



Benefice News Sheet and Readings for Services

September 2026

Have a go at Flower Arranging!

Ever wanted to try your hand at flower arranging? Enjoy making flower arrangements, but have got out of the habit or routine of making them?

Then this evening is for you!

(Or, if like the Rector you would rather sit enjoying a glass of wine while other people make flower arrangements, you're also most welcome to come along too!)

Tuesday 1st September, 7pm at St Giles, Killamarsh.

£5 suggested donation.

Tea and Coffee will be provided. Please feel free to bring your own drinks.

For more details please speak to Nick, Kay (Gratton) or Crystal.

United Benefice Patronal Festivals

To celebrate our Patronal Festivals (the feast days of the Saints that our churches are dedicated to) we'll be having two United Benefice services in September.

These special services of Holy Communion are being held on the closest convenient Sunday to St Giles and St Matthew's days respectively.

St Giles Patronal Festival:
10am Sunday 6th September

St Matthew Patronal Festival:
10am Sunday 20th September

Please note that there will be no morning service at the other church in the benefice on these Sundays.

United Benefice Pilgrimage

Saturday 19th September

Rev'd Daniel would like to invite you to join him in a day of fellowship as we enjoy a walk between our church buildings.

The plan for the day is as follows:

9.30am - set off from St Giles Church Hall (cars can be left in the car park)

Walk to St Giles Church, then on to the trans-pennine trail to St Matthew, Renishaw.

Noon - aiming to arrive at St Matthew's where we will have lunch (*please bring a packed lunch!*)

1pm - set off back to Killamarsh (*at least one car will be available at St Matt's to drive people who don't want to walk the return journey back to Killamarsh*).

3.30pm - Meet at the Crown in Killamarsh for a glass of lemonade and a well earned rest!

The walk is roughly 4 miles each way, and we're going to make sure that the route is wheelchair/pushchair accessible.

Deanery Confirmation Service

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

If you're interested in being confirmed please let Rev'd Daniel know by the 6th September so that we can plan in time for preparation sessions.

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 as usual at these services.

Also, at 1pm Ben will be hosting a Harvest Lunch at St Giles Church Hall. Details will be coming soon, and Ben will need some willing volunteers to help on the day!

Please "save the date"!

Other dates for your diaries...

Taize Evening Service at St Giles Killamarsh
6pm Sunday 20th September

Warm Space at St Giles Church Hall
Returns: Tuesday 22nd September

Archdeacon Emma leading United Benefice Service at St Giles: 10am Sunday 18th October

Anastasia Cooke-Winnard's Christening:
Saturday 24th October at St Giles Killamarsh

All Souls Memorial Services: 6pm Sunday 1st November at St Giles, Killamarsh & 6pm Sunday 15th November at St Matthew, Renishaw

Heritage Open Weekend at St Giles Killamarsh: Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September

St Giles church building will be open for visitors as part of the National Churches Heritage Trust open weekend on Saturday 12th September (10am-4pm) and Sunday 13th September (Noon-4pm).

If you are available to help over the weekend to welcome visitors, make refreshments etc please speak to John Hall.

Benefice Calendar September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30th 10am United Benefice Holy Communion: St Matthew, Renishaw	31st	1st September 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am 7pm: "Have a go at Flower Arranging" at St Giles Killamarsh	2nd 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh 6pm Bible Study at St Giles Killamarsh	3rd 6:30pm Joint Benefice Standing Committee at St Matthew, Renishaw	4th	5th 9.45-11am Coffee Morning at St Matthew, Renishaw
6th St Giles (Trans.) 10am United Benefice Holy Communion: St Giles, Killamarsh	7th	8th 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am	9th 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh	10th	11th	12th 10am-4pm Heritage Open Day at St Giles, Killamarsh
13th 9.30am Holy Communion: St Giles, Killamarsh 11am Holy Communion: St Matthew, Renishaw Noon-4pm Heritage Open Day at St Giles, Killamarsh	14th	15th 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am 7.15pm Joint Benefice PCC at St Giles Killamarsh	16th 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh	17th 10am Bible Study at St Giles Killamarsh	18th	19th 9.30am United Benefice Pilgrimage - see notices for more details...
20th St Matthew (Trans.) 10am United Benefice Holy Communion: St Matthew, Renishaw 6pm Taize Style Evening Prayer at St Giles, Killamarsh	21st	22nd 9:30am Morning Prayer: St Matthew, Renishaw, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am 1-3pm Warm Space at St Giles Church Hall	23rd 10am Morning Prayer at St Giles Killamarsh	24th	25th	26th 11am Baptism at St Giles
27th 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 at St Matthew, Renishaw

6th September: St Giles (Trans.)

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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: Exodus 12.1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

2nd Reading: Romans 13.8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

13th September: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Exodus 14.19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

2nd Reading: Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while

others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?'

Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.'

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything."

And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."

Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you."

But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me."

Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?"

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,

keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

20th September: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Trans.)

Collect

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the
tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish
pursuit of gain and the possessive love of
riches
that we may follow in the way of your
Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

1st Reading: Proverbs 3.13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom, and
those who get understanding, for her
income is better than silver, and her
revenue better than gold.

She is more precious than jewels, and
nothing you desire can compare with her.

Long life is in her right hand; in her left
hand are riches and honour.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and
all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who lay hold
of her; those who hold her fast are
called happy.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy
that we are engaged in this ministry, we
do not lose heart.

We have renounced the shameful things
that one hides; we refuse to practise
cunning or to falsify God's word; but by
the open statement of the truth we
commend ourselves to the conscience of
everyone in the sight of God.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is
veiled to those who are perishing.

In their case the god of this world has
blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to

keep them from seeing the light of the
gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the
image of God.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we
proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and
ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, 'Let light
shine out of darkness', who has shone in
our hearts to give the light of the
knowledge of the glory of God in the
face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9.9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a
man called Matthew sitting at the tax
booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.'
And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house,
many tax-collectors and sinners came
and were sitting with him and his
disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to
his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat
with tax-collectors and sinners?'

But when he heard this, he said, 'Those
who are well have no need of a
physician, but those who are sick.'

Go and learn what this means, "I desire
mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to
call not the righteous but sinners.'

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

27th September: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1st Reading: Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'

So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and

every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?'

Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"

But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.'

So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today."

He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go.

Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,

and make us continually to be given to all good works;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

United Benefice Prayer Lists: September 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 Peter Elmtun with St Mary Magdalene Creswell, and St Lawrence Whitwell with All Saints Steetley

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:

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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