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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

All Saints Day

Sunday 1st November

8am Said Eucharist

10am Cafe Church in the Peace Memorial Hall, theme ‘Shine like Saints!’

3pm All Souls Service of Remembrance - St Giles

Readings for this Sunday

Revelation 7.9–end
1 John 3.1–3
Matthew 5.1–12

Upcoming services

Sunday 8th of November, 3 Before Advent, Remembrance Sunday

9:30am Said Eucharist

10:50am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial, followed by service in church

ReadingsfornextSunday (9:30am)
Amos 5.18–24
1 Thessalonians 4.13–18
Matthew 25.1–13

St Giles Notices

Cafe Church - This Sunday! The theme is 'Shine like the Saints' as 1st November is All Saints Day. There will be something for all ages. Who might you bring along?

All Souls Memorial Service - This Sunday (1st Nov) 3pm. This quiet, reflective service is an opportunity to remember family and friends who have died. Please add names that you would like to be read out to the list at the back of church or send to rev.christiegilfeather@gmail.com

Clerk to the PCC Vacancy - The PCC are hoping to recruit a new clerk (secretary) by our APCM meeting in May next year. The role involves supporting the vicar to run effective PCC meetings by taking minutes and circulating agendas, as well as membership of the standing committee. If you think you might be interested, please speak to Christie or Frances.

Funeral of Philippa Thompson - Thursday the 5th of November at 12:30, St Giles Church. It was Philippa's wish that everyone comes dressed in bright colours to reflect the joy with which she lived her life.

Funeral of Graham Smith - Monday 9th of November, 2pm, St Giles

Autumn Tidy Up Day - Saturday 7th November 9am - 3pm. Please come and help with all those little jobs that need doing in the church and outside in the churchyard. Come for all or part of the day. A light lunch will be provided for helpers.

Lunch Together - Sunday 22nd November 11:45 for 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Join us for a St Giles Family meal - baked potatoes and filling followed by apple strudel and custard. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you'd like to come to help with rough numbers for catering. No charge, cash donations on the day.

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, peoplegather 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 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: Jonny Thompson, Barbara Hearn, Margaret Snowdon.
- For the families of those who have recently died, especially Philippa Thompson

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.
