

September Newsletter 2022

**The United Benefice of St. Giles, Killamarsh and
St. Matthew, Renishaw**

September Sunday Services

Date	Time	Church	Service
04/09/22 12 th after Trinity	10.00 am	St. Giles	Service of the Word
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
11/09/22 13 th after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Special Service of Thanksgiving for her Majesty the Late Queen with Holy Communion
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18/09/22 14 th after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
25/09/22 25 th after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion

Midweek Services

St. Giles: Holy Communion every Wednesday morning at 9.30 am

St. Matthew's: Holy Communion on the second Tuesday at 9.00 am

NEWS



Statement by Bishop Libby following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Today, I join with the whole United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and friends across the world, in expressing my sorrow at the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

I know you will join me in sending our sincere condolences to His Majesty the King, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, and to the entire Royal Family and Royal households, with the assurance of our heartfelt prayers as they grieve. We pray they may know the peace and comfort of Christ in the loss of their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

And through our own grieving, individually and collectively, we give thanks to God for her long life and her dedicated service to this nation and the Commonwealth.

After so many decades in public service, I expect we will each have a memory or image of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, engaged in such a wide range of contexts as she travelled the nation and the globe, and as she supported causes close to her heart. Her commitment to those seeking to help others was enormous – she was patron of hundreds of charitable organisations.

Her Late Majesty's personal faith was deep rooted and steadfast. In her Christmas message of 2014, she said: "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

Her Late Majesty's strength of faith and her constant seeking to follow Christ through good times and bad in her own life, serves as a wonderful example to all of us at this difficult time.

I have a number of fond, personal memories of Her Late Majesty, from occasions public and personal. I recall her charming, welcoming and gracious manner and the complete attention she afforded me during our times together. I admired her lively engagement with issues facing the world, appreciated the interest she showed in me and my family, and valued the opportunity to reflect on our faith.

As we mourn and mark her passing, let us remember her always putting the interests of others ahead of her own and, in so doing, providing an outstanding example of Christian discipleship. As we look to the future, I pray we can take inspiration from her long life, well lived in the service of God and neighbour.

May Her Late Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory.

God save the King.

Bishop Libby

The Rt Reverend Libby Lane

Bishop of Derby

Condolences from Father Georges and Eveline

Dear Reverend Canon Helen and Fr Michael.

All our friends in Killamarsh.

The death of the Queen Elisabeth II is a moment of the greatest sadness for us and all the members of our church. We send our Condolences to you all ,English People, our lovely friends in Christ.

From Fr Georges and Eveline.

All the Congregation Antananarivo Madagascar

Heritage Open Days at St Giles Church, Killamarsh



After an absence of a couple of years due to Covid-19 restrictions, St Giles Church in Killamarsh will be taking part in the national Heritage Open Days festival in September. The festival is co-ordinated by the National Trust and encourages people to explore their local history and heritage.

Visitors will have the opportunity to see displays showing the history and heritage of St Giles Church, with leaflets highlighting areas of interest in and around the church. On entering the church, which dates from the 12th Century, they will be able to see beautiful stained glass windows, including one medieval window showing the Virgin Mary and infant Jesus and one which was the only war memorial in Killamarsh until the memorial on High Street at the end of Kirkcroft Lane was erected in 2011. Above the pulpit is a crucifix which came from the town of Oberammergau in Bavaria in 1900. The town is famous for its Passion Plays held every 10 years. There is a Norman font, which has an interesting history, and a Victorian font outside the church, which was used from the mid-19th Century until 1944. In the churchyard stands a Saxon preaching cross, near which, on the church wall, is a memorial to John Wright, a pauper. Further down the churchyard stand the village stocks, which remind us that the Lord of the Manor held court in church from time to time and the stocks were used to punish miscreants.

Copies of some old parish records and parish magazines will be on display and will be of interest to anyone wanting to find out about their families and life in Killamarsh in days gone by. There will also be displays from the Killamarsh Heritage Society showing life in Killamarsh in former times. Lots to see and do.

The church will be open on Saturday, 10 September from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and on Sunday, 11 September from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm and it's all FREE. Refreshments will be available on both days and we look forward to welcoming visitors to our beautiful building.

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Poetry Corner

The Tapestry of Life

Our life is like a tapestry
From its beginning to its end
Our life's story woven together
With beautiful colours that blend
Pure white for a new born girl or boy.
Sunshine yellow for happiness and joy
For the growing years
Many shades of green
Lead us on into the turbulent teens
Fiery red for the teenage years
With its tempers, tantrums and also tears.
When life is fine it's a rosy pink hue.
For the not so good times
Our life's colour is blue
Sometimes a black colour will appear
Then sorrow clouds our day.
But purple brings healing to the soul.
To help us on our way
Yellow, orange and brown
brings us to the autumn of our life
when we reflect upon the years
of Sorrow joy and strife.
But mingled in amongst them
The colour gold is shining through
This is God's love that all our lives
He gives to me and you.



Ann Ward



Greenbelt Festival 2022

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend around 10,000 people gathered in the grounds of Boughton House near Kettering, Northamptonshire for the annual Christian festival known as Greenbelt. Described by its organisers as a festival of 'artistry, activism and belief' it will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. However, this year was particularly special as the festival, along with many others, had not taken place since 2019 due to the Covid Pandemic. Each year Greenbelt has a theme and this year's was 'Wake Up' which seemed appropriate after the 3 year hiatus.

We have been attending the 4 day event every year it has taken place over the last 9 years and have found it to be a unique place of Christian community which is also open and welcoming to people of different faiths and none. Most people attending the festival bring their tents and camp in the surrounding grounds although many people visit daily and stay in greater comfort off-site. The event brings together Christians from across the country in church groups, community organisations or as individuals and there is a palpable sense of warmth, community and inclusiveness amongst those attending.

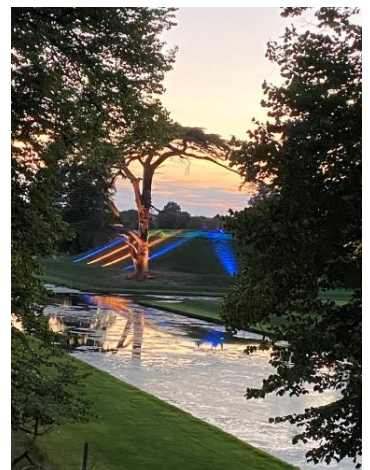
There are 18 venues set up across the festival site from the main Glade stage (pictured above) to marquees and big top style tents hosting a wide range of events. The rich programme ranges from talks from diverse, high profile speakers to live theatre performances; a wide range of live music from folk, rock, indie, house, hip hop and punk bands; comedy and in the midst of all this, worship and prayer in the Shelter and Chapel venues. This year the festival hosted some well-known figures such as the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, the writer, scientist and humanist, Richard Dawkins, the comedian, Shappi Khorsandi, Roxy Music's Brian Eno and critic and writer, Bonnie Greer. At the heart of the festival each year is the collective Communion service held at the main stage on Sunday morning when over 10,000 people gather to worship together from across the spectrum of Christian denominations and traditions. It is an unforgettable and very moving experience.

Much of this year's festival was focussed on Climate Change and included Luke Jerram's awe-inspiring touring artwork: Gaia. This is an internally lit suspended globe measuring 7 metres in diameter, created using NASA's imagery of the Earth's surface. To see the globe illuminated at night while installed at the heart of the festival was a very moving reminder of the beauty and fragility of our planetary home.

Each year Greenbelt provides an exciting and stimulating mixture of arts, discussion and debate, music, activism, community, faith and worship.

For more information about the festival, visit

<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>





View from the Pew

It's been a funny week to say the least! Everyone is complaining about the drought! With the threat of hosepipe bans and standpipes in the street! Well - we've been flooded! A veritable river torrenting past our front door! Not only that - water poured through our very thick walls into the dining room and the sitting room! We just managed to keep pace with the water pouring into the back porch therefore avoiding the wooden floor in the kitchen being flooded.

However – we were better off than poor Philip and Gail who had the best part of a foot of water throughout their bungalow. Horrendous. So between us we haven't managed to attack the clearance of the last jitty!!

I've been up to "proper Yorkshire" to see my old 91 year old friend who is suffering with a urinary tract infection and is not quite on the planet! The combination of her infection and the strong antibiotics do not make for easy living! So we had some entertaining conversations!

However!! We did a tour of the Dales on Thursday. So gorgeous - all those purple clad slopes. The only downside was how low the reservoirs were. I have absolutely no idea where we went but eventually we arrived back home via Bolton Abbey carpark for a very expensive visit to the ladies loo!

Greeted by my husband who said that we had to go to Stockport first thing in the morning to look at a litter of puppies!! So, my friends, after a very difficult week, we are now the proud owners of two delightful chocolate Labrador puppies. We collect them next Saturday and so the chaos begins!

So that was the week that was!!

PHILIPPA ALLAN

A reflection on the state of the NHS

The fact that the NHS is in crisis is not in doubt, staff shortages and under investment by the government are daily news items. Junior doctors and nurses are reported as leaving the NHS quite simply because they are finding it difficult to make ends meet. The paucity of their wages bearing little or no relation to the immense responsibility placed on their shoulders. Yet there are many who continue to mediate God's love, by bringing healing to those in need in accordance with His will. *"and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."*

Luke 9:

Following a four night stay in the Coronary Care Unit at Calow Hospital and a one day visit to the Angiogram Suite in the Northern General in Sheffield, I can offer no praise high enough for the staff who work there. Yes, it soon became apparent that the NHS is suffering from a shortage of staff and a lack of financial investment. My personal experience was that no bed could be found for me following my admission with severe chest pains, which resulted in me spending my first night in hospital on a gurney in the bowels of A and E. This being said, the A and E department was incredibly busy with it being Bank Holiday Monday (lots of children with bouncy castle injuries). The staff were very apologetic with regard to the bed situation both during the night and later when I was transferred first to Medical Assessment and then on to Coronary Care.

The shortage of ambulances was highlighted a couple of days later when the ambulance timetabled to return me and a fellow patient to Chesterfield following an angiogram was assigned to another job which resulted in us having a four hour wait in Sheffield. I personally didn't mind this however, as it gave me the opportunity to admire the professionalism and kindness of the staff working there. In fact, wherever I found myself the doctors, nurses and other staff went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure my comfort and wellbeing.

For example, the Doctor in Medical Assessment left no stone unturned in diagnosing the cause of my chest pain. He finally concluded, after a number of ECG's, that I should be in Coronary Care where the staff there carried on the good work easing my anxiety with many a kind word. This was carried on in Sheffield where the angiogram team were at pains to ease the anxiety of their patients with a mixture of humour and reassuring words. It is in fact, true to say, that during my stay in hospital I was treated with the utmost kindness, dignity and care. Many times the words of Proverbs 12:25 came to mind *"Anxiety weighs down the human heart,*

but a kind word cheers it up."

Now I do not know how many of those charged with caring for me and the other patients were Christians, but I am sure that Christ was at work in all departments bringing healing to those in need.

There was, then, evidence of a shortage of staff and finance, but definitely no shortage of professionalism or loving kindness on the part of the doctors, nurses and other member staff, operating on the front line of healthcare. Good health is a universal right and, in his lavish grace, God mediates his healing through the many strands of the NHS to anyone that asks for it in faith. Revd. Michael

St Matthew's Church Clock

The saga of St. Matthew's memorial clock continues. Two fine young men, William and Callum, from Cumbria Clocks brought the mechanism of the Church Clock back on Thursday 8th September, with the intention of refitting the clock mechanism and setting the clock running again. Unfortunately, a necessary part of the clock was found to be missing and though the mechanism is now in situ the clock is not running. We now await the return of the engineers to complete the refitting. The photo on the right shows the cleaned and restored mechanism of the Church Clock.



St Giles, Killamarsh and St Matthew's Church, Renishaw

Are you ready for the Harvest of the World Challenge?

Isn't it amazing where our food comes from? Whilst we are supporting Father Georges financially in Madagascar again this year, in readiness for our forthcoming Harvest Service on Sunday 2nd October at 10am we will be decorating the church with tinned/dehydrated food from around the world.

After the service all donated food will go to the New Hope Foodbank.

Are you happy to donate any of the following? If so , please bring them into church from next week and place them in the designated boxes.

Pasta/pasta sauce, rice, lentils, beans, pulses, cereals, dried milk, packet or tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned beans, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tea, coffee, sugar, sponge puddings, biscuits, condiments, preserves, pickles, spices, savoury snacks, crisps.

All items MUST BE IN DATE please.

St Giles and St Matthew's Harvest Lunch

to raise funds specifically for Father Georges in Madagascar.

This will take place on Sunday 2nd October at St Giles Church Hall,
Killamarsh, S21 1 DU at 1pm.

Menu: Meat and Potato pie, peas, mint sauce and gravy

Apple Crumble/custard

Tea and Coffee

There is also a vegetarian and gluten free option

There will also be a RAFFLE, BINGO, A QUIZ and

AN AMAZING FUN AUCTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please book your place with Jenny Crump

Please note: the food orders will need to be submitted and paid for by Sunday 25th September at the very latest to Jenny Crump.

If you wish to donate a new or very good quality item for the fun auction please leave it in the bell tower at St Giles or in the designated box at St Matthew's in the Community Room.

I'm so excited!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Revd Mike Gillingham P.T.O.

Following Revd Mike's retirement from St Cyprian's in Frecheville in the Diocese of Sheffield he and his wife Betty have found their home at St

Giles Church. Revd Mike continues to support churches within our deanery as well as preaching and presiding at St Giles Church on a monthly basis.

Revd Mike Gillingham will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of being priested at LLANDAFF Cathedral by the Bishop of Llandaff on the 23rd September 1972.

This special Eucharist at St Giles Church is a service of thanksgiving and will be celebrated by The Rt Revd Malcolm McNaughton, the Bishop of Repton.

Following this service you are all invited to come to St Giles Church Hall for a lovely buffet.

MacMillan Coffee Morning at St Matthew's Church

This coffee morning will be held in the Community Room on Saturday 17th September between 10am-12noon in order to raise funds for MacMillan. Do support this very worthy event.

Something new at St Matthew's

On Tuesday's following the church coffee morning between 9.30am.- 11am there will be FORTNIGHTLY community meeting held in the Community Room from 11.30am until 1pm with a variety of crafts. This initiative has been funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and supported by Rykneld Homes and Renishaw St Matthew's WW1 Group.

13th September Introduction/crafting

27th September Card making

11th October Charity Coffee morning

25th October Memories of Renishaw- bring an item for discussion

More dates to follow. ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME!

Picture of the Wall at St Giles Churchyard

I am pleased to announce that the bowing churchyard boundary wall has now been rebuilt and is completely upright for generations to come.



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