

Welcome to St Giles & St Matthew's Churches

November Pew Sheet



“Love one another, as I have loved you...”
[John 13:34]

Prayers for Remembrance

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November



As is tradition St Matthew's will be walking down to the War Memorial in Renishaw after their service on Sunday 10th November.

There will also be a Service of Remembrance at St Giles Church at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 10 November, held in conjunction with the Royal British Legion and Killamarsh Parish Council.

There will be a procession from the Church Hall at 2.30pm to the War Memorial at the end of Kirkcroft Lane for an Act Of Remembrance. The procession will then go onto the church for a Remembrance Service at 3pm.

Armistice Day, Monday 11 November

As in previous years there will be an Act of Remembrance at St Giles Church and the Renishaw War memorial on Monday 11th November, gathering at 10.45am to mark Armistice Day. These have been well attended in the past and we hope it will be again this year, as we commemorate all those whose lives were forfeit in the service of our Country.



Renishaw Primary have confirmed the whole school, from Reception upwards will be there to pay their respects.

Renishaw Primary Harvest Service



The Juniors from Renishaw Primary School came to St Matthew's for a special Harvest Festival service. It was a fantastic afternoon, with the children enthusiastically taking part and interacting with the service that was led by Ben.

Everyone had a great time, and we've received some fabulous feedback from the children, a lot of whom have said they can't wait to come again!

I'm sure everyone who came was humming 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' for days afterwards!

St Matthew's Harvest Service lunch

Our Harvest service and lunch was a huge success!!

Thank you to all who purchased a ticket and helped to make it a lovely afternoon.

The Church looked lovely displaying all the food donations that had been kindly sent into Church and the food after made for a very enjoyable time.



St. Giles Warm Spaces



Jenny's warm spaces sessions have restarted at St Giles Church Hall. The first one was well attended with 20 people enjoying the warm drinks and foods on offer.

These sessions will be held on a Tuesday between the hours of 1-3pm, providing warm beverages, soups and companionship for anyone who wants to attend.

St Matthew's Weekly Coffee Morning

St Matthew's continues to hold their weekly Tuesday Coffee Morning within the Church Rooms.

A request has been made for these to be advertised within the local Doorsteppa on an ongoing basis, which will hopefully reach more in the community who are missing companionship and a biscuit!

As always, all are welcome....spread the word!



New and Nearly New Sale – St. Giles Church Hall



Kay Gratton and St Giles are still looking for volunteers to help with the clothing sale on the 23rd November

If anyone is available to help with the planning and also on the day, then please contact Kay at St Giles.

There will be lots of items for sale, as well as refreshments! All are welcome to what is sure to be a successful afternoon!

St Matthew's Christmas Fayre



St. Matthew's will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November between the hours of 11am-2pm.

There will be a number of stalls offering a variety of Christmas goodies for everyone to enjoy!

Please spread the word!

Festival of Christmas Trees – St. Giles and St. Matthew's



St Giles Church will again be holding a Festival of Christmas Trees on Sunday, 8 December, with St Matthew's holding theirs on Sunday 15th December during their Carols by Candlelight Service.

Local businesses and organisations from both parishes have been invited to take part, with trees decorated to reflect their business or activities. It has proved popular in the past, with the different trees attracting a lot of interest. Invitations have been sent out with participants invited to bring their tree to church to be displayed over the Christmas period.

A list of dates and times for Christmas services for both Churches will be published before December.

A message from Rev. Mike Fitzsimmons



You may have heard already that I have been appointed to a permanent job in Staffordshire, to start in the new year. For me, this has been a great joy and also a great relief. There has been a lot of waiting for what I hoped for and believed God had in store, but it took longer than I imagined. And, despite believing that God had good plans, I was nevertheless anxious in the waiting time. When this job felt that God's hand was in it, there was a purpose in the waiting that had gone before. Some of the preparing, setbacks, disappointments and trying to make sense of what God might be doing, now made sense.

There have been several reported scams targeting people via different methods. As always it is best to be aware and to stay vigilant when it comes to handing over our personal information.

Advice to avoid some current scams

Sadly, several of us in this area have experienced scams and potential scams recently, so I wanted to make you aware of one that is quite new. And to pass on advice from the police to avoid common scam techniques.

Gift card scam

There is a current email scam where people are deliberately pretending to be parish clergy and asking parishioners to buy gift cards. Please be aware that no-one in these parishes would ever randomly ask anyone to buy gift cards.

If you receive an email asking you to buy gift cards or send money (even if it is addressed to your name), do not open any attachments that come with it and report it to the minister it is pretending to be sent from and also to Government's Cyber Security Centre: report@phishing.gov.uk.

Bank card scams

The police Vulnerable Crime Unit has asked us to remind everyone that there are some common scams where criminals are pretending to be police and fooling people into handing over bank cards or bank details.

Neither banks nor police would ever ask for private bank information. And the police would never pick up your card or ask for your card.

If anyone asks you to do this (usually over the phone) even if they sound very convincing, do not go along with it. Check separately with your bank or the police by phoning 101.

Three things will last forever;
faith, hope and love
and the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

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