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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 Third Sunday of Lent

9:30pm Eucharist

6:30pm Evensong at St Mary's Welwyn

Readings for this Sunday

Exodus 17.1–7

Romans 5.1–11

John 4.5–42

Upcoming services

Sunday 15th March: Mothering Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm No team evening service

Readings for next Sunday

1 Samuel 16.1–13

John 9.1–41

St Giles Notices

Mothering Sunday Flowers - Helpers are needed to make small bunches of flowers in the Parish Centre on Saturday 14th March at 10am. Any greenery you could provide would be much appreciated.

PCC Meeting - the next full meeting of St Giles PCC is on Wednesday 11th March at 7:30pm. The agenda is displayed in the church porch.

Sharing Faith - Using our story to tell God's story is the theme for discussion next week. The evening lent course, led by Catherine Jupp and Frances Maddex, continues in the Parish Centre on Thursdays 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. All are welcome - you can join in at any point.

Lay Leader of Worship - On Sunday at Café Church we were delighted to commission Frances Maddex as a Lay Leader of Worship in our parish. Frances completed a training course with the diocese in the autumn, focussing on topics including all age worship. Her commissioning means that as well as continuing to lead elements of our worship (especially at Café Church) Frances will contribute more to the planning of our worship. If you would like to find out more about lay ministry, you may like to speak to Christie or look at [this webpage](#).

Church Clock - We are planning repairs and improvements to the church clock and are very grateful to The Friends of St Giles committee who have agreed to contribute funds towards this project. At the moment we are seeking permission from the Diocesan Consistory Court to proceed. We will update you when the works start.

Spring Working Party - Come along on Saturday 21st March any time between 9am and 1pm to help tackle all those important spring tidying jobs in

the church and churchyard. Please bring your own tools and gloves if you can. If you are not able to help, but have time, do drop by to encourage everyone and have a chat over coffee. There will be a light lunch for helpers at 1pm.

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

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.

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: Philippa Thompson, Jonny Thompson, Jan Raper, Barbara Hearn, Margaret Snowdon.

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

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