

St Giles' Bulletin



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

2nd December 2018
First Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion
Psalm 25: 1-10 (p.556)
John 3:1-18 (p.1065)

10.00am Coffee and refreshments

10.30am Christingle All Age Worship

6.00pm Choral Evensong (tea & cake from 5.30)

8.00pm First Priority Prayer

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 postcards in the information carousels. 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.

At St Giles we are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and have policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment. These can be viewed on our website. Our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Dizzy Prentice and can be contacted on 07951 538670 or dizzy.prentice@btinternet.com.

Diary for the Week

Monday 3 rd	3.45pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 4 th	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Real Life
Wednesday 5 th	9.30-12.30	Advice Centre in the church hall
	10.45am	Midweek Communion
Thursday 6 th	10-11.30am	Tiddlers in the church hall
Friday 7 th	12.15pm	Seniors' Christmas Lunch
	7.30pm	Youth Night
Sunday 9 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Coffee and Refreshments
	10.30am	Informal Worship
	7.30pm	Beer and Carols

For our Prayers

Derek Gee Sheila Edwards Philip Smeeton Linda Docherty

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 please do talk to Daphne Carter in confidence.

Seniors' Christmas Lunch

This year the Seniors' Christmas Lunch will be held in the church hall this Friday 7th December, arrive from 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start. Come along and enjoy a traditional Christmas meal with all the trimmings, plus wine and entertainment. Tickets cost just £10 and can be purchased in church from members of the Seniors' Committee during coffee on Sundays or Wednesdays.

Nativity Dress Rehearsal

The dress rehearsal for the Nativity will take place in church on Sunday 23rd December, drop off 10.15-10.30am, pick up 12noon. Parents are welcome to stay but school age children can be dropped off once they have been signed in. Sunbeamers are very welcome to join us but parents must stay with them. If you have a sheep or shepherd or angel costume for your Sunbeams child that would be great. If not, we can see what fits them from our collection at the dress rehearsal. Volunteers to help with costume organisation at the practice and on the day are gratefully received - just let Ellen know if you can help! On Christmas Eve children will need to be brought into the church hall for 3pm to get ready.

Evensong this evening

Please join us for Evensong this evening to mark the beginning of Advent. This joyfully solemn service, expressed in the timeless language of the Book of Common Prayer, makes a prayerful start to this penitential season. You will be made very welcome at the service (6pm) or come for tea and cakes from 5.30pm.

First Priority Prayer

First Priority Prayer will take place in the George Chapel this evening Sunday 2nd December, at 8pm. It is an hour long prayer meeting, which incorporates informal worship and focuses on intercession. Everyone is very welcome!

Job Vacancy: Operations Manager at St Luke's Church

St Luke's Gamston is looking to appoint a highly motivated and organised individual to a new role of Operations Manager to support the church as it grows. The role holder will be accountable for all operational matters for the church. They will have good emotional intelligence and will lead and manage the operations teams (both employees and volunteers) to support the mission and life of the church and model our ethos and Christian values. They will have the ability to think strategically but with an eye for detail. For further details please go to st-lukes-gamston.org where you will find the application pack under the "About Us" tab. Closing date is Monday 17th December. Interviews are planned for w/c 14th January 2019.

Junior/Youth Choir for Christmas

Hannah is looking for singers for our junior/youth choir, to perform at Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 16th December at 7pm, and at the Nativity at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We will be rehearsing straight after the 10.30 service on 2nd, 9th & 16th. I'm not just looking for junior singers, but as many youth to take part too. Please sign up at the back of church.



Singing Christmas Tree

The WB Methodist Church is home to a Singing Christmas Tree this advent. They are hosting seven concerts, 8th – 15th December (all starting 7.30pm), given by a range of talented local groups and choirs, who will perform from the branches of a giant, twinkling tree inside the church. Seats are free, but must be reserved at www.eventbrite.co.uk by searching Singing Christmas Tree or by phoning 07401 563835. The concerts are supporting five local charities – the aim is to send £1,000 to each, as a gift at

Christmas, so please give generously. For further information, contact sct@wbmethodist.org.uk

Julian Group

The Julian Group is an opportunity for quiet meditation, held on the first Tuesday of every month at Epperstone Court – the next meeting will be Tuesday 4th December at 2.30pm. For further details call Eileen Shipp on 0115 981 6161.

Messy Christmas

On Monday 3rd 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.



Readers for Carols By Candlelight

Would you like to read one of the lessons at this year's Carols by Candlelight service at 7.00pm on Sunday 16th December? The readings tell of the wonder of God's gift of His Son to the world, and it is great if we can get a mix of people from across all sections of our church family to read them. Please let Claire know if you are interested (contact details on back of the bulletin).

Decorating the Church for Christmas

On Saturday 15th December from 9.30am we will be decorating the church for Christmas. No great flower arranging expertise is required so please do pop along for a short while to help make the church look festive this Christmas. Donations of greenery and foliage to use would be very gratefully received. If you have greenery or would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the our Christmas flowers please contact Helen Jarvis on 0115 981 9947.

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

The next Safe Space meeting is on Wednesday 5th 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).

New Baby!

Our love and congratulations go to Kata and Atilla, on the safe arrival of Nora Lilla on Friday 23rd November, a little sister for Csenga. Please remember them all in your prayers and speak to Ellen if you could offer a meal for the family.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.



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 9th December at 7.30pm.

Changes to our services over Christmas

Please note the following changes to our service pattern over Christmas. There will be just one service on Sunday 23rd December – Holy Communion at 9am, followed by coffee (there won't be any children's activities during this service). The late Christmas Eve Communion Service will start at 11pm, and there will be one service on Christmas Day – All Age Communion at 10am, followed by coffee for those who don't need to rush off to check on the turkey! On Sunday 30th, there will be one service, Holy Communion at 9am. There will be no Midweek Communion service on 26th December or 2nd January. Services are back to normal from Sunday 6th January.

St Giles' Mission Partners



Thank you to everyone who supported the Christian Aid Cake Break on Friday. Watch this space to see how much we raised.

Gifts that keep giving beyond Christmas

Take a look online at <https://charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk/> to find the perfect gift for family, friends, teachers and loved ones which could transform the lives of people living in poverty around the world.



There is a box for donations at the back of church or you can take them to the Friary at their depot at Unit 6C Ludlow Hill Road, NG2 6HF (Tue & Thu 10am – 3pm). Thank you.



Many events and services happen during the Christmas season. Last year CUs held more than 100 carol services, reaching at least 30,000 students with the gospel! Pray that international students are invited to these events, and that we would see much fruit. Why not find out about your local events and invite international students?

Here's how you can celebrate Christmas with St Giles' this year.....



The illustration depicts the Nativity scene. Mary is on the left, kneeling and holding the infant Jesus in a manger. Joseph is on the right, kneeling and holding a scroll. A bright star shines from the top center, casting a beam of light down on the manger. The background is dark blue, and the manger is on a white surface.

Worship with us

Christmas with St Giles'

Christingle
10.30am 2nd December

Carols by Candlelight
7pm 16th December

Family Nativity & Carols
4pm 24th December

Christmas Eve
Communion 11pm

Christmas Day
Worship for All Ages 10am

Find out more by visiting us at
www.stgilesparish.com

A Good Advent

If you'd like to follow daily meditations through the season of Advent, consider *A Good Advent*, by Sarah Mullally, the Bishop of London, and Dr Jane Williams. Each day there's a Bible reading, an image, a reflection, a discussion point, a prayer and a suggestion for action. It comes as a short booklet (https://spckpublishing.co.uk/a_good_advent) or as an App (Android & Apple).

Sunday 9th December - Last Ever Traidcraft Stall?

Sadly, due to falling sales and complex distribution problems, Traidcraft are scaling down their operations. The end of Traidcraft would be devastating for whole communities who depend on the Traidcraft premium for employment, health and education. There is some hope that the organisation may continue into the future, with a more streamlined range of products. As a result, our stall will close for a few months, with a hoped for re-launch next April. Please show your support by buying Traidcraft's delicious products from the stall next Sunday. Stock up with your favourite stem ginger cookies, Guatemalan coffee and delicious raisins from Chile. Thank you for your support. Claire Voce

Collect:
Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

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