

# St Giles' Bulletin



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

**9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Pentecost**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

**Acts 2: 1-21 (p.1093)**

**Matthew 13: 44-46 (p.980)**

**10.00am Coffee and refreshments**

**10.30am Informal Worship**

## 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](mailto:dizzy.prentice@btinternet.com).

### Diary for the Week

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Seniors’ Coffee
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-12.30	Advice Centre in the church hall
	10.45am	Midweek Communion
	8.00pm	Ladies’ Night
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30am	Tiddlers in the church hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Youth Night
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Coffee & Refreshments
	10.30am	Informal Worship
	6.00pm	Confirmation Service

### **An invitation to Laurie Woodgate's Confirmation**

Laurie is being confirmed at 4pm TODAY at the Potting Shed Church, near Newark. "I would love for those of you who can to join me and my family as I take this step and I ask for your prayers. Unfortunately I'm away the following week when the confirmation service at St.Giles is taking place, but I'm so thankful for the overwhelming love and support of the St.Giles family over the last few years. Address - Potting Shed Church, Caunton, NG23 6BB (for directions go to [www.thepottingshedchurch.org/get-in-touch](http://www.thepottingshedchurch.org/get-in-touch)). There will be refreshments after the service. If you have any question please get in touch on 07730 358665."

### **Seniors' Coffee**

The next Seniors' Coffee Morning will be at Bradmore Garden Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. If you would like a lift please meet at the Church car park at 10.15 or contact David Dunford on 981 6821 if you would like to be collected from home.

### **Jonathan Mole's Ordination**

Jonathan's ordination will take place in Southwell Minster on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. All are welcome! It's worth arriving a bit early as it may be busy. If you have space in your car to offer a lift please let Claire Sheard know. The farewell service for the Moles at St Giles will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, followed by a bring and share meal for all who would like to stay.

### **New Baby!!**

Congratulations and much love to Ellen and Colin on the safe arrival of Nathan Isaac Dann on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, a little brother for Caleb. They are all doing well, feeling most blessed.

If you would like to offer a meal for Ellen and her family in the coming weeks then please get in touch with Claire Sheard.

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

## Family News

Many of you will already know that one of our longest standing and beloved members, Derek Gee, has passed away. The funeral service will take place at St Giles on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10.15am.

Mary would like to thank everyone for all the support, love and prayers that really helped to sustain her and Derek over recent weeks and months.

Let us all keep Mary and the family in our prayers.

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

### Confirmation Service & Preparation

Bishop Paul Williams will be leading a confirmation service at St Giles on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

### Godspell comes to West Bridgford!

A cast of 30 talented local singers and musicians will be performing Godspell at West Bridgford Baptist Church on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00pm and 7.30pm. For tickets (£10 / £8 under 16s) please visit [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk) or contact Jill on 07968 711534 or [david.hemington@sky.com](mailto:david.hemington@sky.com)

### Visit to Gunby Hall – 18<sup>th</sup> June

The Seniors' Annual Outing this year is to the National Trust property at Gunby Hall, Spilsby on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We will travel by 33 seater coach and disabled mini bus leaving the church car park at 10am prompt, returning at about 4.30pm traffic permitting. As usual we will have a delicious Tall Frog catered picnic. You will need to bring a folding garden chair if you have one; we always have a few spares. The cost for coach, admission and food for National Trust members is £15 and for non-members £25. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. For more information please speak to Doreen Ottway.

### Sweet Music & Strawberries – 15<sup>th</sup> June

Tickets at £10 are now available for a delightful afternoon of reformation music with summer refreshments (strawberries & prosecco) in aid of our mission partner, Ha Fusi School in Lesotho? Buy your tickets from Elizabeth Dunford (07900 300897), Christine Hutchings (07986 091919) or from the church office.



### **Women's Breakfast**

The next women's breakfast will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 8.30-10.30am. Tickets are on sale in church from Angela Fifer & Eve Harper – just £3. Ladies, if you've not been before do come along – it's a wonderful start to your weekend – refreshment for the body & soul!

### **Calligrapher for updating the St Giles' Book of Remembrance**

From time to time we need to update the church's Book of Remembrance – do you, or someone you know, have the calligraphy skills to be able to do this? If so please speak to Brendan Sprakes or contact Claire in the church office.

### **Recital in Ruddington**

Katharine Dryden, who works as our Deanery Administrator, is also a professional singer (Mezzo – Soprano), and she will be performing next month to raise funds for the West Bridgford and South Nottingham Debt Centre. The recital takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at St Peter's Church, Ruddington, starting at 6pm. Tickets cost £10 including refreshments (concessions £7.50) and are available on the door or from [katharine.dryden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katharine.dryden@hotmail.co.uk).

## Fundraising Fashion Show

There will be a fundraising Fashion Show in church on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Try on and buy discounted bargains from high street stores! Tickets cost £5 (from Carole Sprakes, Elizabeth Dunford, Dizzy Prentice, Liz Thornton & Daphne Carter). There will be refreshments for sale on the night, and a raffle. All proceeds go to the Friary & Ha Fusi.



# Fashion Show

Come along and enjoy a night out of fashion and fun! Try on and buy discounted bargains from high street stores!

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

St Giles Church, West Bridgford, NG2 5GX

**Tickets £5.00**

Bar & Raffle    Pay by cash or card    Bargain prices

**All proceeds will go to the Friary in West Bridgford  
and Ha Fusi School in Lesotho, Africa**

## St Giles' Mission Partners



Thank you to everyone involved in the fundraising activity during Christian Aid week. There will be an update in due course with the total amount raised.



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).

### Musters Road Open Gardens – next Sunday

Fifteen gardens on Musters Road will be open on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1-6pm, in aid of the Friary - admission for adults is £3 (children free). There will be refreshments and plants for sale on the day, and a children's trail.



Christian Unions Ireland and Friends International work in partnership with churches across the whole island of Ireland to reach out to international students. We thank God for this partnership, the fruit that is coming from it. Do please pray for the future development of further outreach to international students in the south and for next month's Dublin International Outreach run by local churches.

Rafiki Thabo Foundation



On behalf of the Trustees of the Rafiki Thabo Foundation, I would like to thank you for your recent generous donation of £290 from your Good Friday workshop. This money will be used to support our work with the community of Ha Fusi in Lesotho.

We were delighted to hear from Elizabeth how well Fusi Secondary School is doing when she returned from her visit in February. The school continues to grow: there are now more than 270 children receiving a vital secondary education – compared to 25 when Elizabeth lived there!

Elizabeth also hosted a get together of all the present Rafiki Thabo scholars, like Lemohang, pictured on the right, and any past scholars who could be contacted. All the High School scholars came, and Elizabeth also met several students who are now in higher education. They all completed an impact survey – telling us the difference our support has made to their lives - and several have now joined Kenyan and Ugandan scholars in the WhatsApp and Facebook groups we have set up for Rafiki scholars and graduates to interact with others in the 'Rafiki Thabo Family'.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support to Fusi School and the community around it. The money you have donated over the years is making a real, transformational difference to young people in Lesotho.



## Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with faith  
and revive your church,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,  
who fulfilled the promise to send us your Holy Spirit  
and has opened to every race and nation the way to eternal life;  
open our lips by your Spirit  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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