07948 834250.

Diary for the Week

Monday 27 th November	3.00pm 8.00pm	Book Group Men's Christmas Meal
Tuesday 28 th November	9.15am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Alpha
Wednesday 29 th November	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am	Advice Centre in Church Hall Midweek Communion
Thursday 30 th November	10.00 - 11.30am 10.00am 1.00-2.30pm	Tiddlers in the church hall Seniors' Away Day Bump to Baby Group
Friday 1 st December	7.30pm	Youth Night
Sunday 3 rd December	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Coffee and Refreshments All Age Christingle Tea and cake Choral Evensong First Priority Prayer

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.

No Name in the Street – don't forget!

This is the week of the read through of our Holy Week Play "No Name in the Street", taking place this **Tuesday 28th November** at 7.30pm at the home of John Prentice, 141 Loughborough Road, Ruddington NG11 6LQ. We look forward to seeing anyone who is interested in getting involved. Auditions will be at the same venue on **Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December**, 7.30 pm. If you require a lift on any of these dates please contact John on 07590 311992. Tony Vokes

Seniors' Away Day - Reflection and Refreshment

On **Thursday 30th November**, at the start of Advent, St Giles' Seniors will have a quiet Away Day on the theme of Reflection and Refreshment. It will take place at Edwalton Church Hall, 10am-4pm.

Family News

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Eileen Else, part of St Giles for many years, passed away last week. Details of the funeral arrangements will be communicated once we have them.

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

Girls' Breakfast

The next girls' breakfast will be on **Saturday 2nd December** at 10-11.30 at the Rectory. Please bring a bible and money for a Nero's drink. We will also be wrapping presents for a few local charities so please send your daughter with a contribution - chocolates, toiletry gift sets, knickers (size 10-12), socks, hairbrush, torch, pens, deodorant, lip balm, pocket mirror

Women at St Giles

Our next women's event will be held on the evening of **Saturday 2nd December** from 7.30pm. This is an event we hope you will feel able to invite friends to. We will be wrapping gifts together for the Friary and the Malt Cross Christmas Gift Bank and will be hearing about the Christian motivation of some of our women to work in these organisations. Tickets cost £5. Please invite someone new to St Giles with your ticket - they can come to the event on your ticket. We will be wrapping gifts for the charities brought to the event by the ticket holders (details of suitable gifts are on the back of the tickets). We will have wine and canapés along with live Christmas themed music. There will be a bar and first drinks are included in the ticket. Tickets will be on sale in church on Sundays from Angela Fifer and Eve Harper, or contact Claire in the office.

Nativity Preparations are Underway!

Rehearsals for our nativity have begun! This is one of the highlights in our year and provides us with a fun way of learning more about the Christmas story in the run up to Christmas. There is opportunity for everyone who'd like to be involved in a way each child is comfortable with. It really helps us if we know if your child will be here on Christmas Eve so please chat with them and make sure they or we know. Please don't hesitate to ask Sarah, Iain or Ellen any questions you may have. We are always in need of additional parent helpers so if you might be able to help in anyway, for example, crafts, costume fitting, tea/ coffee, music, drama, dance please let us know (as this is working with children we'll need to ensure everyone complies with the safeguarding policy). Many thanks, Sarah and Iain Moppett (tel 0115 974 4442 after 8pm or weekends)

Nativity Dress Rehearsal

The dress rehearsal for the Nativity will take place in church on **Saturday 23rd December** 10am-12pm. School age children can be dropped off once they have been signed in but parents of younger children will need to stay. Sunbeamers are very welcome to join us they can choose a costume and join in and stay for as

much or little of the practice as they can manage. Parent volunteers to help with costume organisation at the practice and on the day and refreshments for leaders and children at the practice are gratefully received - just let Sarah or Iain know if you can help.

Seniors' Christmas Dinner

This year's Seniors' Christmas Dinner is on **Friday 8th December** at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Come along and enjoy canapés, a glass of bubbly and a full Christmas dinner with wine. The children from West Bridgford Junior School will once again be entertaining us and there will be carols and a quiz. Tickets are £9.00 per person and are on sale from any Seniors' committee member between Sunday services and from Doreen Ottway after Wednesday's service. We only have 50 tickets so buy yours early to avoid disappointment!

Toy Collection for Family Care

We will be collecting toys during our All Age Christingle Service on **Sunday 3rd December** to support Family Care, who distribute them to families who are experiencing hard times and have very little to spare. If you feel able to donate toys or books, toiletries or gift vouchers for the children and teenagers who Family Care support, they would be greatly appreciated. Please note that all gifts should be new, and not wrapped. For more information please speak to Carole Sprakes.

Help with Transport

Might you be able to help with local transportation to and from church for people who can no longer get here themselves? We would love to hear from you if you think that you might be able to help on an occasional basis – for either of the Sunday morning services or the midweek service on Wednesdays. If this is something that you might be able to help with, please get in touch with Daphne Carter (details on the back of the bulletin).

Junior/Youth Choir for Christmas

I am looking for singers for our junior/youth choir, to perform a song at Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 17th December at 7pm, and at the Nativity at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We will be rehearsing straight after the 10.30 service on **December 3rd, 10th and 17th**. I'm not just looking for junior singers, but as many youth to take part too. Please sign up at the back of church. Thanks, Hannah

Men's Social

The next gathering of the Men's social group will be on **Monday 27th November** when they shall be enjoying their Christmas Meal in The Apple Tree pub. There will be no meeting in December and they shall resume on Monday 29th January.

Book Group

The Afternoon Group is reading Ben Elton's Time and Time Again; the meeting to chat about the book is on **Monday 27th November** at 3pm in the Church Hall meeting room. New members are always welcome– please speak to Johanna.

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 1 st December	Quasar
Friday 8 th December	Worship Night
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Party

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.

Messy Christmas

On **Monday 4th December** from 3.45pm, Messy Church will be celebrating Christmas. Come with your children (preschool through to 11) to enjoy lots of festive fun in church and invite your friends with families along too. Messy Church is a way of being church for families involving lots of fun! There will be some great festive activities to take part in, as well as the Christmas story and a delicious tea for all the children.



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

The next Safe Space meeting is on **Wednesday 6th December** 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).

Beer and Carols

We are gathering at The Stratford Haven pub, Stratford Road again this year to enjoy a hearty Christmas carols sing-a-long, complete with beverage in hand. It's a great occasion to get into the festive mood so come along and invite your friends - **Sunday 10th December** at 7pm



St Giles' Mission Partners



Gifts that keep giving beyond Christmas

Present Aid is a charity gift website that supports the work of Christian Aid. Find the perfect gift for family, friends, teachers and loved ones which could transform the lives of people living in poverty around the world. Take a look online at <http://www.presentaid.org/>.

- £9 to give a child in Bangladesh textbooks, stationery and school essentials
- £13 to give a struggling farmer the training and equipment to fish for a living
- £15 to give nets protect 5 children from being bitten by deadly mosquitos
- £15 provide a refugee living in Greek camp with three nutritious meals

Enough for Everyone this Christmas - Christmas Appeal 2017

Children across South Sudan and Burkina Faso are dying from hunger. They are bearing the brunt of ongoing conflict and climate change. At Christmas, a time of plenty, when we come together with family and friends to celebrate, relax and often overindulge, it feels particularly unjust that so many families will go without food, security and hope. Go online to donate to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal - www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal. **For every pound you give, the UK Government will give a pound more.**

A fun way to support families around the world!

Bernie Bear is off on a round-the-world trip with Christian Aid - and for £5 a month, you can choose a child you know to share the fun! Join World of Friends and they'll receive quarterly 'Bear Mail' goody packs full of stories, stickers, fun activities and quizzes, while your regular gift will help bring an end to poverty. They'll also get their very own Bernie Bear cuddly toy.



From the Friends International Prayer Diary: The work in Glasgow has been growing over the years and we now welcome our third member of staff to the city, Rebecca Mann. We thank

God for the opportunities in Glasgow and pray for Rebecca as she gets to grips with the work. Madeleine Bonicel has joined us this term in Nottingham. Please pray that she would gel well with the team and would flourish in her role there.

Friends International is looking for ladies to join the CAMEO team (CAMEO = Come And Meet Each Other). CAMEO is a social activity for the wives of International Students and takes place on alternate Thursdays through term-time, at Beeston Free Church, from 1-2.30 pm (team members usually arriving for 12.30). If interested, please contact Jane Shipway on jane.shipway@ntlworld.com or 07963 655990. Ladies with pre-school children are very welcome to join the team, bringing the children.

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Friends International also needs more hosts for the **Visit a Local Home Programme**. Please consider this kind and hospitable way to welcome and support students from other countries who come to study here in Nottingham. For more information contact Rosemary Rettie on rosemary.rettie@gmail.com or 07503 974413.



Community Crisis Appeal

The Friary's services need to continue but funding can't keep pace with demand without your help. They have launched a Community Crisis Appeal with a fundraising target of £30k by the end of December. Please respond today! To donate £5 text FCCA55 £5 to 70070; to donate £10 text FCCA55 £10 to 70070. There are over 50 rough sleepers in Nottingham every night – thank you for helping them.

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). These are the items that are particularly needed at the moment. Thank you.

Bafini Thabo FOUNDATION



News from Fusi Secondary School

This year we have been able to support some upgrading work to the school by purchasing a photocopier and extending the electricity supply to the classrooms. We have also bought a computer for the primary school - the first computer experience for the pupils there. In January, a new set of students are hoping to progress to High School and need our support for their fees. Please keep them in mind.

Home Insurance Renewal

To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical is offering to donate £130 to our church for every new home insurance policy taken out, with cover commencing before 31st December 2018. To take advantage of this offer please go to www.ecclesiastical.com or call 0800 7830130.

Mission Shaped Grace

There are still a few copies available of *Mission Shaped Grace* by John McGinley, the book that we have been following in our sermon series. If you would like one please contact Claire in the office - £6.99 each (£2 off rrp).

**God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
or he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.**

Monday 27th Psalm 96; Isa 14: 3-20; Matt 9: 18-34

* Waiapu - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Andrew Hedge

Tuesday 28th Psalm 97; Isa 17; Matt 9:35 – 10:15

* Wangaratta - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd John Parkes

Wednesday 29th Psalm 112; Isa 19; Matt 10: 16-33

* Warri - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Christian Ezezi Ideh

Thursday 30th Psalm 47; Ezek 47: 1-12; John 12: 20-32

* Washington - (Ill, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mariann Edgar Budde

Friday 1st Psalm 139; Isa 22: 1-14; Matt 11: 2-19

* Wau - (Bahr El Ghazal, Sudan) The Rt Revd Moses Deng Bol

Saturday 2nd Psalm 76; Isa 24; Matt 11: 20-end

* For the churches of St Wilfrid's and All Hallows

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