



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

Trinity 16

Sunday 20th September

9:30am Morning Worship

4pm Cafe Church Extra in the Peace Memorial Hall, theme: Harvest Joy!

Readings for this Sunday

Jonah 3.10 – end of 4

Matthew 20.1–16

Upcoming services

Sunday 27th September

9:30am Harvest Eucharist

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

Readings for next Sunday

1 Chronicles 29: 10-18

Matthew 9:35-38

St Giles Notices

McMillan Coffee Morning - TODAY! All profit from Giles Coffee Shop will go to McMillan today. As usual, cafe is open 9-12 in the Peace Memorial Hall, do go along and support this good cause!

Cafe Church Extra - This Sunday (20th), 4pm in the Peace Memorial Hall. There will be hot drinks and cakes on offer as well as crafts and quizzes for all ages. The theme is 'Harvest Joy! Do come along.

Harvest Festival and 'silly veg' competition - Sunday 27th at 9:30am in church. Do bring along your donations for the foodbank, and any entries into our 'silly veg'

competition. The task is simple, find the strangest lumpy bumpy gourd, carrot, squash, etc. and bring it along to the service for judgment. There will be a prize for the most silly vegetable!

Goat Harvest Auction - Thank you to all who supported the harvest auction this year! Lots of fun was had and a wonderful array of lots were on offer for bidding. The auction raised an wonderful £2,420 for the Friends of St Giles.

Bike 'n Hike - Many thanks to all who walked, cycled or rode a horse in aid of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, of which St Giles is a beneficiary. The amount raised is still being totalled, but we are very grateful for everyone's efforts!

AV System - Please note that for the next two weeks the new AV system will be being installed in church. The building is not shut, but please do be mindful that work is taking place. Tots & Tinies will still run in the prayer chapel, and Tuesday prayer group has relocated to Sylvia's house.

Help needed: Could you join the Cafe Church kitchen team? We need an extra person to join the rota, helping every other month. All training provided, please talk to Sue Grant if you might be interested.

In person safeguarding training - This will take place at St Mary's Welwyn on Saturday the 19th of September, 9am-12noon. If your training is running out, or you need to do it for the first time, please do attend. See below for more details.

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](#)

**IMPORTANT: Church Safeguarding Training morning Saturday 19th September
9am - 12 noon**

So that we are acting within national requirements of the Church of England, we need to ensure that within our congregation people in key roles undertake church safeguarding training every three years. These roles are: *Clergy and Readers, Parish Safeguarding Officers, Churchwardens and PCC members, Tower Captains and bell ringers, Vergers, Anyone who helps with children's activities.*

If you fall into any of those categories please make sure your safeguarding training is up to date. It should be renewed every three years. Safeguarding training is available online here: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> We realise that some people find online access difficult or prefer an in person session, for that reason we are running a safeguarding training morning at St Mary's Welwyn, in Church House on Saturday 19th September at 12 noon. This morning will cover the Basic and Foundation course. If you have previously done both courses but it was over three years ago then arrive at 10:30am as you only need to renew the Foundation level. If you have not attended any safeguarding training with the church before then come at 9am for both courses. If you have any questions please do speak to a member of the clergy or your Parish Safeguarding Officer).

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, 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.
