



St Giles Church
Together again on
Sunday August 1st, 2021

Sundays at St Giles

In the interests of Covid safety, and to give everybody a chance to meet up again, St Giles will have just one 'in body' service each week – Holy Communion at 10.30am. We will keep everything under review during the summer before we start to add more services.

BOOKING: There's no need – just turn up! We will keep a 21 day record of those attending as a precaution for track and trace purposes.

HANDS: Please continue to sanitise your hands as you come in, during Communion and when you leave.

FACE: Please continue to wear masks inside the church building and during the service if you feel able. If wearing a mask is difficult for health or other reasons, please do still attend.

SPACE: We will be using every other pew in the church to maintain some social distancing. Please can members of the same household or bubble

to sit together in the same pew so we can try to keep different households and bubbles apart. We'll continue to ensure doors are left open for ventilation. Please chat and socialise outdoors after the service rather than indoors.

SINGING: We'll let you know at the service!

COMMUNION: We'll continue to distribute and receive Communion in one kind only for the time being and Rev Gail will continue to wear a mask and face shield when distributing communion.

We hope these precautions will help as many as possible to develop more confidence in attending our services at St Giles in person. We will continue our provision through livestream and Zoom as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rev Gail or our Churchwardens.

Rev Gail is away

Rev Gail is on annual leave until Thursday August 5th. Penny returns to work on Tuesday, August 3rd. If you have any queries or problems please contact Rev Jo Parker: revjocurate.stgiles@gmail.com, Mob. 07511 611809 Tel. 02476 310291 or contact Penny in the office office@stgileschurchexhall.info 024 7636 8008.

Save the date!

Our 'farewell' service for our beloved Children's and Families' Development Worker Jen Watson will be on **Sunday, August 15th** when we will celebrate Jen's many successes her wish her well for her future training to become an early years teacher. There will be refreshments afterwards so we all have a chance to wish her well.

Bible readings for this week



John 6:24–35

Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, ‘Rabbi, when did you get here?’

Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.’

Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’

Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’

So they asked him, ‘What sign then will you give that we may see it and

believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Other suggested Bible readings for this week include: Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78: 23-29; Ephesians 4: 1-16.



Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

This week marks the anniversary of the bombing of the city of Hiroshima and we pray that such an event may never happen again.

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me". We pray that the Church may always be open to welcoming young people and helping them to understand the

importance of peace.

On Friday 6th we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. May we strive to be Christ like in all we do, using Jesus' words as a guide for how we live.

Loving Lord Jesus,
We thank you for the gift of peace.
Fill us with that peace
And help us learn to share it with others.
Amen

Collect for this week

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please keep in touch!

Please contact Penny at the parish office with your news or queries.

Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 1.30pm

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