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Weekly update from St Giles Church

Greetings from St Giles! In this email you'll find the usual information about upcoming services at church as well as notices and other information that might be of interest.

Services this week

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion with Baptism

6:30pm Evensong at St Mary's Welwyn

Readings for this Sunday

Philippians 2.6–11

John 3.13–17

Upcoming services

Sunday 21st September

9:30am Harvest Service

St Giles Notices

Harvest Auction - Thank you to all who came along to support this year's auction and to The Goat for hosting it. A fantastic £2,171 was raised for The Friends of St Giles, who support the repair, maintenance, restoration, and improvement of our ancient church building.

New Treasurer - We are delighted to announce that last night The PCC appointed Peter Brewer to be our new Treasurer. Peter will be working closely with Ian Macfarlane during the handover period. We are so very grateful to Ian for continuing to keep our finances running smoothly since January and pleased for him that he will finally be able to steep back from over 30 years in the role.

Harvest Festival - We will be celebrating harvest at St Giles this Sunday (21st September at 9:30am). Please bring non-perishable goods to donate to Codicote Food Bank. This date will also mark the start of a 4 week long

'Generous Giving' campaign - more information will be provided in the service.

Bike and Hike - Tomorrow (Saturday 13th) will see lots of visitors to St Giles taking part in this annual fundraising day. They will arrive by bike, car and on foot receiving a warm welcome in church. Please consider sponsoring those who have named St Giles as their beneficiary parish - we have a cyclist (Geoff), a walker (Janet) and a welcomer (Philippa) in the team! Thank you, Judith, for co-ordinating everyone.

Tots and Tinies - our group for babies, children under 5 and their carers will be starting again on Tuesday 23rd from 9:30am. Please encourage your neighbours and friends to come along. There are toys for the little ones and a lovely opportunity to meet and chat to others in the village with young children to care for. We usually finish with a few songs and rhymes. Our lovely team of helpers will be on hand to offer refreshments and a warm welcome.

Giles Coffee Shop - The coffee shop is open as usual today but will be **closed next week** (19th September). It will open again on Friday 26th.

Notices from around the team

Our team of churches is made up of: St Giles Codicote, St Mary's Welwyn, St Peter's Tewin, St Michael's Woolmer Green, All Saints Datchworth and St Peter's Ayot Green. You can find information about the [team by clicking here](#)

The Bible for Beginners This autumn we are starting a four week friendly, informal bible exploration group. Expect laughter, honest questions, and straight forward teaching. You can walk in the door knowing nothing and we promise you will leave knowing something. No faith is assumed or required, you just need to be a bit curious about the bible and want to know a bit more. The course will be led by Catherine Jupp, who had a career teaching RE to

teenagers, and so will be able to cope with any question you throw at her. **It will be held 7pm – 8:30pm in Datchworth Church Hall every Tuesday in October.** Invite friends and neighbours. To register a place email catherinejupp@gmail.com

Pattern of prayer

Each day, people gather to pray in one of our churches. All are welcome to join in with any of the following:

Monday 5pm Evening Prayer at St Peter's Tewin

Tuesday 8:30am Morning Prayer at St Giles Codicote

Wednesday 8am Bible study over breakfast followed by **9am** Morning prayer at St Mary's Welwyn

Thursday 5pm Evening Prayer at All Saints Datchworth

Friday 8:30am Morning Prayer at St Michael's Woolmer Green

For your prayers

Please do be praying for our whole church community at St Giles, as well as the following things:

- For the mission of St Giles, and how God is calling us to serve our community
- For those being baptised at St Giles
- For those among us who are unwell, or recovering from illness at this time. Especially: Jonny Thompson, Jan Raper, Barbara Hearn, Margaret Snowden.

- We also give thanks for the life of Fred Garrett. Please pray for Hillary, Fred's family and all who will miss him.

The prayer chapel at St Giles is open every day, and there is a basket which you may leave prayer requests in. These are prayed for at Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 8:30am, all are welcome to join us.

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