

Heritage Open Days at St Giles Church, Killamarsh



The Heritage Open Days festival takes place in September 2025. This is a national festival co-ordinated by the National Trust which encourages people to explore their local history and heritage. St Giles Church in Killamarsh is pleased to announce that they will again be taking part.

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.

This year there will also be the opportunity to learn of the almost completed project to Bring Back Killamarsh Treble Bob, which has involved the refurbishment of the bells in St Giles Church and activities to promote the history and heritage of the bells and the church in the wider community. The project has involved working with schools and community groups to learn more about the importance of churchyards for wildlife and the wider eco systems – places which attract all sorts of wildlife and a wide range of different plant species.

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 aspects of life in Killamarsh in former times.

The church will be open on Saturday, 13 September from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and on Sunday, 14 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. There's lots to see and do.

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