

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

APRIL 2025

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EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 6 April – Joint Service with Bishop Libby, 10am at St Matthews. No service at St Giles Church

Sunday, 13 April - Palm Sunday Eucharist at both churches, 10.00 am

Thursday, 17 April - Maundy Thursday Eucharist at both churches, 7.00 pm

Friday, 18 April - Good Friday Walk of witness starting from St Giles Church, 11.00 am

Friday, 18 April - Last Hour at the Cross, St Matthew's Church, 2.00 pm



EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, 20 April - Easter Eucharist at both churches at 10.00 am

Sunday, 27 April - Eucharist at St Giles Church, 10.00 am

Sunday, 27 April - Service of the Word at St Matthew's Church, 10.00 am



DISCOVER EASTER

On Saturday 5th April at St Giles Church Hall 2pm-4pm and on Saturday 12th April at St Matthews Community Room 10am-12pm we will be holding our annual Discover Easter events.

These events are aimed at families in our communities and are about discovering the true meaning of Easter through craft and activities.

At the St Giles event free refreshments will be available for all children.

We look forward to seeing you there.

ELECTORAL ROLL

This year, in readiness for the Annual Meetings in May, completely new Electoral Rolls have to be prepared for both churches. Application forms are available from both churches. Even if you were previously on the electoral roll you still have to reapply.

Please speak to your church warden to obtain the correct form.

FLOWERS

Thank you to all who have shown an interest in helping us with the floral displays at St Giles.

We have a volunteer flower arranger that will help lead a session on Friday 2nd May (more details to follow)

Liz will work with us to create some displays which will then decorate the church. The session is very informal and hopefully fun as well.

The aim is that we create a pool of volunteers that would be able to support the church in future when floral displays are needed. And having more people would help to spread the load of such activities.

We will be asking for donations of £5 per person to cover the costs of the session and will include refreshments.

If you know anyone else who may be interested, please add their name and a contact telephone number to the list at the back of church, alternatively please let Jenny or Kay know.

Many thanks.



THE BELLS, THE BELLS

Recent activities with the Bells Project at St Giles Church

The project to bring back Killamarsh Treble Bob has been running for over 18 months, with financial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Refurbishment of the bells themselves was completed in 2024, enabling them to be rung again and there have been several occasions when they have been rung by visiting teams of ringers. However, the project is not just about refurbishing the bells but also promoting the history and heritage of the bells and St Giles Church and their significance in the wider community. Links have been established with a variety of groups in the community and beyond.

Two recent examples are worth reporting and noting.

Firstly, on Wednesday, 12 March, we welcomed years 1 and 2 from St Giles School into church for an event to learn more about the bells and bellringing and also to learn more about the churchyard and its importance for the community.

The children arrived in 2 groups, around 80 in total. Each group was split into 2 sub-groups. One set of pupils were in church, where half had a demonstration of how bells work and an introduction by an experienced bellringer on chiming and ringing bells while the other half had sheets on which to design their own bells – and there were some fantastic designs.

The other set of pupils were taken into the churchyard to explore and record what they found. Then the two sets swapped over. They concluded with singing a version of the song “This little light of mine” to the words “This little bell of mine, I’m going to let it chime” This was repeated for the second group. Comments received from the school read:

‘Thank you so much for our sessions! We really enjoyed them. The children enjoyed the variety of meaningful activities and enjoyed having a carousel of learning. It was good that they had a familiar song to work on at the end too. They learnt lots about the bells and were buzzing from the trip.’

Secondly, on Saturday, 15 March, we welcomed a team of bellringers from the University of Sheffield Guild of Bellringers, who came to ring a quarter peal. This takes between 45 minutes to 1 hour. The visit was part of a day’s tour of 4 churches, Beighton, Killamarsh, Cuckney and Todwick. They all enjoyed their visit, and it was good to see some younger people involved in bellringing, which this team are on a regular basis.

Watch this space for future events, which will include a Bellringing competition on 17 May, future school visits with year 5 pupils and a guided tour of the church and churchyard recorded by the pupils.

John Hall
March 2025

WARM SPACES UPDATE

St Giles warm space will be paused during the (hopefully) warmer months to ensure sufficient funds are available to support this community activity when it’s needed again.

The last session will be held on Tuesday 29th April and the plan is to re-start on Tuesday 9th September 2025.

A big thank you to Jenny and all the volunteers that give their time to running Warm Spaces.

ST MATTHEWS COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings at Renishaw church continue every Tuesday at St Matthews Community Room 9.45am-11am.



LENT COURSE 2025- LIVING HOPE

The Church of England Lent journey is held on Mondays and started on 3rd March.



The course is held at St Matthews, 10am to 11am. The remaining dates are 7th and 14th April.

MAY NEWSLETTER

Submissions for May’s Newsletter need to be completed by **25 April**.

Please submit via email (stgilesandstmatthewschurches@gmail.com) or inform members of the PCC’s.