

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025

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FIRST AID TRAINING

On Thursday 7th August, Kay Bond and Ben Wheelhouse went on a day's course to refresh and renew their First Aid Certificate. The day covered all aspects of First Aid in the workplace CPR, mouth to mouth, recovery position, illnesses to look out for including Diabetes, Epilepsy, High blood pressure, cuts and burns. Ben said *"It was a full-on session but we both enjoyed refreshing our understanding and practicing our practical skills. We hope we never have to use First Aid but its there if we need too."* First Aid certificates are valid for three years."



HARVEST APPEAL

Donations of non-perishable foods can be brought into both churches for this year's harvest appeal. All donations will be delivered to New Hope Community Church Food Bank that helps local residents in short term hunger crisis.

Examples of donations can be found on the New Hope Food Bank facebook page and includes tinned goods, sugar, UHT milk, part baked bread and dilute juice etc.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL 2025

It's that time of year when we launch the shoebox appeal. Shoeboxes will be available at the back of church (or you can provide your own) along with leaflets explaining everything. We ask you to fill one with small toys & gifts including warm hat & gloves, toiletries (soap, toothbrush, comb) & school supplies for a child (girl or boy) aged 2-4; 5-9 or 10-14 years old.

Drop them off at St. Giles's or St Matthew's before 17th November.

The boxes will then be collected by the collection team, and they will be flown across the world to make that child's Christmas. It may be the only gift they receive this year.

There will also be a box at the back of each church for those who do not wish to make a box but are able to donate any items which we will then use to make up extra boxes.

A suggested donation of £5 per box to cover shipping costs. If you don't wish to donate materials to fill the box but could contribute towards the £5 donation, that would be greatly received.

One other amazing thing you can do is PRAY. Pray that each child receiving this precious gift knows of God's love for them.

Thank you, in advance of your kindness!

Rachel Wheelhouse is coordinating the shoebox appeal 07916178351 or see Ben after the Sunday service.



HERITAGE OPEN DAY'S AT ST GILES

Saturday 13.09.25 10am-4pm

Sunday 14.09.25 12pm-4pm

Volunteers required to help with refreshments on the day.

KEY DATES

Sundays in September – Service's at 10am both churches



Every Tuesday- St Matthews Coffee morning 9.45am-11am

Every Tuesday- St Giles Church Hall Warm Spaces 1pm-3pm

Monday 1 September – Joint Benefice PCC meeting

Monday 8 September- St Giles PCC meeting

DATES FOR DIARIES: SERVICES AND EVENTS

As we head into the last quarter of the year there will be additional services and events happening so please get them in you diaries now.

Harvest Festival St Giles **Sunday 5 October** - Service of the Word

Installation of Rev'd Daniel Cooke **Tuesday 7 October** at 7.00 pm in St Giles Church

United Service at St Matthew's **Sunday 12 October** - Harvest Festival followed by lunch at St Giles church hall (see back of church for details)

Commemoration of Departed **Sunday 2 November** (nearest to All Souls and All Saints Sunday) time TBC

Remembrance Service **Sunday 9 November** at 3.00 pm St Giles Church

Act of Remembrance **Tuesday 11 November** at 11.00 am St Giles Church

ST MATTHEWS MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

St. Matthews monthly Saturday coffee morning on the 4th of October from 10am till 12pm will be to raise funds for the Macmillan charity.

ST GILES BELLS PROJECT COMING TO AN END

Work on the St Giles Bells Project was due to be completed in June but was extended to September. There has been a lot of great work to date so please check out www.stgiles-killamarsh.org to see some of that work.

As a result of this project we would like to form a bell ringing team so if you are interested, no experience necessary, please speak to Jenny or John.

MISSION AND MINISTRY: VOCATIONS EXPLORATION DAY

On Saturday 18th October, from 10am to 3pm, the vocations team at the Diocese of Derby is holding a Vocations Exploration Day at St Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Matlock, and we would like to reach everyone who might be interested in attending. With this in mind, we would like to ask you to invite anyone who you feel would benefit from spending time exploring their vocation.

Information can also be viewed at [Vocations - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](http://Vocations-Diocese of Derby (anglican.org)) and the event will be promoted via social media channels. If you have any questions at all about this event, please do get in touch with us at vocations@derby.anglican.org

ST GILES CHRISTMAS FAYRE (DETAILS TBC)

Volunteers are needed to help with stalls and donations of suitable items to sell or be used as raffle or tombola prizes are wanted. Please speak to Jenny or Kay if you can help.

APPLE CAKE

100g/4oz Butter (or good quality margarine)
175g/6oz Caster Sugar
2x Medium Eggs (beaten)
225g/8oz Self-raising Flour
1tsp Ground Cinnamon
1tsp Mixed Spice
450g/1lb Cooking Apples
3-4tbsp Milk

1. Grease and line an 8" cake tin.
2. Pre-heat oven 180°C/350°F/ Gas 4.

3. Cream butter and sugar until fluffy.
4. Add eggs gradually and beat well.
5. Fold in sieved flour and spices.
6. Peel and core then finely dice apples.
7. Fold diced apples into cake mix.
8. Transfer mix into cake tin.
9. Bake for 1¼ hours.
10. Serve warm.

Recipe courtesy of Linda

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Submissions for Octobers Newsletter need to be provided by **25 September**.

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

