

St. Giles, Killamarsh & St. Matthew's, Renishaw



Monthly
News
Sheet



FEBRUARY 2020

Welcome

Everyone is welcome to join us at our
February Services.
Happy New Year

Bible Focus

“The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;
though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him
with his hand.”

Psalm 37:23-24

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

Date	Time	Church	Service
02/02/20	08.30 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
Presentation of Christ			
	10.00 am	St. Giles	Service of the Word
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew 's	Holy Communion
09/02/20	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday before Lent			
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew 's	Service of the Word
16/02/20	2nd 08.30 am	St. Giles	Holy Communion
Sunday before Lent			
	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew 's	Holy communion
23/02/20	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
Sunday before Lent			
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew 's	Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Holy Communion at **St Giles** every Wednesday morning
at 9.30 am

Holy Communion at **St. Matthew's Church**
at 9.00 am on the second Tuesday of the month

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion 26/02/2020 @7.30pm

What's on at a glance

First Saturday Coffee Morning	Saturday 01/02/20 10.30am	St. Matthew's Church
Messy Church	Wednesday 05/02/20 from 3.15 pm	St. Giles Church Hall
Monday Prayers	Monday 03/02/20 7 pm	St. Matthew's Church
Bible Study	Every Tuesday 7.30 pm	The Rectory
Prayers for Healing	Monday 17th 7pm	St. Matthew's Church
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 26th 7.30 pm	Both Churches

Anxious and lonely? Come to Church!

Young people who go to church are less likely to struggle with anxiety than those who do not go to church (22% compared to 33%.) Fewer church goers are also lonely and isolated (16% compared to 31 %)

In a survey almost one third of all young people reported feeling sad or depressed; this was compared with 18 per cent among young practising Christians.

The survey is published in *The Connected Generation*, commissioned by the Barna Group in partnership with World Vision. The full report can be seen at theconnectedgeneration.com.

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The Presentation of Christ at the Temple

Candlemas

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child – to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day – hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

Valentine's Day February 14th

Saint Valentine's Day, many believe, was named after one or more Christian martyrs and was established by Pope Gelasius 1 in 496 AD. Valentine of Rome was martyred about 269, and this day usually 'belongs' to him.

The first recorded association of Valentine Day with romantic love (1382) is from Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote, 'For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate.' This poem was in honour of the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia. Valentine Day is referred to by Ophelia in Hamlet (1600-1601).

To-morrow is St Valentine's day
All in the morning betime
And I a maid at your window
To be your Valentine

The modern mention of Valentine's Day can be found in a collection of English nursery rhymes (1784):

The rose is red, the violet's blue
The honey's sweet, and so are you.
Thou are my love and I am thine
I drew thee to my Valentine.

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FAITH PICTURES

At Bible Study we recently completed a short course entitled 'Faith Pictures'. The objective of this was to help us feel comfortable about sharing our faith with others. Each session comprised of a short video which we discussed with the group, then we worked from our session sheets which was beautifully led by Revd. Michael. We had some very interesting and enlightening discussions which I felt were extremely rewarding. We left with homework which we shared with each other when we returned the following week (well most of us did Revd Helen?)

At the end of our six week course I left feeling closer to God than I had in a long time and importantly felt incredibly motivated to take everything I had learned and apply it in my everyday life. Since this course I have felt confident enough to share my faith with not only my church family but also with my non Christian friends and family.

I would personally like to thank Revd. Michael for all his hard work in teaching this course and everyone who attended who encouraged my love of God by sharing their own faith so honestly. Thank you all so much.

Joanne Oxley.

A new course of Faith Pictures will be run as a Lent Course at St. Matthew's during Lent starting on Ash Wednesday at 1.30 pm.

Shrove Tuesday

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting. So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove* Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan. Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

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Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between 3rd February and 9th March.

FEBRUARY LETTER

"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:1-2)

Our Lord's instruction to the disciples to go into the world and heal the sick was transferred to the church with their passing and is still as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago. The theological introduction to the Church of England's services of "Wholeness and Healing" makes this clear.

"Healing, reconciliation and restoration are integral to the good news of Jesus Christ. For this reason prayer for individuals, focused through laying on of hands or anointing with oil, has a proper place within the public prayer of the Church. God's gracious activity of healing is to be seen both as part of the proclaiming of the good news and as an outworking of the presence of the Spirit in the life of the Church." (Pastoral Services Book)

Invariably the healings of Jesus, whether accomplished in person or through prayer in his name, were accompanied by great joy and new life. The good news is that they still are. In our parishes we believe that this ministry of healing in the name of Jesus Christ is not an anachronism and, when exercised by people of faith and compassion, it can bring life and joy to many people. We know that sometimes our prayers are answered in ways other than how we expect; sometimes wholeness comes first at a deeper level and physical healing flows from that. There is a mystery in it. With healing we have to let God be God, though we reasonably ask for what we want.

deeper level. As in all prayer we must always echo the words of our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."* (Luke 22:42)

The service we offer follows the Church of England's service of Wholeness and Healing and offers opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil, though this is by no means mandatory and you can come along and simply enjoy what is a beautiful service. People are also welcome to approach the rail seeking healing for their loved ones who are unable to attend.

We need to emphasise that what we offer is 'prayers for healing' and then we leave the rest to God. This means that there are no guarantees as to how God will answer those prayers. Whilst people have received healing as a result of attending these services some have not and why that is we do not know, but as always we trust God's judgement in all matters. It is however vital that you approach the service trusting that God can and will bring healing into your or your loved one's life even if it is not the type of healing you expect.

The need for healing is of course not restricted to the health problems of individuals as we also offer prayer for the healing required in the situations and structures encountered in our world. Our next service of Prayers for Healing is to be held in St. Matthew's Church on Monday 17th February at 7 pm. **Everyone is Welcome.**

NEWS

Common Fund: Both churches have received thank you letters, signed by the Bishop of Derby, with regard to our contribution to the Common Fund. Neither church managed to pay our full quota again this year despite making every effort to do so. The amount requested for 2020 is St. Giles £15,126.00 and St. Matthew's £12,222. Our ability to pay these sums of money is dependent entirely on the generosity of church members and those who so generously support our fund raising events. One of the strengths of the Church of England is that all the money contributed to the Common Fund goes towards the paying of clergy stipends, pensions and national insurance costs as well going towards clergy housing costs. In this way the richer churches are able to support those in poorer parishes. Please do what you can to support your Parish Church.

Charitable giving. At our recent PCC meetings each of our churches decided on the recipients of our annual gift to charity. Members of St. Giles PCC decided to support two charities giving £50 to Parkinson's UK a charity that funds research and supports people living with Parkinson's Disease and MOAS "Migrant Offshore Aid Station" which specifically sends aid to refugees and migrants throughout the world. St. Matthew's PCC voted to continue sending our annual donation of £50 to "Bluebell Wood" . We of course also support other charities throughout the year including Church on the Bus, Christian Aid, as well as supporting Father Georges in Madagascar.

The Community Charity Shop Opening Times St. Giles Church Hall

Day	Times
Monday	2 pm—5 pm
Tuesday	3 pm—5 pm

St Giles Charity Shop

Do come along to support our shop. It is run by a dedicated team of volunteers who offer their time, expertise and goodwill to make the shop interesting, inviting and welcoming.

All money raised goes to St Giles Church.

Church from the Bus

Church from the Bus are still receiving donations of sleeping bags, toiletries and winter coats for the homeless. Many who attend the “Bus” have long term problems ranging from drug abuse or alcohol addiction often needing help to manage mental health issues living lonely and isolated lives.

NEWS

Lent 2020. Once again this year Lent lunches will be served at St. Matthew's Church on a Wednesday lunch time. Everyone is welcome to come along for a time of fellowship whilst enjoying a substantial lunch. For those interested in taking in a Lent Course we will be running 'Faith Pictures' following the Lent Lunches on a Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 pm. Each session lasts approximately one and a half hours. There is no obligation to do all six sessions though that is the best way to get the most out of the course.

At St. Giles a Lent course will be held on a Tuesday evening at the Rectory on Sheepcote Road starting on Tuesday 3rd March. This year we will be following a "York Course" entitled **Superstar** based on the Lyrics of "Jesus Christ Superstar" consisting of five sessions during which we will listen to a CD of various contributors talking about the evening's subject and discuss what we have heard and answer questions from the course booklets.

Easy Fundraising

If your thinking of booking a Summer Holiday this year please remember if you do it by going through 'Easy Fundraising' your church will get a small but worthwhile percentage and it costs you absolutely nothing.

Church Action on Poverty Sunday – 23rd February

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place later this month. Many of us want to help the poor, but the challenges are huge.

‘Good News for the poor’ – that was what Jesus promised – and the crowd flocked to hear it. But He didn’t promise to abolish poverty. ‘The poor you always have with you’, He said, and everything we have seen since has proved that He was right.

Two thousand years, many political promises and different regimes, and we still have poor people, often living alongside the conspicuously rich. ‘Good news for the poor’? Not, it appears, in any political or social revolution. Sadly, we have yet to abolish poverty.

But followers of Jesus have been in the forefront of those who have tried to mitigate its consequences. Churches and various individual Christians have been prime movers in the amazing development of Food Banks. The Bradford-based charity ‘Christians against Poverty’ has helped literally tens of thousands of people out of debt. Night shelters for the homeless, schools in the world’s poorest lands and support for drug addicts – these are on the agenda of every Church and that is good news for the poor.

There is so much more to be done, of course, if poverty is ever to be eliminated. But not being able to do it all mustn’t stop us doing what we can.

So this year, why not do something to support Church Action on Poverty?

<http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday/>

SAINTS DAYS AND HIGH DAYS

- 1 Brigid of Ireland – Abbess of Kildare, c 525
- 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas
- 3 Anskar – Archbishop of Hamburg, missionary in Denmark/
Sweden
- 3 Blaise – bishop of Sebastea
- 4 Phileas – Christian bishop/martyr of Egypt
- 6 The Martyrs of Japan – courage amidst persecution

- 8 Kew – or how to tame a wild boar
- 10 Scholastica – or how to get your brother to listen to you
- 11 Caedmon – the poetic shepherd
- 14 St Valentine’s Day
- 14 The very first Valentine card – a legend
- 14 St Valentine’s Day: a poem
- 15 Thomas Bray: founder of SPCK
- 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, martyr, 1977
- 22 Margaret of Cortona – sad search for acceptance and love
- 23 Polycarp – the faithful servant who would not deny his Lord
- 24 Matthias the Apostle
- 25 SHROVE TUESDAY: Who’s for pancakes?
- 26 ASH WEDNESDAY: a good time to admit you are sorry
- 27 Gabriel Possenti – and the enjoyment of romance
- 27 George Herbert, priest and poet
- 27 The Vicar’s a Poet
- 29 Oswald of Worcester

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Blaise 3rd February

St Blaise is the saint for you if you have a sore throat, or a pet who is ill. He was born in Sebastea, ancient Armenia, (now Sivas, in Turkey) sometime during the late 3rd century, and became a physician. But his compassion did not stop there: he went on to become bishop of Sebastea, and thus a physician of souls. Known for his dedication to prayer, Blaise taught by his own example of virtue and sanctity, as much as by his words. His ministry was accompanied by many miracles of healing, and people (and animals) came flocking to him from near and far.

When in 316 the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia began a persecution of Christians, Blaise was arrested. As he was being led to prison, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking to death on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and begged for help. Blaise prayed, and immediately the child was cured. Regardless, the governor had him beaten and beheaded. But the miracle was not forgotten by the people who loved him, and Blaise became the patron saint of illnesses of the throat, and of wild beasts.

Blaise was one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. There are several churches named after him in England, from Cornwall to Oxfordshire.

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 TUESDAY

Poetry Corner.
Alone by Ann Ward

She stands by her window
each morning at eight
and waves to the children
as they pass by her gate.

So if they pass you by
as you go on your way
then give them a smile
say hello or good day.

She's there at eleven
when the postman goes by
he smiles, shakes his head
she turns away with a sigh.

A few friendly words
help us to lighten a task
it doesn't cost anything
and it's not too much to ask.

In the bank the cashier
is too busy to speak
he picks up his pension
says I'll see you next week.

They're friendly in the café
and the tea's very warming
he makes the one mug
last most of the morning.

There are many like these
two
with no one to care
no one to listen to their
stories
that they want to share.

GAZETTE

Baptisms St. Giles: None

Funerals St. Giles: 10th Jan: Agnes Garbett, Margaret Cooper. **14th Jan:** Muriel Booth. **28th Jan:** Barbara Jesse Barber. **30th Jan:** Brenda Vaughan.

Weddings St. Giles : None

Baptisms St. Matthew's: 26th January: Isabelle Sorsby

Weddings St. Matthew's: None

Funerals St. Matthew's: None

GDPR: We now need permission to be able to put your name in our magazine so please let us know if you agree to this.

Ingredients

- 1 onion, chopped
- 30g butter
- 500g fresh asparagus, trimmed and chopped
- 250ml vegetable stock
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1 dash white pepper
- 250ml semi-skimmed milk

Mick's Soup Recipe

Quick Asparagus Soup

Cooked in the microwave

Serves 4



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1. Microwave onion and butter on HIGH for 2 minutes. Add asparagus, vegetable stock, garlic powder and white pepper. Microwave, covered, on High for 10 to 12 minutes. Puree in blender.
2. Return mixture to microwave safe dish, stir in milk and microwave until heated through.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

The Three Protect Thee

The God of life to encompass thee,
Loving Christ encompass lovingly,
The Holy Ghost encompasser be
Cherishing, aid, enfolding to send,
To defend.

The Three be about thy head to stand,
And the Three be about thy breast,
The Three about thy body at hand
For each day, for each night of rest,
The Trinity compassing strong
Thy life long.
From Poems of the Western Highlanders

In the News

The Bishop of Repton, in the Diocese of Derby, Rt Revd Jan McFarland is to become an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Lichfield and a Residentiary Canon of Lichfield Cathedral, it was announced this week. Bishop Jan will take up her new post in April. Bishop Jan was ordained in Lichfield Cathedral 26 years ago so it is a returning home in a way. Bishop Jan also says "following five years of hospital visits, I have formally declared in remission from cancer. All of this has led to a desire to live life at different pace.

Quotation

"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face."

Ronald Reagan

Monthly Mystifier

Question: I was a prophet who made an axe head float to the top of the water after it became lost. Who am I?

Clue. Look in 2 Kings for the answer

Answer to last month's Mystifier: I was married to Nabal and after he died I became the wife of David. Who am I?

Ans Abigail (1 Samuel 25)

Information

Web Site

Our joint web site contains information about the life and work of our two churches.

Web address www.StGiles-Killamarsh.org

St. Matthew's

The Tuesday Coffee Morning takes place every Tuesday commencing at 9.30 am. Please drop in for fellowship, fun and refreshments.

Saturday Coffee Morning first Saturday of the month from 10.30 onward. Please pay us a visit for good conversation, Tea/coffee and cake.

MISSION STATEMENT

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To Be Christ in Church and Community