



The United Benefice of St Giles Killamarsh & St Matthew Renishaw

News Sheet and Readings for Services

October 2026

Harvest Festival 2026

The Benefice will be observing Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October with our services of Holy Communion at the "normal" times (9.30am Killamarsh, 11am Renishaw).

We'll be receiving collections of non-perishable goods for local foodbank projects at these services.

Also, at 1pm Ben will be hosting a Harvest Lunch at St Giles Church Hall. Tickets are on sale! Ben will need some willing volunteers to help on the day!

For all enquiries and for tickets, please speak to Ben.

Operation Christmas Child

As a United Benefice will be supporting this years launch of Operation Christmas Child.

From this month, leaflets and shoeboxes will be available from the back of both churches if you wish to support this worthy cause.

There will also be a donation box for those who are unable to fill a box but would like to contribute items towards it and we will use those items to make a shoebox up on your behalf.

Please help us spread the good news of Jesus and his love for each child through the gift of a shoebox

Any questions please speak to Ben after the Sunday Service, or Rachel (07916178351) who coordinates it.

Dates for your diaries...

Archdeacon Emma leading United Benefice Service at St Giles
9.30am Sunday 18th October

Anastasia (Anna) Cooke-Winnard's Christening:
Saturday 24th October at St Giles Killamarsh, all are welcome!

Remembrance Sunday (8th November):
St Matthew Renishaw United Benefice Service in the morning.
PLEASE NOTE service will be at 10am due to Parish Act of Remembrance at 11am.

St Giles Killamarsh there will be the annual parade and service at Church.
Parade leaves the Church hall at 2;30pm with the service at Church around 3pm.

Job Opportunity: Benefice Administrator

If you're passionate about making a meaningful difference in your local community, this could be a fantastic opportunity to join the team at St Giles Killamarsh and St Matthew Renishaw.

We're looking for someone with the enthusiasm, skills and commitment to help support our work, strengthen community connections and play an important part in the life of our church.

Find out more about the role, including the full job description and how to apply:

<https://www.stgiles-killamarsh.org/jobopportunity>

Service of Healing & Wholeness 6pm on 18th October 6pm at St Matthew Renishaw

Our next Sunday Evening Service will be a service focused around praying for healing and wholeness.

We'll be offering the ministry of anointing with blessed oil for healing (for yourself or for someone that you wish to pray for), and the ministry of prayer by the laying on of hands.

If you'd like to find out more please speak to Rev'd Daniel.

Joint service times change...

Following feedback from our new service times trial the PCCs of St Giles and St Matthews have decided that Joint Benefice services should be held at the "normal" time for each church (ie 9.30am at St Giles and 11am at St Matthew).

Bible Study

Due to a low attendance there will not be any Thursday morning bible study sessions at St Matthew Renishaw for the rest of 2026.

The Wednesday evening sessions at St Giles will continue.

We will be reviewing our offer of Bible study for 2027.

St Giles Killamarsh Presents: I Ain't Afraid of No Ghost!

A "drop in while you're trick or treating" event on Saturday 31st October from 6pm at St Giles Church Hall, Sheepcote Road.

Free Hot dogs, hot and cold drinks.
No charge, but donations welcome!

Hallowe'en (or All Hallows Eve to give its "traditional" name) is a Christian festival which forms part of our celebrations of the festivals of All Saints and All Souls when we remember loved ones who have gone before us.

The root of Hallowe'en is the truth that nothing can be truly "scary" if we live in the light of Christ. This is what our event will be about, and this is the message we want to share with our community!

If you're interested in helping at the event please speak to Rev'd Daniel or Ben.

Memorial Services for All Souls

This year we shall be holding two Services of Commemoration for the Departed in the Benefice.

At these services we remember loved ones who have died, and we pray for those of us who are bereaved.

There will be lists for names to be read out in the prayers at these services made available closer to the dates.

The services will be held on the following dates:

6pm Sunday 1st November, St Giles Killamarsh

6pm Sunday 15th November, St Matthew Renishaw

Deanery Confirmation

Bishop Jackie will be taking a Confirmation service at 6pm on Sunday 22nd November at St John Newbold.

Billy from St Matthew Renishaw will be getting confirmed at this service.

All are welcome to come and celebrate Billy's confirmation along with our wider Deanery Family.

Benefice Calendar September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27th September 9.30am Holy Communion: St Giles, Killamarsh 11am Holy Communion: St Matthew, Renishaw	28th	29th 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am 1-3pm Warm Space at St Giles Church Hall	30th 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh	1st October	2nd	3rd 9.45-11am Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Care at St Matthew, Renishaw
4th Harvest Festival 9.30am Holy Communion: St Giles, Killamarsh 11am Holy Communion: St Matthew, Renishaw 1pm Harvest Lunch at St Giles Church Hall, Killamarsh	5th	6th 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am 1-3pm Warm Space at St Giles Church Hall	7th 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh 6pm Bible Study St Giles Killamarsh	8th	9th	10th
11th 9.30am Holy Communion: St Giles, Killamarsh 11am Holy Communion: St Matthew, Renishaw	12th	13th 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am	14th 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh	15th 10am Bible Study at St Matthew Renishaw	16th	17th
18th 9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion: St Giles, Killamarsh 6pm Service of Healing and Wholeness at St Matthew Renishaw	19th 10am PCC at St Matthew Renishaw	20th 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am 1-3pm Warm Space at St Giles Church Hall	21st 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh 7.15pm PCC at St Giles Killamarsh	22nd	23rd	24th 11am Baptism at St Giles 2pm Anna's Baptism at St Giles Killamarsh
25th 9.30am Holy Communion: St Giles, Killamarsh 11am Holy Communion: St Matthew, Renishaw	26th	27th 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am 1-3pm Warm Space at St Giles Church Hall	28th 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh 6pm Bible Study St Giles Killamarsh	29th	30th	31st 6pm All Hallows Eve Event at St Giles Church Hall

4th October: Harvest Festival

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their
season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own
well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel Reading: Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love
in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the
kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all
that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of the
good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

11th October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 32.1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'

Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.'

So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.'

They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.'

Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.'

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."

And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Second Reading: Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind

in the Lord.

Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.'

He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy."

Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

18th October: St Luke

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit and through the
wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to
heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 35.3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the
feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be
strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible
recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and
the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame
shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the
speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break
forth in the wilderness, and streams in the
desert.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4.5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering,
do the work of an evangelist, carry out your
ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a
libation, and the time of my departure has
come.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the
race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown
of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous
judge, will give to me on that day, and not only
to me but also to all who have longed for his
appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in
love with this present world, has deserted me
and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to
Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him
with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

When you come, bring the cloak that I left with
Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all

the parchments.

Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm;
the Lord will pay him back for his deeds.

You also must beware of him, for he strongly
opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support,
but all deserted me. May it not be counted
against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,
so that through me the message might be fully
proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10.1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others
and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every
town and place where he himself intended to
go.

He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but
the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of
the harvest to send out labourers into his
harvest.

Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like
lambs into the midst of wolves.

Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet
no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to
this house!"

And if anyone is there who shares in peace,
your peace will rest on that person; but if not,
it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking
whatever they provide, for the labourer
deserves to be paid. Do not move about from
house to house.

Whenever you enter a town and its people
welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure
the sick who are there, and say to them, "The
kingdom of God has come near to you."

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of
flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the
gospel:

by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

25th October: Last Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God,

teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 34.1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land:

Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar.

The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’

Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command.

He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day.

Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated.

The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.

He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to

please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.34-end

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’

He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’

He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

United Benefice Prayer Lists: October 2026

This prayer list will be used in our prayers of intercession across the Benefice during services of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer.

Prayers for the Church:

- We pray for our Diocese of Derby; we pray for Bishop Libby's recovery, and we pray for our Acting Diocesan Bishop Jackie, and our Archdeacon Emma.
- We pray our Diocesan Vision prayer:
**Gracious God, in your mercy, and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us
- with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love -
that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community,
we may see your Kingdom come,
and be good news for all. Amen.**
- This month we pray for our friends and colleagues in the North East Deanery at St Bartholomew Whittington and St Barnabas New Whittington

People in need of prayer at this time:

Christine Tilbrook	Shelly Tilbrook	Mollie Nicholas	Billy Thorpe
June Smith	Pat Fisk	Rev'd Helen Guest	Carol Stocks
Christine Marsh	Ann, Mark and Tony Ward		

Those who have died recently:

Graham Dobson	Marie Fletcher
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If you wish for a person's name to be included on our benefice prayer list please ensure that you complete one of the prayer request forms provided in each church building, and give to Rev'd Daniel, Ben or one of the churchwardens.

Please note that names for remembrance of those who have died will be removed after one full month unless otherwise requested.

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