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Listening - Growing - Responding

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

Easter Sunday

6am Sunrise service

9:30am Eucharist with Baptisms

6:30pm No evening service this week

Readings for this Sunday

Acts 10.34–43

Matthew 28.1–10

Upcoming services

Sunday 12th April

9:30am Morning Worship (nb, Sunday 19th will be a eucharist)

6:30pm Evening Prayer at St Mary's Welwyn

Readings for next Sunday

Acts 2.14a, 22–32

John 20.19–end

St Giles Notices

Good Friday - today: walk down together from Church at 9:45am or join us on the green for a short open-air service at 10am. This is a good way to share the importance of the day with our local community, please come along if you can. There will be hot cross buns at Giles Coffee shop afterwards.

Core Value: Growing

Maundy Thursday - thank you to all those who helped out with this special evening, whether cooking, clearing up or taking part in the service.

Core Value: Responding

Easter Day - join us at our dawn service at 6am as we celebrate the risen Christ, and at 9:30am where we will continue to rejoice, sharing communion together and welcoming candidates for baptism into the family of the church.

Core Value: Growing

Next Sunday - in a change from our usual service pattern, please note that next Sunday will be a service of Morning Worship, and we will share communion together on Sunday the 19th. Normal service will resume again next month!

School Easter Service - It was a joy to welcome almost 300 children and staff from Codicote Primary School to church last Friday for their Easter service. The children led us thoughtfully through reflections on Holy Week and helped one another to prepare for the joy of Easter.

Parish Magazine - Subscriptions for May 26 - April 27 are now due. Look for an email about how to pay or [Click here](#) .

Electoral Roll - A review will be taking place soon (12th-25th April). If you are already on the list do nothing as your name will be kept on the roll. For those new to the parish or who would like to find out more [click here](#).

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](#)

Will's New Job: We are delighted to announce that The Rev'd Will Ellis, for the past 18 months associate minister in the Welwyn Team, has been appointed as Chaplain to Peterhouse College Cambridge, subject to the usual legal formalities. We expect his last Sunday here to be 19th April - details of how to contribute to a farewell gift and farewell reception to follow. We are delighted that Will has been appointed to this post. It has been lovely to have him with us, and we wish him all the best in his future ministry.

Getting to know the Gospels: A follow on course from the 'Bible for beginners' led by Catherine Jupp, Wednesday evenings 22nd and 29th April, 6th and 13th May at St Mary's Welwyn. Please let Catherine know if you'd like to attend.

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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.
- For +Andrew Rumsey, the Bishop elect of St Albans

St Giles is open for prayer every day, and there is a basket on the servery 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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