



St Giles Church
Together in body and spirit on
Sunday April 18th 2021

Tuesday Evening Prayers and Home Group

The group starts again next week, Tuesday April 20th. If you haven't joined in before and would like to please email [Rev Gail](#) to be added to the Zoom invitation list. The next series will last for four weeks and the theme is *Hope*.

Rev Gail's having a rest!

Rev Gail will be on leave from Friday April 23rd to Sunday April 25th inclusive. Rev Stephen Carter will lead the 10.30am service on the 25th. You **won't** be able to join by Zoom for this service but please attend in person (booking a place first!) or join our livestream via Facebook. There is no 4.30pm Zoom evening prayers on the 25th.

The Children's Society

Children's Society Boxholders

Would boxholders please note that we won't be asking for the boxes until September. Please continue to save your change even if that requires an extra container!

*Thank you
Kathryn and Tina*

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

We will be holding our APCM on **Sunday 9th May at 10.30 am in our Main Hall**. This will be part of our worship at 10.30 am on that day. Places will be limited to 30 people and pre-booking is essential. The meeting will not be livestreamed but will be accessible via Zoom video-conferencing. For the official notification of the meeting (also displayed in the church building) please click [here](#).

If you are interested in standing for the PCC, please contact [Rev Gail](#). You will need people to nominate and second you. A nomination form is available [here](#). Please print off, fill in and obtain the signatures needed. Return the form to Rev Gail or our PCC Secretary [Carol Gough](#) by Friday 7th May. If you would like a nomination form to be sent to you, please contact the [Parish Office](#). If you are interested in joining the Churchwardens' Support Team, please contact [Rev Gail](#), [Neva Khan](#) or [Denise Crampsie](#).

Please do book the date in your diary – Sunday 9th May and we'll look forward to reviewing together how God has been at work in our midst at St Giles over the year 2020.

Remember, numbers are limited so please email call or email [Penny](#) to book your space.

A copy of the latest Annual Report is available [here](#).
If you would like a printed version please
email [Penny](#).

The current Electoral Roll is available in church for checking. If you're unable to get to church and would like to check your entry, or if you have any queries about it, please contact [Penny](#) in the office or [Beryl Owen](#).

Bible readings for this week



Luke 24: 36b – 48

Jesus appears to the disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see;

a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.’
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, ‘Do you have anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.
He said to them, ‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.’
Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, ‘This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Other suggested Bible readings for today: Acts 3: 12 – 19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1–7;



Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

This week pray for our planet. Pray for all who have been displaced by the effects of climate change.

22nd April is International Mother Earth Day. We are reminded that the earth and its ecosystems provide us with life and substance.

23rd April is Saint George’s day. Give thanks for the life of Saint George.

Pray for the sick, the dying and the bereaved, especially for the Queen and the Royal Family.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
And the earth her song begin!
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

From 'The Day of Resurrection'

J M Neale 1816-66

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Please keep in touch!

Please contact Penny at the parish office with your news, queries or to book places at Sunday services.

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

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