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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**

#### **Candlemas**

8am Said Eucharist

10am Cafe Church in the Peace Memorial Hall

6:30pm Candlemas Carols St Mary's Welwyn

## Readings for this Sunday

Malachi 3.1–5

Hebrews 2.14–end

Luke 2.22–40

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## Upcoming services

Sunday 8th February

9:30am Eucharist

6:30pm Evensong at St Mary's Welwyn

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## St Giles Notices

**Music at our Eucharistic services** - as part of thinking about how we can make our worship more engaging and accessible, last year we trialled a different and more simple tune for the gloria. From next Sunday we will try adding some additional musical elements into the eucharistic prayer. We have chosen a simple tune which is repeated for both sung elements. We will try this for a few weeks and review how it is going, so do share your feedback with Christie or the wardens.

**Cafe Church Extra** - we have listened to people telling us that Sunday morning is a difficult time for some to get to church and are responding by

adding three additional Cafe Church sessions **in the afternoon** in 2026. The first is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm, and will have a pancake theme. Please do join us and help it to feel very much the same as it does in the morning. Cafe Church at 10am on the first Sunday of the month will continue as normal throughout the year.

**Sharing Faith** - A relaxed and friendly evening group, meeting weekly during Lent, to consider how to share faith with others. Expect bible study, art, music, discussion and prayer time. The first session is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre 7:15 for a 7:30pm start. Talk to Catherine or Frances if you'd like to know more.

**Planning ahead** - Services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter are now listed on the website [HERE](#)

**Reading Glasses** - we have quite a collection of glasses that have been left behind. Could a pair belong to you? Please pop in and check the box at the back of church.

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## 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](#)

**Art & Craft Fair**- Sunday 1st Feb, Datchworth Church Hall 1-4pm. Free entry. In support of All Saints Datchworth.

**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

The **St Giles Tuesday Prayer group** meets in the chancel every week from 11am for an hour to read, talk and pray about issues in the upcoming readings for next Sunday. All are welcome.

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## 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.

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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