

## August Newsletter 2022

### The United Benefice of St. Giles, Killamarsh and St. Matthew, Renishaw

#### August Sunday Services

Date	Time	Church	Service
07/08/22 8 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	10.00 am	St. Giles	Service of the Word
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
14/08/22 9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Service of the Word
21/08/22 10 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
28/08/22 11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion

#### Midweek Services

**St. Giles:** Holy Communion every Wednesday morning at 9.30 am

**St. Matthew's:** Holy Communion on the second Tuesday at 9.00 am

## Work and Rest

*August sees many of us taking holidays to get some well-earned rest from working. But what is the biblical relationship between rest and work? The Bible shows us that **we are to work from rest, not rest from work.** How is this working out in our current experience?*

When God created human beings on the 6th day, the next full day was a day of rest before the work began: *'Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.'* (Genesis 2:3). Sunday is a day of rest at the beginning of the week.

Jesus lived out this rhythm of rest and work in His own ministry: *'Very early in the morning, Jesus got up and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed'* He then told His disciples: *'Let us go somewhere else so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come.'* (Mark 1:35-38).

*Here is a rhythm for our own lives: 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit' (John 15:5).* Our work/fruitfulness arises out of the time we abide/rest in Jesus. He will then show us what aspects of our lives need pruning: *'while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.'* (2).

*Let's use this month to reflect on how this pattern is working in our lives:*

*Are we spending enough time 'abiding' in Jesus?*

*Are we putting our energies into the right balance of rest and work?*

*Are there unproductive areas of our lives and churches that need pruning?*

Remember God created us as *human beings* not just *human doings*!!

## **August News**

### **St Giles Primary School**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July we welcomed Year Five and Year Six children plus staff and parents into St Giles Church for the Year Six Leavers' Service. This has been the first service for the schoolchildren since Covid restrictions were lifted. Ninety two children and accompanying adults attended this very moving service. Each Year Six child received a Bible to mark their time at St Giles School where Christian distinctiveness underpins all aspects of the school day and being part of a school family. We wish each Year Six pupil well as they transition to their nominated secondary school.

### **Archdeacons' Visitation 2022 and Admission of Churchwardens**

This was held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at St John's, Walton at 7.30pm.

Despite the heat wave our four churchwardens successfully attended this very important service to be officially sworn in as churchwardens for the coming year until the next APCM's within our benefice.

Karen (her official title is The Venerable Karen Hamblin ) conducted the service. Karen has previously been our Area Dean so is well versed with the roles and responsibilities of a Church Warden, especially during a vacancy,

The Bible reading was based on The Road to Emmaus. Karen offered a very poignant and God filled message for the Churchwardens however the message was extremely relevant to all hearers. Karen acknowledged the hard work of Churchwardens and expressed her gratitude to them.

Here is The Commission of Wardens found in the Order of Service

*The Church is the body of Christ, and through baptism every member is called to ministry and to service. You are called to special responsibilities.*

*With your clergy, you are to share in the administration of the parish and in the care of the church buildings.*

*You are to promote the whole mission of the Church, which is pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.*

*These things you are called to do to the glory of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the well-being of Christ's Church.*

*To him, therefore, upon whose grace we rely, and in whose love we trust, let us dedicate ourselves, our lives and work, praying together.*

Please pray for our Churchwardens:

Ann Morton and Anne Joule at St Matthew's Church, Renishaw.

Margaret Hall and Jenny Crump at St Giles, Killamarsh.

### A VIEW FROM THE PEW!

Sometime ago now I became a Parish Councillor! There was a slight "technical hitch!" I live in Marsh Lane and I found myself, accidentally, having a responsibility for Renishaw! As it happened it was, for me, a blessing in disguise. Ever since the little church in Handley closed, I have missed not having the joy of a regular Church service. Enter St. Matthews.....It was quite daunting joining a congregation where I knew not a soul. A very tight-knit community to boot. There was quite a bit of 'who's that? - what? She's a councillor? I bet she's from the South and she'll have had a private education! Well - to put the record straight - I was born in Edinburgh, my Father was a Scot, my Mother from North Yorkshire and I went to an ordinary state school.

But sin of all sins - I sat in the wrong place at coffee after the service. Well, the only person I knew was the Rev Michael. How was I supposed to know that it was like a school dance where boys and girls were segregated to either side of the hall? I was aware of much looking in my direction and questions about who did I think I was!! The boys were very nice to me but I was obviously upsetting the other end of the room. Gradually I got to grips with the tradition of the after service tea and coffee ritual and now I manage to hold my own with 'she who must be obeyed', the quiet one (until she coughs), the knitting queen, the one who's bark is worse than her bite (but I know she has a heart of gold), the inveterate charity stuff collector, the two bosses of washing up, the one in charge of the music box, one who is permanently rude to me (but apparently that's good news!) and a very elegant slim one.

I now sit at the correct end of the room, I do my bit with readings, hold my own with the banter and try to be an integral part of a quite extraordinary congregation that Michael is lucky enough to have. With my other hat on - I do try hard to get things done in and around the Parish.

It is a privilege to know this lovely, annoying and very lively lot. Thank you for letting me in!

Philippa Allan

### **All for the sake of a trapped bird**

Whilst waiting for our boat ride on the Broads my daughter saw a bird who was trapped in the netting in the eaves of the booking office building. The bird was distressed and injured as there was blood on the fascia where it kept banging itself into. I don't know how many hundreds of pedestrians must have walked beneath the bird, oblivious to its suffering.

I went inside and spoke to a lady about the distressed bird. She came out to witness the bird and then phoned a man who came armed with blue rubber gloves. Seeing that the bird was at some height he then arranged for a 'cherry picker' to come so that he could be hoisted to the level of the bird. His blue gloves had changed to gauntlets. The area was quickly cordoned off. A small group of spectators surrounded the barriers to witness the rescue of the injured bird.

What I don't know is the fate of the injured bird. What I do know is that when a creature is in distress we must do all that we can to rescue it.

Thanks to all the un-named people who helped on the day.



### **Sheffield's Night Hike Challenge**



Saturday 10 September, starts at 7pm from Hathersage Methodist Church, Hope Valley, S32 1BB

#### **FIGHT POVERTY STEP BY STEP**

A 15 km sponsored night hike in and around Hathersage

To raise money to help to help some of the world's

Poorest communities.

**[www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk/](http://www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk/)**

### **Father Georges**

About this time each year I invite Father Georges to suggest what his harvest initiative will be so that fundraising can start on his behalf. As you read his latest e-mail it becomes very obvious how difficult things are for his communities, especially with the current worldwide problems.

Please pray for Father Georges and his people as we seek to do all that we can to support them.

Recent article sent by Father Georges.....

**ranaivo georges**

Mon, Jul 18, 1:48 PM (11 days ago)

to me

Dear Reverend Canon Helen.

Dear Fr Michael.

All our friends at St Gile's church Killamarsh.

All our friends at St Matthew church Renishaw.

Greetings from all us.

**Nowadays, Madagascar our country is in a never seen crisis** :Many things have impacted our country's life and every Malagasy citizen, especially in our daily life:

Climate change (Drought and flood which often happened.)

Covid 19 still remains and kill people slowly.

Petrol price increases ( 1 liter cost £ 1,50) and causes a never seen inflation

,consequently the value of the Malagasy money tumbles down and **our purchasing power is becoming insignificant !**

Insecurity is horrible both in urban and in rural areas

(Robbers,Killers,Stealers,Kidnapers...). The Government is in several great difficulties and is afraid of new riot ... Here, everybody is in a panic situation !

Everything are suddenly becoming too expensive for all us!

**A REFLECTION :**

***“ For how can I bear to see the calamity which is coming upon my country ?  
Or how can I bear to see the destruction of my family ? “ Esther 8 : 6***

**A VISION:**

**Where there is no vision people perish .Prov. 29 : 18**

**“... but man comes out to his work and to his labours until evening “ Psalms 104 : 23**

**Victory is always possible for the person who refuses to stop fighting.**

**Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.**

**Always do your best ; what you plant now you will harvest later .**

**DECISION & PROJECT**

**Due to these circumstances, we cannot create any other new projects . But the previous ones are held,continued and improved in terms of quantity and quality.**

**In the agricultural enterprise :** We will improve our skills, we will use the lombricompost and regular watering... for fruit trees. We will use some insecticide...

**In the livestock enterprise :** We will ameliorate their main food for having enough good quality of products... (meat – milk –eggs ...) We will use good Vitamins and some useful veterinary medicinal products...

**HARVEST APPEAL 2022**

*“ Freely you have received, freely give “ Matt. 10 : 8*

*In what ways is GOD asking us to give to HIM, so that others may benefit ?.*

**To sum up,we will need more prayers and some help to improve the products by providing enough good food and more medicinal products.**

**For the fields :£1000 and for the livestock : £1000..... Total : £2000**

*“ For where your Treasure is , there will your heart be also “ Mat.6 : 21*

**Some update photographs** to show you the blessings of God and the results of your prayers and your financial supports in our last Harvest time. **No comment**,please have a look at the attachment .

We always remember you all ,both in our mind and in our daily prayer.

Warmest Regards.

Fr Georges and Eveline.

All the Congregation Antananarivo MADAGASACR





### **Weekly Church Envelopes**

This scheme has been ongoing now within both parishes for many, many years. Sadly, many faithful and generous giving supporters of either church have died or are now in nursing homes. This has led to a reduction of packs of envelopes being ordered.

The weekly envelope scheme serves either church beneficially. Generous givers ensure that we have an ongoing funding stream into the church. The envelopes are a gentle reminder just in case one week or a couple are missed therefore provides an effective 'catch up' system. If you are a tax payer you can Gift Aid your donations by filling in a simple sheet which is then passed onto the Gift Aid Reclaimer. Likewise, if you do not pay Income Tax envelopes placed on the church plate on Sunday mornings will ensure that Gift Aid can be reclaimed through a system called GASDS. (For every £1-00 donated we can reclaim 25p making £1-25 being received by the church).

All donations received by either church are very gratefully received and are never, ever taken for granted!

If you would like to start receiving a pack of weekly envelopes which will be distributed during August then please contact Revd Helen on 0114-2482769 who will be happy to arrange a pack for you. Thank you.

### **The York Course**

This is a course running for five weeks whereby a group of people led by Revd Michael read a text, listen to different faith participants who offer their views and then an opportunity is provided for group participants to share their thoughts too.

The York Course will be held in St Matthew's Community Room each Monday morning on the following dates in August: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> between 10.30am-12 noon.

The theme will be **Receiving Christ**

Week 1 Receiving Christ: As Children of God

Week 2 Receiving Christ: In the Stranger and the Needy

Week 3 Receiving Christ: In Holy Communion

Week 4 Receiving Christ: Through Prayer and Fellowship

Week 5 Receiving Christ: Christ in You, The Hope of Glory

### **St. Giles Charity Shop**

St. Giles Charity Shop will be raising funds for St. Giles Church with a stall at the Community Flea Market which will be on Killamarsh Precinct from 10.00am – 2.00pm on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. There will be an assortment of both new and pre-loved goods at bargain prices.

### **The Strawberry Fayre held outside St Matthew's Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm.**

The searing heat wave did not deter people from attending this year's Strawberry Fayre which was held inside the coolness of a large red tent and a variety of gazebos. All guests were seated as a waitress service provided drinks and a good selection of strawberry dishes, all of which were delicious! Thanks to all who helped in whatever way with the organisation, preparation and running of this event. Money taken on the day plus subsequent individual donations has meant that a staggering **£700-00** was raised. Well done and a HUGE thank you to everyone.

### **Killamarsh Methodist Church**

#### **Ukraine**

Carol and Richard Wells have been the co-ordinators for the different groups to respond to the tragic events in Ukraine. I received an e-mail dated 19/7/22 to say that £1238-65 has been sent. Both St Giles and St Matthew's joint donations of £350-00 contributed to the overall total.

Thanks also to those individuals who sent their donations via their own personal bank.

Unless you have personally experienced the Second World War none of us can even begin to comprehend the immense suffering the Ukrainians are subjected to on a daily basis.

Please continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine.

#### **The Extended Table**

I happily accepted an invitation to attend the lovely, informal Sunday lunch which is offered on the **second Sunday of each month**, beginning at 12 noon-1.30pm.

This Methodist mission initiative provides an opportunity to meet people informally and to have a chat. On the occasion I went there was a variety of hot food and desserts, all of which were delicious. If you know someone who is lonely or would like a well cooked hot meal then do offer them this invitation.

#### **Free Café every Friday morning from 9am-12noon.**

On the occasion I went bacon, sausages, beans or hoops were on offer together with toast and preserves. A cup of coffee or tea was also available. Once again this is a wonderful opportunity to meet with others and to receive a hearty, well cooked breakfast.

#### **Just Meals**

These meals are created using quality surplus and locally grown ingredients. They are frozen on site to retain flavour and quality.

For more information please call into the Methodist Church. You will be made to feel very welcome!

**6<sup>th</sup> August**

## **The Transfiguration of Jesus**

It's an unusual story. One day, Jesus is with three disciples on a high mountain in Galilee, when His appearance dramatically changes. Also, Moses and Elijah suddenly appear, and from a cloud comes the voice of God. What is this all about?

This event was witnessed by James, Peter, and John. They were close friends of Jesus. In the future, they were to become prominent leaders in the Early Church. They needed to see something special that would help them remember Jesus in the difficult years ahead. They had a glimpse of Christ in His divine glory. His face shone like the sun and His clothes turned white as light.

While this was an extraordinary sight for the disciples, it served to encourage Jesus who once had glory and majesty in Heaven. One day He would have it again. But firstly, He had to fulfil His mission: to suffer on the cross and die.

Why were Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus? Moses was the giver of the Law and Elijah represented all the prophets. They had pointed people to the promised Messiah. Jesus was about to complete God's plan of salvation.

God's voice was heard to remind Peter there was no need to build shelters. They were not going to stay on the mountain. God spoke to get the disciples to fix their attention on Jesus. The wonder of the Transfiguration was a short interlude before Jesus had to return to His work and subsequent death on the cross.

This story is a reminder that our times of spiritual blessing have to be followed by down-to-earth commitments and responsibilities. In the same way that Jesus gave His friends a glimpse of His awesome glory, to help them face challenging and traumatic times ahead, our special times in His presence are provided to encourage us and equip us for the trials we may have to face. Our journey through life may sometimes rise to the peaks but we can't stay on a 'high' all the time – no matter how much we want

it! We have to descend to face everyday challenges if we are to fulfil our calling in Christ. From *our* mountain-top experiences we all need to find a balance between times alone with God and serving Him in the company of others. *Parish Pump*

## Poetry Corner

### A Summer Evening

Up above in the bright blue sky  
With white fluffy clouds  
Lazily drifting by  
The Swallows are catching  
Their supper on the wing  
While high on a rooftop  
A lone Blackbird sings  
As the day winds down  
And the sun leaves the sky  
To make way for the moon  
As evening draws nigh  
There's a sigh of contentment  
From the breeze  
As it gently blows through the trees  
As I sit in the twilight  
I quietly say  
Thank you God for giving me today.



Ann Ward

## Prayer for August

Dear Heavenly Father, In this month of August, thank you for your presence. Whether we're at home or on holiday, in one place or travelling, working or resting, happy or sad, young, middle-aged or elderly, you are with us.

As we journey through the different stages of this life on earth, help us to know that wonderful assurance of your presence, by putting our trust in Jesus now. No matter what ups and downs come our way, we will never be alone. You are with us, sharing it all day by day – and leading us home.

Thank you, Lord of all our journeys, In Jesus' name. Amen.  
*By Daphne Kitching*

### **Forthcoming events**

13<sup>th</sup> August 11am dedication of The Two Chapel of Rests near St Matthew's Church, Renishaw.

13<sup>th</sup> August 2pm St Giles Events Committee meeting at St Giles Church, Killamarsh.

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## **To be Christ in Church and Community**