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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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service

11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Morning

10am Eucharist

Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 7.10–16

Matthew 1.18–end

Readings for Midnight Mass

Isaiah 62.6–end

Luke 2.[1–7] 8–20

Readings for Christmas Morning

Isaiah 52.7–10

John 1.1–14

Upcoming services

Sunday 28th December

9:30am Eucharist

6:30pm No team evening service

St Giles Notices

(19th December)

Coffee shop - will be shut today as many helpers and attendees will be at the funeral of Doreen Bath (see below). It will also be shut on 26th Dec & 2nd Jan, opening again for 2026 from 9th January. Thanks to all who have continued to support this well loved community initiative this year.

The Funeral of Doreen Bath - today, 11am at Harwood Park followed by a service at St Giles at midday.

Thanksgiving for the life of Jim Hetherington - Monday 22nd December, midday at St Giles

The Funeral of David Thompson - will take place on Wednesday the 7th of January, 2pm at St Giles.

Carols by Candlelight - this Sunday (21st December) 6:30pm. Always a wonderful service when we come together as a village community to tell the story of Jesus and Christmas through singing carols and listening to bible readings. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

Church Flowers - Thank you to all involved in decorating St Giles for Christmas, the flowers are just beautiful! The church is open every day during daylight hours. Do pop in and take a closer look at the floral arrangements. If you can't get to visit in person, take a look at a video of the flowers [HERE](#).

School and Pre-School - It was lovely to welcome children, staff and families from both Codicote School and Pre-School in St Giles this week for their end of term Christmas services and events.

Christingle Service - Thank you to all who came, helped make Christingles or served refreshments after the service last Sunday. It was lovely to welcome so many families, and a great opportunity to ask the children just what they like to do in church and how it makes them feel. Around £175 was raised for the work of the Children's Society from the cash collection, gift aid and online donations. Thank you!

Crib Service - gather the family together and enjoy time in church at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We'll be telling the story of the first Christmas with bible stories, well-known carols and helping to build our beautiful wooden crib scene. Children (and adults!) are invited to come dressed up as a nativity character - Mary, Joseph, shepherd, angel, star, stable animal, inn keeper, king etc.

Coffee Together on Twelfth Night - SAVE THE DATE Monday 5th January 10am-12 noon in St Giles. Come and enjoy a St Giles family coffee morning. Bring along any Christmas left over cakes, biscuits and nibbles to share - we'll make the tea and coffee. Expect live music, simple table games/ puzzles and great conversation. The fun starts at 10am - don't be late! A small cash donation to cover costs would be appreciated on the day.

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](#)

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 the children and young people in our village
- For those among us who are unwell, or recovering from illness at this time. Especially: Jonny Thompson, Jan Raper, Barbara Hearn, Margaret Snowden.
- We remember before God those who have recently died, including Doreen Bath and David Thompson, and pray for all those who will miss them.

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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