



THE MONTHLY BRIEF

All you need to know about what's going on and coming up at St Giles



Growing in generosity is an essential part of our identity as a disciple of Jesus. It is a while since we have focused on this at St Giles. Monthly giving levels at St Giles have dropped; partly as a result of continuing recovery from the covid lockdowns, and partly due to a number of our regular givers having moved away. You may remember significant and urgent changes in the St Giles budget were announced at the AGM in the spring.

Therefore, despite the evolving national situation regarding the cost of living, the PCC felt it was appropriate to give attention to Biblical principles of giving, to understand what it means to be a faithful steward of God's provision, and how we can practice this in our lives. Over the summer and into autumn, a number of the Sunday bible readings and sermons will focus on these topics (the talks will be recorded and available to listen to on our website). This will culminate in an opportunity for us all to offer our own responses to God in early October, as part of our harvest offering.

On Thursday 21st July Tiddlers will be having a summer **Teddy Bears' Picnic** in the church hall garden. If any of our brilliant St Giles bakers could make a few teddy bear cakes or biscuits that would be fantastic! Please speak to Ellen in church or via families@stgilesparish.com / 07910 927427. Thank you!



The PCC is reviewing the draft **Parish Profile** document that will form the core of the job advert for our new Rector. The aim is to have the final draft to the diocese by the end July. We hope to be ready to advertise in the autumn.

Come to me, all you who are
weary & burdened,
& *I will give you rest.*
Matthew 11:28

As most of us are out enjoying the beautiful weather this month, there are a number of people in our church who are dealing with difficult times this summer, be that illness, hospital treatment or grief. Let us remember them in our prayers, whether they are known to us by name or not.



As has been our custom in recent years, we will move to **one Sunday service** over the summer holidays - from 31st July to 28th August inclusive there be one service that will include communion starting at 10am, with coffee served afterwards. We will be back to the normal two services on 4th September, including an All Age at 10.30. The midweek service will continue every week through the summer on Wednesdays at 10.45am - thank you to the several volunteers who have stepped forward to lead these as Morning Worship, to give Christopher and Peter a bit of a summer break.

Children activities on summer Sundays:

On 7th, 14th and 21st August, there will be a combined Junior Church and Sunbeams session in the hall (as usual children will start off in church, going through to the hall when invited). There will be no children's activities on 31st July nor 28th August.

No Youth on summer Sundays:

Youth will be taking a complete break over the school holidays.



Evensong is coming up this month on Sunday 17th at 6pm, with tea and cake served from 5.30. There will be a break in August, with Evensong resuming on Sunday 4th September.