

Notices
Sunday 31 August 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 17 (22) Green
St Giles
(John Bunyan)

10.45am United Service at Blaston

Proverbs 25:6-7;

Psalm 112;

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Who would true valour see

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Teach me, my God and King

Collect

Merciful God,
you have compassion on all that you have made
and your whole creation is enfolded in your love:
help us to stand firm for your truth,
to struggle against poverty,
and to share your love with our neighbour,
that with your servant Giles
we may be instruments of your peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions

Let us pray to the God who welcomes the stranger and raises up the lowly, saying:
God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church, that we may follow the example of Christ—choosing humility over hierarchy, and opening our tables to those the world forgets.
May we, like St Giles, make space for the excluded, and offer healing, hope, and hospitality.
God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations and communities, that they may govern with justice and mercy, remembering the needs of the poor, the displaced, and the voiceless.
May our societies value every human life—not for status or success, but simply for being a child of God.
God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick, disabled, or living with long-term illness—and for those who care for them with gentleness and dignity.
May we learn, like Christ, to see strength in vulnerability and holiness in every human body.
God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

For all who feel rejected or forgotten, especially those excluded because of poverty, disability, mental illness, or circumstance.

May they find belonging and welcome in our communities, and may we listen more than we judge.

God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that we may be guests and hosts in God's kingdom—ready to sit in the lowest place, and eager to lift others up.

Make us bearers of the invitation that knows no limits, and builders of a table where all are fed.

God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

We remember St Giles, and all who have walked humbly with the poor, prayed faithfully in hidden places, and pointed beyond themselves to your love.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those who died alone or unloved.

Gather them into your feast of life, where all are honoured and no one is left out.

God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God,

you lift up the lowly

and fill the hungry with good things.

Receive our prayers, spoken and unspoken,

and make us living signs

of your hospitality and grace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.