

St Giles' Bulletin



5th February 2017
5th Sunday of Epiphany

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion
Isaiah 58 v 1-9 (p.744)
Matthew 5 v 13-20 (p.969)
<i>Salt and Light</i> | 5.30pm | Tea and cake |
| 10.00am | Coffee and refreshments | 6.00pm | Choral Evensong |
| 10.30am | All Age Worship | | |

Our 10.30am service today welcomes people of all ages, including all children.

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 6 th February	3.45-5.15pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 7 th February	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 8 th February	9.30am – 12.30pm 10.45am 8.00pm	Advice Centre in the Church Hall Midweek Communion Ladies' Evening
Thursday 9 th February	10.00- 11.30am	Tiddlers in the Church Hall
Friday 10 th February	7.30pm	Youth Night
Sunday 12 th February	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

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.

Payment for the Church Weekend Away

A quick reminder that the final payments for the Church Weekend Away need to be made by **Friday 17th February**. Should you have any concerns, then please let Lee or Claire know.

Women @ St Giles: Come for Breakfast

The next women's breakfast will take place in the George Chapel on **Saturday 25th February** 8.30-10.30am. The theme is *Waiting on the Lord*. Barbara Young will be speaking about the life changing injuries her son sustained after a skiing accident and how he has come back fighting as a paralympic kayaker. Tickets are now on sale from Debbie Keown and Angela Fifer at a cost of just £3. Come and enjoy food for body and soul with worship, teaching, breakfast and chat.

St Giles' Family News

Congratulations

Our love and congratulations to Hannah and Sam Crawford who welcomed Robbie into the world on Sunday 22nd January, a brother for Isla and Esther. All the family are doing well and enjoying getting to know their little boy.

I sing for joy at the works of Your hands

Romanian Orphanage Opportunity

Would you like to join us on a week long trip to Romania in the summer? For several years, Barry and Katie Clarke have volunteered at Little John's House, a small privately run orphanage for 6 young people with additional needs, helping run the summer school. During the summer school around 30 children come from the local state orphanages and hospital for games, fun and laughter. This is often one of the few opportunities some of these children get to play. If you would like any more information, please speak to one of us in church.

Collecting you Child from Junior Church

Just a quick reminder to parents that if the junior church session overruns the Sunday morning service in church, parents need to come to collect their children from the church hall. For safety reasons, children can't be sent back into church once the service has ended when junior church leaders would struggle to find all parents. Please come promptly to collect your children should this be necessary. Many thanks from Sarah Moppett and the Junior Church team.

Care for the Family - Parentalk

Rob Parsons & Katharine Hill from Care for the Family are bringing their Parentalk tour to Nottingham Cornerstone Church on **Tuesday 9th May** 7:30pm-10pm. They will present insights and top tips gathered from their combined experience of working alongside thousands of parents for over thirty years. This evening will help mums and dads to get ahead of the game! You'll laugh, maybe shed a tear or two and take away some practical ideas to help you be an even better parent. (No group work involved – just come prepared to sit back, relax and enjoy!) Early bird tickets are £4 until 4th March, £6 thereafter. For more info go to www.careforthefamily.org.uk.

Shoppers Urgently Needed

New Life Church are in urgent need of more shoppers for their much-in-demand shopping service. Can you spare a couple of hours to do an elderly person's shopping each week? Would you consider joining the New Life Shopping service in their already established scheme? To find out more please go online www.newlifebaptist.co.uk or contact Chris McDouall on 07796492284.

The Whole of Life for Christ

We have just started a new sermon series exploring the theme of whole life discipleship with the aim of deepening our faith in Christ. We will explore together what it means to follow Christ in every area of life. To tie in with this series St Giles' home groups will be following up each Sunday sermon with a study on the same themes. The study guides have been written by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity who produced the popular Frontline series we used a year ago. This focus will lead us into our church weekend away at the end of March. This year we will not be organising separate Lent groups but instead using the 'Whole life' material for our studies in Lent. Why not consider joining a home group for a rich time of learning together as we seek to grow deeper in our spiritual life? To find out more chat to Lee, Tim or Katie Conley.

Listen to Sermons Online

In case you missed it in church last Sunday, the first in the sermon series exploring whole life discipleship is available on the St Giles website (www.stgilesparish.com),. What does it mean to commit to being a disciple of Christ in the 21st century? The reading is Colossians 1: 15-23 and we explore what it means for us to be made through Christ and for Christ.

Snowdrops at Easton Walled Garden

The February Seniors' event is a visit to Easton Walled Garden on **Friday 17th February** to see the snowdrops. It will be by minibus leaving the church car park at 10.00am arriving back about 4.00 pm. The cost for entry to the gardens will be £7.25. We are advised that stout shoes are required. The upper level is suitable for anyone with walking difficulties, but not the lower level. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church, so please put your name down if you would like to come so we know how many cars we'll need on top of the mini bus. There is a cafe on site where refreshments can be purchased. If you need any further information please see Carole or Brendan Sprakes.

Seniors' Coffee

The next Seniors' Coffee Morning will be at Bradmore Garden Centre on **Tuesday 14th February** at 10.30am. If you would like a lift please meet at the Church car park at 10.15 or contact John Prentice on 984 5535 if you would like to be collected from home.

Wildfire Taster Session

If you're interested in being in (or helping with) our next Churches Together WB musical production, *Wildfire*, you might like to come along to West Bridgford Baptist Church on **Sunday 5th February**, 3-4.15pm. As well as giving a brief summary of the plot, there will be the opportunity to sing a bit and to sign up for a range of parts and jobs. If you can't make it, there will be further opportunities at a later date. More details can be found in the CTWB newsletter (edition 48) at www.churchestogetherwb.org.uk.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church takes place tomorrow, **Monday 6th February**. Come along straight after school, from 3.45pm until 5.15pm - join in all the action and then share tea together. Invite your friends with families along - Messy Church is a way of being church for families involving lots of fun!

Nuts about Traidcraft!

The Traidcraft stall will now be held on the second Sunday of the month. So the next Traidcraft stall will be on **Sunday 12th February**, before and after both services. This month's feature product is **Liberation Crunchy Peanut Butter**. Made with peanuts from Malawi, Mozambique and Nicaragua, the new recipe is just as delicious but contains no added sugar. The smallholders who grow the peanuts own a big share in 'Liberation', their fairtrade nut company. Working with Traidcraft not only gives them technical advice which leads to better nut yields, but also higher profits which are ploughed back into education and medical projects in the local community. Enjoy a jar - and give a farmers' family a better quality of life!

Bereavement and Loss Workshop

CHIPPs is a Pastoral Training & Support Ministry designed to enable & equip Christians from local churches who care for others, both within their church and the wider community. CHIPPs is running a Bereavement and Loss workshop on **Saturday 18th March**, 10.00am – 4.00pm, at St Helen's Church, Stapleford NG9 8FN. The aim of this workshop is to give an understanding of bereavement and loss, and to demonstrate how we can practically support people in coming to terms with the pain and reality of dying and death. The day costs £15pp (bring your own lunch). For enquiries & registration please contact Sue Goring on 0115 9732130 or sgoring@hotmail.com.

Ladies' Evening

This month's Ladies' Evening will be **Wednesday 8th February** at 8pm, at Mud Crab (not The Parlour). Hope to see you there. Please speak to Doreen Ottway if you would like to know more.

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 10th February Light Night St Nic’s Church, Maid Marian Way

Friday 17th February Half Term – no youth night

Friday 24th February 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.

St Giles' Mission Partners



From the Friends International Prayer Diary: Give thanks for the 20-30 international students and visiting scholars who have been coming regularly to our weekly iExplore evening. Pray that some will accept invitations to the Southampton CU events week 6th-10th Feb and that their hearts will be challenged to respond to all that they have been learning about Jesus over the last month

The Friends International Prayer Diary for January to April and "Opportunity" update are available at the back of church.



Please continue to bring your donations into church (box near the front door) or take them directly to the Friary on Musters Road, or to their depot on Ludlow Hill Road. Thank you.



Ha Fusi school in Lesotho would like to thank St Giles for donating the magnificent sum of £457.53 from the nativity service. Elizabeth & David Dunford will be visiting the school in February and look forward to updating everyone on progress there.



Christian Aid Week 2017 is 13th – 20th May!

The Big Event will again take place in church on the evening of Saturday 20th May. Plans are still be finalised for this all age event, so hold the date in your diaries and watch this space for more information. Lots of other fundraising activities will be taking place through the week, including the house to house collections, the Plant Sale and Friday Cake Break. More details in due course. If you would like to get involved in the fundraising effort for Christian Aid in May then please speak to Rachel Gregory after the 9am Sunday service.

I Witness is a photo exhibition currently at Southwell Minster showing life-changing projects funded by Christian Aid, taking place in Haiti today. It runs from January 20th to February 25th, and includes photography, artwork and people's stories. The exhibition is free and open to all. *I Witness* invites visitors to see the extraordinary work that Christian Aid is supporting through its partner organisations in Haiti, and meet some of the inspirational people who are rebuilding their lives in the face of the most overwhelming odds.

**Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of your calling,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Monday 6th Psalm 30; Joel 1: 1-14; John 15: 1-11

* London - (Canterbury) The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Richard John Carew Chartres

Tuesday 7th Psalm 36; Joel 1: 15-end; John 15: 12-17

* Long Island - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Lawrence Provenzano

Wednesday 8th Psalm 34; Joel 2: 1-17; John 15: 18-end

* Louisiana - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Morris Thompson

Thursday 9th Psalm 37; Joel 2: 18-27; John 16: 1-15

* Luapula - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Robert Mumbi

Friday 10th Psalm 31; Joel 2: 28-end; John 16: 16-22

* Lucknow - (North India) The Rt Revd Peter Baldev

Saturday 11th Psalm 42; Joel 3: 1-3, 9-end; John 16: 23-end

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