

## 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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## 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: Luke 1.57-80

Next Week: Luke 2.41-52

5 January: Matthew 2.1-12; Isaiah 60.1-6



## Prayer

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

### Residents of The Mallows / The Mead

### People who are ill, in hospital or in need:

### The family and friends of the recently departed.

Judith Butler      David Collins

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

w/b 22 Dec Petrous Dawood

w/b 29 Dec Peter Blake      Joan and Dennis Brownlie

Susan Smith      Roger Kissane

### 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...

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** – every year St Giles' is prayed for as part of the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer during a service at St Paul's Cathedral. This year we will be prayed for at the 8am, 12.30pm and 5pm Evensong service on Boxing Day 26 December at St Paul's. We would all be very welcome to attend any of these services at the Cathedral on that day.

**Rector** – Revd Christine Britton

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**Lay Reader** – David Thould

**Lay Minister** – Sally Blackman

**Ordinand** – Helen Wolstencroft

**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 22 December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

08.00 **Holy Communion** Sermon: David

10.30 **Holy Communion** Sermon: David

*Please join us for refreshments in the church hall after the 10.30 service. If you would like prayer for any matter, 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

*Family Praise is taking a break for Christmas and will re-start on Sunday 12 January.*

## Midweek Services

See inside for Christmas  
**Thursday 2 & 9 January**  
10.00 Communion

## Next Week

10.00 Communion

following Christ | growing together | reaching out

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

**Monday 23 December** 10.30am Funeral of Judith Butler in church

**Thursday 2 & 9 January** 10.00am Communion Service followed by tea and coffee – all welcome

**Monday 6 January** 11.00am Funeral of David Collins in church

**Thursday 9 January** 1.45pm Mothers' Union meet in the church hall for a talk by Sue Johnson on the Work of the MU.

## **Notices**

**Thank you to the following for their donations towards Christmas flowers in church:** Terry Durn in memory of Joan; David John in memory of Heather.

**A REMINDER THAT NEXT SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER, THERE WILL BE A SINGLE SERVICE AT 10.00AM TO REPLACE 8AM AND 10.30AM SERVICES.** Please also note that there will be no tea and coffee fellowship after that service.

**The next Thursday 10am Communion Service will take place on Thursday 2 January.**

**Message from Jenny, Jason and Alex Reid** - Sincere thanks to our many friends who came to Brian's funeral and joined us in celebrating his full life. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who made the effort to come. We would also like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages, as well as those who gave a donation to the Click Rukiga Emergency Fund in memory of Brian.

**Many thanks to everyone who entered a tree in the St Giles' Christmas Tree Festival** and to all those who donated and voted for their favourite. The winner was the Postbox Toppers 'Hats On for Christmas' and the runner up was the Horticultural Society 'Hoe, Hoe, Hoe, Merry VegMas' Over £200 pounds was raised which will go to the fund for the Restoration of St John's Chapel. **Thank you also to everybody who worked so hard to make all our Festive Evening activities in both the hall and church such a success.**

**This the final news sheet of the year and the next one will be issued on Sunday 12 January.** The church office is open on Monday 23 December but will then be closed for Christmas, re-opening Thursday 2 January at 9.30am.

**Thank you to everyone who donated at our Christingle Service** on Sunday 15 December. We will be sending £86 to the Children's Society.

**The Ickenham Branch of the Mothers' Union would like to thank everyone** who gave gifts, food or their time to help host the lunch for the Hillingdon Women's Centre on Wednesday 11 December. Those who attended were very appreciative. Thank you once again.

**Advance Notice Sunday 19 January** – please note there will be no 10.30 service at St Giles' that day as we will join together with the URC for an 11am service at Ickenham URC for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. 8am Communion and 9.30am Family Praise will take place as usual that day.

### **CHRISTMAS AT ST GILES'**

**Carols for the Family** – please note that all spaces for both Carols for the Family services on Christmas Eve afternoon have now been allocated. All are welcome at our other Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services which are:

**Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December:**

8pm BCP Communion with Carols; 11pm Communion

**Christmas Day**

10am Family Communion

**Please note there will be no 10am Communion service on Boxing Day Thursday 26 December. Also, on Sunday 29 December there will be just one Communion service at 10am to replace 8am and 10.30am Communion that day.** Services will return to the normal pattern on Sunday 5 January with 8am Communion, and 10.30 All-age Service for Epiphany. Family Praise will resume on Sunday 12 January.

**Tree of Remembrance** - this year the yew tree on the path between St Giles' Church and the church hall is our Tree of Remembrance again. If you would like to place a star on the tree in memory of a loved one, please make your own, write the name of the person you want to remember on your star, add a ribbon or cord and place it on the tree at any time. Alternatively you can pick up a wooden star from the church porch or Ickenham Butchers (3 Swakeleys Road), write the name on it and place it on the tree. Stars will remain on the tree until 4 January when they will be removed and then blessed at services on Sunday 5 January.

## **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 ( )

**New Chairs in the Hall** – we have taken delivery of brand new chairs for the church hall. The old chairs have been donated to a school in Africa.

**Churchyard Tributes** - it is lovely to see floral tributes left in the church grounds but please can we politely remind you that glass and plastic items are not permitted. Wrappings should be removed from flowers. We are trying to be wildlife friendly and these items are dangerous to both wildlife and the Holy Mowers! The Holy Mowers would also appreciate it if plants and flowers are removed once they have "passed their best".

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

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