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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

Trinity 4

Sunday 28th June

9:30am Eucharist

6:30pm Eucharist at St Mary's Welwyn

Readings for this Sunday

Jeremiah 28.5–9

Romans 6.12–end

Matthew 10.40–end

Upcoming services

Sunday 5th July

8am Said Eucharist

10am Cafe Church in the Peace Memorial Hall - theme 'Ups and Downs'

6:30pm No evening service - 4pm Ordination of Sulu Pike at St Albans Abbey

Readings for next Sunday

Zechariah 9.9–12

Romans 7.15–25a

Matthew 11.16–19, 25–end

St Giles Notices

Bibles for Year 6 Leavers - If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of giving a bible to each Year 6 pupil at Codicote Primary School, please put it in an envelope marked Year 6 Bibles and hand it to Stephen Jupp (Treasurer) or Bruce Lendrum (Churchwarden). **Card payments can be made at coffee shop and Cafe Church.** The bibles work out at around £6.50 each. We need 30 copies.

New AV System - We are pleased to announce that the much-needed new system will be installed towards in the second half of September. Thank you Stephen and team for getting this organised.

Lychgate - One of the gates has been sent away to a traditional joinery workshop for repair. Air dried English oak to match the existing will be used and when the gate is rehung all the hinges and ironmongery will be repainted.

Teddies - Do you know that a group of teddies is known as a hug? The Friends of St Giles need a large 'hug' of teddies for their tombola stall at Village Day. Talk to Gill Thwaites if you have a teddy or two to offer.

Village Day 18th July - How can you help? Please talk to Caroline Maddocks to find out.

Mowers - Thank you to the small team of volunteers who help keep the churchyard tidy by cutting the grass for us. Your hard work is much appreciated.

Ordination of our Assistant Curate – Sulu Pike: Sunday 5th July at 4pm at St. Albans Cathedral. Sulu Pike's ordination to the Diaconate by Bishop Dr. Jane Mainwaring, The Bishop of Hertford, will be on Sunday 5th July at 4pm

at St.Albans Cathedral. All are welcome to come and support her! Let Christie know if you plan to attend. Sulu will be serving across the team, but primarily at St Michael's Woolmer Green. Pray for Sulu's family Adam, Ferne, Jonty and Tessa as they prepare for this new chapter in their life.

Christie's Other Job - Christie is not leaving St Giles, but in the half of her time that is not spent in the parish, she has a new role. She has been appointed as Tutor and Lecturer in Old Testament at St Mellitus College. St Mellitus is a theological college which trains people for lay and ordained ministry. After two years of short term teaching contracts, she is delighted to have a permanent job teaching in her specialism! She will still be in the parish for the same amount of time each week, so very little will change for St Giles. For more information about St Mellitus, [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](#)

'Called to Faith' - A group for adults exploring confirmation will meet on Monday evenings 7pm - 8:30pm (venue tbc). It will be a six week course with a two week gap in the middle. The sessions will be on June 1st, 8th and 15th, then July 6th, 13th and 20th. Please let Susannah know if you would like to come along: susannahunderwood1@gmail.com

Poetry Pilgrimage Saturday 8th August 10am - 3pm. A pilgrimage walk from All Saints Datchworth to St Peter's Tewin, including stops for poetry and short reflections on our own spiritual journeys. £12 includes lunch. 4.5 miles walked at a gentle pace. We will arrange together lifts back to Datchworth at the end of the day. To book a place email: susannahunderwood1@gmail.com

Quiet Day Susannah will be leading a quiet day at Launde Abbey on Monday 17th August. Launde Abbey is a beautiful and comfortable retreat house with extensive grounds. It is possible to also book a room and extend your stay. More information and bookings can be made through their website: <https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/retreat/quiet-days>

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.

Core Values Prayer:

Loving God,

We thank you for our community.

Give us hearts which are open to listening to one another and to you.

Empowered by the spirit, may we grow in love, respond to need and share the love of Christ with those around us.

Amen.

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