



St Giles Church
Together in body and spirit on
Sunday May 9th, 2021

Don't forget ... this Sunday's service includes the APCM starting at 10.30am in the Main Hall. Our Service of Holy Communion will be at 4.30pm via Zoom.

Parish Office

Penny is taking some time off next week. If you have any urgent queries please contact Rev Gail and also book places for Sunday May 22nd Service of Holy Communion via Rev Gail.

Tuesday Night Prayers and Home Group

There won't be any Tuesday night meeting this week, instead we're encouraging people to drop into church on Thursday, May 13th from 7pm – 8.30pm where we will have a private prayer Ascension Day launch for *Thy Kingdom Come*.



Thy Kingdom Come at St Giles

Ascension Day

Rev Gail will be launching Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 13th, from 7pm – 8.30pm at St Giles. The church will be open for private prayers during that time and there will be prayer stations for people to use.

Morning Prayer

For the duration of TKC Rev Gail will be opening St Giles for private prayer from 8am – 8.30am from Monday to Thursday starting on May 13th and finishing on the Thursday May 20th. You don't need to book but please observe the usual Covid rules.

What is Thy Kingdom Come?

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury invites people around the world to join. The wave of prayer runs for 11 days between the Christian festivals of Ascension and Pentecost and asks people to pray in whatever way they want and with whoever they want for others to come to know Jesus Christ.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

Find out more at
www.thykingdomcome.global



Happy Hearts and Minds is back on Sunday, May 16th, at 2pm in the Main Hall. It's an all-age session of teaching, worship, music and games aimed primarily at families but livestreamed too so everyone else can join in. Spaces are limited to eight families and booking is via Jen jenwatson.stgiles@gmail.com

Bedworth Bun Day

Did you grow up in Bedworth? Do you remember getting treats on Bun Day? If so, please can you share your memories and pictures (if you have them) with Jen Watson.

This annual Bedworth custom sees buns provided for schoolchildren by charity the Nicholas Chamberlaine Trust Foundation, named after 17th century Bedworth

Rector Nicholas Chamberlaine. Although the correct name is Founder's Day, it's not surprising it was quickly renamed 'bun day'!

Jen would like to see if we can do something similar for the schools in our parish

so if you have any memories you would like to pass on please

contact jenwatson.stgiles@gmail.com

Bible readings for this week



Isaiah 55: 1-13

Invitation to the thirsty

'Come, all you who are thirsty,

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread,

and your labour on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,

and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Give ear and come to me;

listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

my faithful love promised to David.
See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour.’
Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,’
declares the Lord.
‘As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
it will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the Lord's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure for ever.'

*Other recommended readings include: Acts 10: 44-end; Psalm 100;
1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17*



Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

Give thanks and pray for all who have been involved in the vaccine programme. Pray for countries still badly affected by the pandemic. We remember Mary Seacole. Pray for all nurses and others involved in the caring professions.thOn Friday the 14. Pray for all involved in the Thy Kingdom Come initiative which runs from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Pray for the leaders across the world church. May they work together to spread the gospel.

God is love, let heaven adore him,
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven's above,
God who breathes through all creation
God is love, eternal love.

Timothy Rees 1874-1939

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
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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