

November Newsletter 2022

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

November Sunday Services

Date	Time	Church	Service
06/11/22 3 before Advent	10.00 am	St. Giles	Service of the Word
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
13/11/22 Remembrance Sunday	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Remembrance Service
20/11/22 Christ the King	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
27/11/22 Advent Sunday	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

NEWS

St Matthew's Church Clock. The saga of St. Matthew's memorial clock continues yet again. Following the previous aborted attempt, reported in last month's newsletter, to get the clock ticking, a fine young man returned on Wednesday October 5th having been unable to attend as promised, on Monday 3rd October, due to a bad back. On this occasion, however, the fine young man left triumphant having declared that the clock was now ticking once again. Unfortunately, this by now, uncommon occurrence lasted less than 24 hours and the clock stopped at 4.35 on the following day. At the time of writing, we are waiting in glorious anticipation for the return of the fine young men. Meanwhile an email from the Cumbria Clock Company informed us that the regulator could not now be fitted until sometime in 2023 as the people who make a crucial component for the said regulator were no longer able to supply the part. Readers may not be surprised to learn that the fine young men did not arrive as expected. But do not despair, for the fine young men did arrive on Monday 24th October in the persons of John and Mark (the names of the authors of two of the four gospels, which was promising as the word gospel can be translated as Good News). John and Mark got to work and in no time (approx. 2 hours) they did indeed deliver good news having started the clock ticking once more before continuing their journey to Luton. John called in on Wednesday 26th October on his return journey to Cumbria, to change the clock to daylight saving time which had to be carried out manually due to the current situation with regard to the regulator. This may have proved somewhat confusing for the general public but as yet no complaints have been received with regards to people arriving for appointments an hour late. At the time of writing Sunday 30th October the clock is still going and keeping good time. Sadly since writing this the clock has started to misbehave once more!

Warm Spaces: St. Giles Church Hall

A new WARM SPACE initiative: 'Welcome, Warmth & Well-Being' will be starting from Tuesday, November 1st between 1pm-3.30pm in the Church Hall. Come along to meet new people and enjoy a cuppa and light refreshments.

HARVEST

Both churches celebrated Harvest with special services on Sunday 2nd October. The churches were decorated with tinned and dried food which had been donated by members of the congregation. These were then taken to New Hope Church at Halfway for their foodbank, during the following week. After the Sunday services members of both congregations were invited to partake in a Harvest Lunch of pie and peas followed by apple crumble and custard at St. Giles Church Hall. Entertainment was provided by a raffle, a quiz and a fun auction. Thanks go to all who supported this and other fundraising events for the Father Georges Harvest Appeal which realised the magnificent sum of £1105.00 including donations from the Killamarsh Methodist Church and St. Giles Church of England School. The photographs below showing some of the harvest decorations at St Giles Church were taken by John Hall.





Sophie Clayton article

On 4th November 2022 at 18:15 Killamarsh Village Day Nursery & Preschool will be hosting a 5K sponsored walk around the village to raise money for their children. The current cost of living crisis is real, and so many people in our own village, our neighbours, our friends, our family, are struggling to afford the basic necessities. Sadly, our children are suffering more than ever and are often going without hot food, water and warmth through no fault of their own. Killamarsh Village Nursery have recognized the difficulties that some families are facing during this financial crisis and, as winter approaches, are aiming to cook a hot meal for all their children each day. All the money raised during the sponsored walk will subsidise the cost of this lunchtime meal Killamarsh Village Nursery provide such care and compassion towards their children, and I'm honoured to be walking with them on this fundraiser. Since signing up I've been absolutely heart warmed by people's kindness, positivity and generosity. I feel proud to be part of such an amazing and caring community that is pulling together to make such positive difference. We will all be wearing glow in the dark so make sure to keep an eye out for us to show your support!

Remembrance

Proms to Poppies

As part of our weekend of remembrance The Dronfield Genquip Band will

be giving their annual Proms to Poppies concert on Saturday 12th November at 3pm in St. Giles Church Hall. Please come along and enjoy an afternoon of terrific brass band music. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets for the concert are priced at £6 per person.

Remembrance parade, service and refreshments.

The annual Remembrance Sunday Parade will leave St. Giles Church Hall Car park at 2.30 on Sunday 13th November. The Parade will stop at the New Memorial on High Street for an Act of Remembrance, before continuing on to St Giles Church for the Remembrance Service. Following the service light refreshments will be served at The Cloc.

There will also be a brief service with an Act of Remembrance at the St. Giles outside the church at the Remembrance Window on 11th November starting at 10.50am led by John Hall.

St. Matthew's Remembrance service will take place at 10 am on Sunday 13th November moving to the Village Memorial at 10.50 am for an Act of Remembrance. Those who do not wish, or are unable, to process to the memorial will be welcome to remain in church for a separate Act of Remembrance. Refreshments will be served in the Community Room following the service and Acts of Remembrance. All are welcome.



We Remember

The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele
Cause us to think of times of war,
When men and boys went bravely out
They fought, some died and returned no more.

They gave their all that we should live,
We never should forget such cost,
Remembering with thankful hearts
Our freedom gained as lives were lost.



Another Man gave up His life,
Another war, another fight,
With all mankind held fast in chains
As darkness fell as black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life
To break the chains and set us free,
The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross
Paid that price for you, for me.

By Megan Carter

Anniversary

30 years ago, on 11th November 1992, the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.

Poetry Corner

Seasons by Ann Ward

Seasons come and seasons go
Summer sun, winter snow
The mellow Gold of Autumn rays
Springtime with its lengthening days
Look to the sun like the flowers
Feel the cooling April showers
The harvest moon in all her glory



Christmas time with its familiar story
It seems to soon the year has gone
But this is God telling us life goes on.

St. Giles Church Clock



Christ the King

Necessary work was carried out on St. Giles Church clock by Smiths of Derby on Monday 31st October. The clock engineers completed their work on time.

Photographs - John Hall



The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday of the church year, and in some ways the most important. Why? Because everything else in the Christian year looks BACK on what happened 2000 years ago. The Sunday of Christ the King looks FORWARD to what we can expect next.... the return one day of Jesus Christ to this earth, as King of Kings.

Does the idea of Jesus of Nazareth literally returning to earth seem a bit quaint to accept, in our computerised world of e-mails and the internet? Well, that is what the Bible says will happen – *it is promised more than 250 times!*

The Bible is quite clear: the return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings will take place personally, powerfully, bodily, visibly, publicly – and INSTANTLY. (Read Matthew 24:30,31, or I Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:3.) Here are words of Jesus Himself:

For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. (Luke 17:24)

This will be no local story for a BBC TV reporter to cover if he gets time. That day he won't be interviewing the Carpenter of Nazareth, wearing Galilean homespun. Jesus will be in His incandescent brilliance as the 'Son of Man' – a bit of a challenge even for TV reporters! Certainly when Peter, James and John were witness to their familiar Master 'transfigured', as the same irradiated Person – in a dramatic preview of Christ's triumphant final rule (Luke 9:28-36), they did not feel very confident.

The martyred Stephen, about to die, had a similar glimpse: "Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56). The exiled apostle John on the island of Patmos saw the same figure: "...His face was like the sun shining in full strength" (Revelation 1:16.)

When Christ one day returns, the whole world will finally witness this same spectacle (Revelation 1:7). His return will mark the end of history, as we know it. It will inaugurate the final Judgment. It will re-unite the Lord with His Church on earth.

Jesus' return to us will bring about the new heaven and the new earth. Pain, death, persecution, privation and sorrow will all be banished. The entire edifice of evil that has raised itself against the rule of God will be dismantled in a moment.

We have been warned all along not to place a date or a time upon the Second Coming of Christ. (Matthew 24:42-44) Sadly, many people ignore this warning and waste endless time in calculations. The way in which we should be spending our days before the end is to work, watch and witness to our Lord Jesus – whether or not ours is a world of computers, e-mail and all the rest!

In the meantime, where is Jesus now? The Bible writers tells us that Jesus has returned to the place of privilege and power, and is 'seated at the right hand' of the Father (Ephesians 1:20-21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3), and is waiting for the Father's timing for Him to return to earth in glory (Mark 13:26-27,32), to raise the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and give them their resurrection bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-44).

Jesus will never be a baby again. He is now Christ the King – today, tomorrow, forever. *Parish Pump*

View from the pew

Rain before seven – fine before eleven or Fine before seven and rain before eleven. It was one of my Mother's favourite sayings and it's amazing how often it is true! I don't know about anyone else who has to walk dogs early in the morning; even waiting for it to get light is frustrating and, at the moment it seems to be raining heavily every day! There is a veritable river running down the wood path. The dogs think they've died and gone to heaven! Even better when they get to the bottom of the path and there is a lake! I'm still not sure what possessed us to get two Labrador pups – especially when my husband proceeds to

hightail it off to India for three weeks! Having come back from our very soggy walk this morning my delightful charges decided to dig up the only rockery plant that is flowering.....You try catching two puppies who are intent on avoiding you! I gave up!

After 11 and the sun is shining! I suspect, not for long though! It does, however put a totally different light on the trees that surround our house. The colours are magnificent and, in the wind, the leaves are falling like snow! Couldn't see our lawns for a carpet of leaves yesterday so we set about clearing them up – barrows full. Not sure why we bothered – the grass is knee-deep again with masses more to come down. It is extraordinary many of the trees are still green. I think its time to create a big compost heap so that we can, at least, use the leaves in the coming years.

Once upon a time we had hedgehogs in the garden and I built a hedgehog house from an old tea chest. Not seen hide nor hair of one since! I keep hoping and have used some of the leaves to bulk up the inviting straw – just in case anyone fancies overwintering with us! It is still so warm, if wet, so I think it will be a while before many of the hibernating creatures think about turning in for the winter.

We have a bumper crop of crab apples and I keep putting off the task of making umpteen jars of crab apple jelly! I suspect the family will be getting crab apple jelly as Christmas presents! Apart from the stunning colours of the trees around us and the Virginia Creeper that covers a considerable amount of our house, our holly tree is absolutely covered in bright red berries. Not sure they will still be there at Christmastime as the blackbirds think that all their Christmases have come at once and it will be stripped bare before we know it!

What do you know? Time for them to go on another seek and destroy mission.....(I love them really!) *Philippa Allan*



'Walking for Terri'



The whole Killamarsh community were rocked to the core following the murder of Terri and three innocent children John, Lacey and Connie in September 2021. Moving forward one year one woman called Sarah

organised the following event in memory of Terri and also to raise awareness of the help available through the domestic violence support services.

St Giles Church was privileged to support the 'Walking for Terri' event on Saturday 22nd October which was organised by Sarah Neal. St Giles Church Hall was open for free refreshments from 12.30pm while stalls were set up from these different groups:-Killamarsh Safer Neighbourhood Team, Jacqui at New Hope Freedom Programme, The Elm Foundation,

Rykneld Homes Get Involved Team, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, Killamarsh Wombles and North East Derbyshire District Council Community Safety Team. Each stall had a comprehensive array of free resources which raised the profile of individual safety.

For those who walked the designated route from 1.30pm the colour purple expressed by the flowers carried or items of clothing worn was a significant reminder that October was the Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This event was supported by Terri's mum and dad.

Many thanks to Sarah for this awareness raising event and for reminding us that there are people within our community who do need help.

Revd Helen

The Commemoration of the Departed Service.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

This took place at St Giles Church on 30th October at 6pm. It was a truly moving service as those gathered remembered with thanksgiving the loss of a precious loved one. During the service each name of the departed was read out . All present were invited to light a candle and place it in a large sand filled horizontal cross within the chancel. After the last person laid their personal candle in the cross the chancel lights were switched off as quietness prevailed.

We all mourn the loss of those we love but see no longer . Such a service offers a breathing space within one's grief to pause, to reflect and to remember.

St Matthew's Christmas Fayre

Preparations are well under way for St Matthew's Christmas Fayre which will be held on Saturday 26th November starting at 11am. Please come and support this wonderful event.

Shoe Box Appeal

The annual Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

Once again both churches will be supporting this very worthwhile charity. Empty shoeboxes are now available. Alternatively, there will be a large box in church in order for you to place any donations that can be used to fill a shoebox. Thanks go to Ben and Rachel Wheelhouse for organising the collection again this year. The filled shoeboxes will be collected in mid-November.

St Matthew's Church Community sessions

Each session runs from 11.30am until 1pm on alternate Tuesdays. This initiative is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and is supported by Rykneld Homes and Renishaw St Matthew's WW1 Group. All sessions are free and all are welcome.

15 th November Creating a Christmas Wreath

29 th November Creating a Christmas Fascinator and millinery skills

13th December Heritage

Patronage Scheme

The Patronage Scheme at both churches was launched at either St Giles or St Matthew's . With birthdays, anniversaries, special family occasions etc coming up please seize the opportunity to use the Patronage Scheme. Money raised goes specifically to the ongoing day to day costs of keeping either church open. If you would like more information then please contact Revd Helen on 0114-2482769

LOCAL CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

A warm building, a warm welcome and a warm drink.

TUESDAY 9.30-11 Coffee morning **St Matthew's Renishaw**

10-12 Coffee morning **Ebenezer Gospel Hall**

11.30-1 Craft **St Matthew's Renishaw** (alternate)

1-3 Craft, games & natter **Renishaw Methodist**

1-3.30 Light Refreshments **St Giles Church Hall**

THURSDAY 9-12 Coffee morning **Killamarsh Methodist**

8.45-12 Free coffee/breakfast **Renishaw Methodist**

FRIDAY 9-12 Free coffee/breakfast **Killamarsh Methodist**

SUNDAY 9.30-12 Free light refreshments **Killamarsh Methodist**

We're here if you, your family or your friends need us.

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<http://www.ebenezergospelhall.co.uk/contact.php>

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<https://www.stgiles-killamarsh.org/about-us>

<https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/churches/trinityrenishaw.html>

Forward planning

3rd December – Decorated Christmas Trees to be placed in St Giles Church between 10am-4pm

4th December Festival of Trees service at St Giles Church at 4pm

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