

In Contact slip

Please use this slip if you are new to the church, and/or you require more information about some or all of the items listed on the reverse of this slip.

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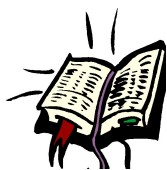
- (a) Email to office@stgileschurch.co.uk
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New to St Giles'?

It's great that you have been able to worship with us today. You might be just visiting Ickenham, but if you are living in the locality and are looking for a church to be part of, would you please fill in your contact details on this slip and place in the box in the porch.

Bible readings

Today: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; Luke 1.26-38
Next week: Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Luke 2.15-21
7 Jan: Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12



Prayer

Please include these people and situations in your daily prayers this week.

Residents of Hetherington Way / Heythrop Drive

People who are ill, in hospital or in need:

Linda Daynes	Ian Knight	Richard Boyes
Oscar Lavender	Alan Grove	Caroline Ajamoah

The family and friends of the recently departed.

Those whose lives we remember at this time.

w/b 24 Dec Petrous Dawood Peter Blake

w/b 31 Dec Susan Smith Roger Kissane Joan Brownlie

The Missions & Charities we support. Spitalfields Crypt Trust. Founded by Christians in 1965 to help homeless and alcoholic men, today's mission is 'to enable people with complex drug and alcohol addictions to achieve lasting recovery and a more fulfilling life'. SCT runs a residential recovery programme and a drop-in centre. They have a supported housing programme, helping people transition into long-term accommodation.

More notices...

Tree of Remembrance - The stars will be removed from the tree on 3 January and blessed during the 10am Communion service on Thursday 4 January.

Christmas Greetings to all from the Warden's and Staff Team. If you didn't receive a copy of Navina's Christmas greeting by email, please see the copy in the porch.

Rector – vacant

Associate Priest – Revd Navina Thompson
07743 781924 / curate@stgileschurch.co.uk

Lay Reader – David Thould

Lay Ministers – Sally Blackman & Emma Taylor

Church Wardens – Linda Varley & Geoff Edwards

Administrator – Stephanie White
01895 622971 / office@stgileschurch.co.uk



Welcome

to our services today; if you are visiting for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the staff team or churchwardens.

Services today 24 December 2023

4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

8.00am **Holy Communion** Sermon: Rt Revd Pete Broadbent

3.00pm & 4.30pm **Carols for the Family**

8.00pm **Holy Communion** Sermon: Revd Derek West

11.00pm **Holy Communion** Sermon: Ven Catherine Pickford

Would you like someone to pray with you? Our prayer ministry team is available to pray with you after the 10.30 service. Please approach the area by the East Door. At other services, please speak to the staff.

08.00 service is also livestreamed via the church Youtube Channel: search for St Giles Ickenham on Youtube

Sunday children's activities

09.30 Family Praise in church
(next Family Praise will be 14 January)

Midweek Services

Thursdays 28 December & 4 January
10.00 Communion

Next Week

08.00 Communion
10.30 Communion

This week at St Giles'

Thursday 28 December 10.00am Communion Service with Revd Martin Davies

Thursday 4 January 10.00am Communion Service with Revd Derek West

Services on 31 December 2023

8.00am **Holy Communion** Sermon: Navina

10.30am **Holy Communion** Sermon: Navina
(No refreshments in the hall after this service)

Services on 7 January 2024

8.00am **Holy Communion** Sermon: Navina

10.30am **All-age Service** Speaker: Navina

Notices

Thank you to the following for their donations towards Christmas flowers in church: Roy and Marion Vollrath, Terry Durn.

Please see the box on the far right for details of all our Christmas Eve and Day services. Please note that 8pm BCP Communion service on Christmas Eve will be live streamed via the church Youtube channel. We are delighted to welcome the following visiting clergy over the Christmas season as follows: Today at 8am BCP Communion, Bishop Pete
8pm BCP Communion on Christmas Eve Father Derek West
11pm Communion on Christmas Eve Archdeacon Catherine
10am Family Communion on Christmas Day Bishop Lusa

Thank you to everybody who worked so hard over the Festive weekend: Geoff and Rosemary Edwards and their helpers for running the tombola, Alison for the Cake stall, all the BSG team for manning the Tree of Remembrance, Navina and team for the Christmas crafts session, all the Jack and Jill team for Santa's Grotto, and Rosemary Bennett, Juli and Ron for the Tree Festival. With donations at the craft session and on the card reader during the Tree Festival included a total of £633 was raised for church funds.

Update from the Wardens on the search for a new Rector - The PCC has been hard at work behind the scenes making preparations for the recruitment of a new Rector. We

have met with the Bishop and Archdeacon as well as the Area Dean and Lay Chair of Deanery Synod and the Steward of Livings from Eton College, our Patron, to discuss the needs of St Giles' as well as the wider area. The PCC has spent a lot of time preparing the parish profile and agreeing the Archdeacon's draft of the advertisement. The plan is for the post to be advertised early in January with applications closing at the end of the month. Shortlisting will take place on 31 January and selected applicants will be invited to visit the parish on 22 February and interviews will be held on 23 February. Even if an offer of appointment is made and accepted, it is likely that a new Rector would join us at least three months afterwards. We're in this for the long haul! *Linda & Geoff*

Church Directory 2024 - the church directory lists the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of regular church attendees. If you are not currently listed in the directory and would like to appear in it, or if any of your current contact details need amending, please take a red form from the centre of the church and place completed slips in the wooden box in the porch by 3 January 2024. A new edition of the directory will then be published in the new year.

Please note that the church office is closed over Christmas and New Year and will re-open on Wednesday 3 January. There will therefore be no news sheet on Sunday 31 December.

There will be no coffee and tea served after the 10.30 service on 31 December.

Please note there is no Memory Café in December (the next one will be 24 January) and no Food for Thought at the URC on 3 January.

CLICK Rukiga Dhamaka Indian Buffet Fundraising event – this ever-popular fundraiser is back again in association with Ickenham Scouts. At Dhamaka Restaurant, 37 Swakeleys Road, 7.30pm-10.00pm on Tuesday 30 January. Tickets £35 each for 3-course buffet meal available from Shirley Gledhill today after 10.30 service, or Derek Hughes on 07793 727259. Raffle tickets will also be available on the night for a selection of lovely prizes. Tickets for this event usually sell out fast so be quick!

Luise Parker would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Do you need more information?

Please complete this section if you require further information about any of the following, then fill in your details on the reverse and return to the box in the porch.

I would like to know more about: Please tick as applicable:

Arranging a baptism	()
Children's activities	()
Women's Groups	()
Men's Activities	()
Small groups for Bible study and prayer	()
Sport/leisure groups	()
Cleaning, flowers, & churchyard teams	()
Planned financial giving	()

I would like someone to visit me at home to talk about ways in which I use my time and talents at St Giles' Church ()

Christmas Services at St Giles'

Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve

8am Communion (BCP) **(NB no 10.30am service)**

3pm and 4.30pm Carols for the Family (ticketholders only)

8pm BCP Communion for Christmas Night **(please note this service will also be livestreamed via our Youtube channel)**

11pm Midnight Mass at St Giles' with Archdeacon Catherine

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

10am Family Communion at St Giles' with Bishop Lusa

For more information, contact the church office or visit our website: **www.stgileschurch.co.uk**
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