

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

NOVEMBER 2025

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REMEMBER 11TH NOVEMBER

Poem by Ann Ward.

*Church bells are ringing out tonight.
The streets are bathed in golden light.*

*Bonfires blaze on every hill,
Proclaiming that the guns are still.*

*No more fighting, fear or hate,
But for some, peace came too late.*

*Brave men who have gone before,
Now lay in fields on a foreign shore.*

*We who are left must always remember,
At 11 o'clock on the 11th November,
As the winds of time gently blow,
Over the fields where the poppies grow.*

SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE

Holy Communion with act of remembrance **Sunday 9 November at 10am** St Matthews

Remembrance Service **Sunday 9 November** at 3.00pm St Giles Church (parade starts at 2.30pm)

Act of Remembrance **Tuesday 11 November** at 11.00 am St Giles Church

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL 2025

Shoeboxes can be filled with small toys & gifts including warm hat & gloves, toiletries (soap, toothbrush, comb) & school supplies for a child (girl or boy) aged 2-4; 5-9 or 10-14 years old.

Drop them off at St. Giles's or St Matthew's before 17th November.



Dear friends,

Thank you all for the warm welcome which you have given to Crystal, Beth, James and myself. It has been lovely meeting you all, and we look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming months and years.

I wanted to write to you all in this month's "News from the Pews" to offer a couple of things.

Firstly, I am very happy to visit you when you need pastoral support at home or in hospital... however... I am not a mind reader! There will be times when it is obvious that your parish priest's presence may be wanted, but if you want me, please tell me. I may not have heard of your need, or I may not have realised how serious a situation is.

If you want to speak to me about something in a less public setting invite me over for a cuppa, come and speak to me, let me know that you want some additional support if you need it. I will be at either St Matthews or St Giles most Sundays, but if you need or want me in between seeing me in person please call or drop me an email. My telephone number is **07932 529449**, and my email address is **daniel.cooke@derby.anglican.org**. Or if you're passing our home you can pop a note through the door letting me know that you'd value a call or a visit.

I am very happy to bring Holy Communion at home or in hospital to parishioners who are unable to attend regular worship. Please let me know if you would value this ministry.

The second thing that I would like to make known is that I value feedback. If you enjoy a service, a sermon or an event, please tell me. If you have suggestions for improvements or changes, please let me know. I cannot guarantee that I will agree with all suggestions, but I will certainly give all comments due consideration.

We are not all going to agree on everything. And that it totally fine, in fact, it's great! Diversity is a blessing. So please do express to me how you feel about our shared life together as God's church in this benefice. I've been called here to serve you by offering you leadership. I am not here to "rule over you" as some sort of tyrant!

So, in summary, if you want to speak to me, come and speak to me. I am genuinely interested in what you have to say.

God bless

Daniel

KEY DATES

Sundays in November – Services 10am at both churches except on 30th November when there will be a joint benefice service at St Giles, and therefore no service at St Matthews. If you require transport to get from Renishaw to Killamarsh on 30th November please speak to one of the minsters or churchwarden



Commemoration of the Departed St Giles **Sunday 2 November 6pm**

Wednesday 12th November- St Giles
PCC meeting

First Saturday of the month-
St Matthew's coffee morning

Every Tuesday- St Matthews Coffee
morning 9.45am-11am

Every Tuesday- St Giles Church Hall
Warm Spaces 1pm-3pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRES

Both are being held on:
Saturday 22nd November 11am–2pm

THE JOINT BENEFICE WELCOMES REVD DANIEL

A big thank you to everyone involved in the licensing service of Revd Daniel on 7th October. It was a lovely service and fantastic to see the representation from our local communities for our new rector and his family. Bishop Malcolm oversaw proceedings and was joined by a number of clergy all supporting the ceremony. Photographs taken on the night will be shared via our website.



JOINT BENEFICE HARVEST LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who joined the harvest lunch on 12th October and to Ben and the other volunteers who made this event happen. Congratulations to all the raffle winners, the money raised will be donated to the charity Lib Forever in due course.

BISHOP'S BADGE

Congratulations to the three members of our churches that received a Bishop Badge in October in recognition for their services to the church. Very well deserved.



ST GILES CHRISTMAS FAYRE- DONATIONS WANTED

Volunteers are needed to help with stalls and donations are wanted of suitable items to sell or be used as raffle or tombola prizes. We are really needing general 'Christmas' gifts, chocolate items, teddies/ toys, and bottles for the water vs. wine type stall. Please speak to Jenny or Kay if you can help

St Giles Church Hall and St
Matthews Church

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Saturday 22nd November, 11am-2pm



**Both fayres, same day at
same times**

**Stalls, Cakes, Gifts
Cards**
Something for all the
Family

Admission: Free

PRAYER OF ST THERESA

*The fruit of silence is
prayer
The fruit of prayer is faith
The fruit of faith is love
The fruit of love is service
The fruit of service is
peace*

Courtesy of Betty

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Submissions for December Newsletter need to be provided by **20 November** at stgilesandstmatthewschurches@gmail.com.



EASY FRUIT CAKE - SERVES 8

350g (12oz)	Mixed dried fruit
100g (4oz)	Sugar
100g (4oz)	Butter or Margarine
150ml (¼ pt)	Water
2 medium	Eggs (beaten)
225g (8oz)	Self-raising Flour

Oven 150°C /300°F/ Gas 2

1. Grease a 7" cake tin.
2. Place fruit, sugar, butter and water in a saucepan. Simmer slowly for 20 minutes.
3. Allow to cool.
4. Add egg and stir.
5. Stir in self-raising flour
6. Transfer to cake tin and bake for approximately 1 ½ hours or until skewer comes out clean.

Recipe courtesy of Linda

SKATING MEMORIAL

On the 28th November 1915, a terrible accident happened at Churchtown, Killamarsh and six young people tragically drowned. The canal had been frozen over, and people were indulging in sliding and skating when suddenly there was an alarming cracking sound and the six victims, were plunged into the water.

A Memorial bearing their names will be dedicated by Rev'd Daniel Cooke on Saturday **29th November at 2.30 pm** in St Giles Churchyard.

You are welcome to join us and afterwards across the road at The Crown, where you will be welcome to have a Cuppa on us. Or you may prefer a drink from the Bar.

Courtesy of Pat Bone

ST GILES BELLS PROJECT

As the project ends, we are still hoping to form a bell ringing team so If you are interested, no experience necessary, please speak to Jenny or John