

## **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.

Name(s):

Address:

Post Code:

Phone number:

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- (a) Email to [office@stgileschurch.co.uk](mailto: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: Isaiah 060.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12

Next week: 1 Samuel 3.1-10; John 1.43-51



## **Prayer**

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

**Residents of High Road**

**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.**

Mary Langham    Dennis Brownlie

**Those whose lives we remember at this time.**

Eric Tripp

**The Missions & Charities we support.**

**Hillingdon Women's Centre.** The Centre provides a safe space for all women who are in need of support, regardless of background, race and sexual identity. Mainly they provide for those experiencing domestic abuse. They also work with women experiencing mental health difficulties, unemployment, isolation, and those needing legal and benefits advice. This is the only service of its kind in the local community.

## **More notices...**

**Intercessors Needed** – we would love a few more people to join the team of intercessors who lead prayers at 10.30am service each week. This would be on a rota basis, not more than once every six months and plenty of help and resources are available to support you. Please speak to a member of the staff team if you can help.

**Rector** – vacant

**Associate Priest** – Revd Navina Thompson  
07743 781924 / [curate@stgileschurch.co.uk](mailto:curate@stgileschurch.co.uk)

**Lay Reader** – David Thould

**Lay Ministers** – Sally Blackman & Emma Taylor

**Church Wardens** – Linda Varley & Geoff Edwards

**Administrator** – Stephanie White  
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## **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 7 January 2024**

Epiphany

08.00 **Holy Communion** Sermon: Navina

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

*Please join us for refreshments in the church hall after the 10.30am service.*

**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**

**Thursday 11 January**  
10.00 Communion

## **Next Week**

08.00 Communion  
09.30 Family Praise  
10.30 Communion

## **This week at St Giles'**

**Thursday 11 January** 10.00am Communion Service with Revd Martin Davies; 1.45pm Mother's Union in the hall

**Saturday 13 January** 1.00pm Burial of the ashes of Peter Wait in the churchyard

## **Notices**

**Mary Langham** – we are sad to have to report that Mary died on Wednesday 20 December at the age of 100. Mary's funeral will take place in church on Tuesday 23 January at 12 noon. Further details of the funeral arrangements will follow in next week's news sheet.

We have also sadly heard this week that **Dennis Brownlie** died on Saturday 30 December at the age of 97. Dennis had been living in a care home in Poole since the end of 2018. The family are intending that a service of thanksgiving for his life will be held here at St Giles' and further details will follow when known.

**Warden's and Sidesmen's Rota** - Would all Sidesmen and Wardens let Rosemary know the dates between March and June that they are unavailable to do a duty. The next rota will be out at the beginning of February.

**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 post is being advertised this month 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*

**ICN February/March Edition Deadline** – please note the deadline for items to be with the Editor for inclusion in the next edition of the Ickenham Church News is 12 noon on Friday 12 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!

**Thank you to everybody who contributed to our Christmas collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** – we will be sending a total of £585.85 collected at Carols for the Family to Home-Start Hillingdon, and £521.24 to Crisis which was collected at all our other Christmas Eve and Day services.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Joint Service Sunday 21 January** – please note that our 10.30 service here on Sunday 21 January will be our annual joint service with our friends from Ickenham URC to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year the materials for the Week of Prayer were prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso and the chosen theme is "Go and do likewise" based on the text "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27). Navina will be leading the service for us.

**Family Praise will resume next week 14 January** at 9.30am after its Christmas break. Please note that it will also be taking a break for February half-term so there will be no Family Praise on Sunday 11 February.

**Thank you to all from the Bereavement Support Group for organising the Tree of Remembrance in the churchyard again this year** – over 300 stars and other tributes remembering loved ones were placed on the tree this year. These were removed from the tree on 3 January and blessed at our 10am service on Thursday 4 January by Revd Derek West.

**A reminder that we have a 10am Book of Common Prayer Service every Thursday** in church – this service lasts approximately 35-40 minutes and is followed by coffee/tea and biscuits and all are very welcome.

## **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 ( )	

## **Giving to St Giles'**

### **Gift Aid envelopes**

Please use the gift aid envelopes if you would like to make a gift to the church and are a UK tax payer. Please remember to fill in the details on the outside of the envelope (pens available in the centre of the church) and either place in the collection bag or in the donations box in the centre of the church.

### **Planned Giving**

If you attend St Giles' regularly, please enquire about the planned giving scheme via the "In Contact" slip.

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