

July Newsletter 2022

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

July Sunday Services

Date	Time	Church	Service
03/07/22 3 rd after Trinity	10.00 am	St. Giles	Service of the Word
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
10/07/22 4 th after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Service of the Word
17/07/22 5 th after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
24/07/22 6 th after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
31/07/22 7 th 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

We have a new Archdeacon!

On Sunday 12th June three people were collated and installed at Derby Cathedral as our new Archdeacons within Derby Diocese . Bishop Libby presented all three new Archdeacons as ' My gift to you'. The Venerable Matthew Trick is now Archdeacon of the City of Derby and South Derbyshire, The Venerable Carol Coslett is now Archdeacon of Peak and Dales whilst our very own previous Area Dean Karen Hamblin is now The Venerable Karen Hamblin who has responsibility for East Derbyshire Archdeaconry. Please pray for each Archdeacon as they begin new, exciting and challenging work as each one embeds the Diocesan Vision within their own particular Archdeaconry as well as supporting parishes with mission and ministry in 'emerging and transitional communities'.

St Giles Summer Fayre

St Giles Summer Fayre was held on Saturday 25th June in St Giles Church Hall from 11am. To be able to offer an event was truly wonderful, especially since so many people are still reticent about mingling with others due to their concern over Covid.

I would like to offer my personal thanks to all the church members who rallied together and ran stalls and to those stall holders who paid for a table. There was a lovely feeling of friendliness and relaxation as people mingled, enjoyed refreshments or just browsed at the stalls. The amount raised on the day was £360-80 with a further donation offered at £15-00 making a final total of £375-80.

St Giles Charity Shop- Side entrance at St Giles Church Hall S21 1 DU

Julie and Christine continue to open the shop on Mondays and Tuesdays between 2pm-5pm each week. For anyone who loves crafting there is a lovely selection of newly acquired fabrics. The shop also stocks clothes, accessories, shoes, books, DVD's, ornaments etc. Why not come and have a look. There really is bargains galore!

SEA SUNDAY

Over many years the 2nd Sunday of July has been kept as Sea Sunday, with a special focus on prayer for all seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers supports the work of sailors facing difficult waters, piracy, and separation from loved ones for long periods at sea. However, we can also experience storms in our own lives. In Acts 27 we read how Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome, when he was caught in a storm off Crete. After 14 days they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta.

Paul had warned the crew that it wasn't a safe time of year to sail: "*I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives.*" However, Paul's words were ignored, and the ship sailed into a violent storm. By the third day they '*finally gave up all hope of being saved.*' How do we face up to storms in our lives? Do we worry and panic? God doesn't necessarily prevent storms from taking place, but we can trust His purpose through them.

Paul urged the sailors to "*keep courage, because not one of you will be lost, only the ship will be destroyed.*" His confidence rested on an angelic promise: "*Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.*" Only the sovereign God, who created the wind and waves, can promise to save people from a storm. What does this mean for us in our circumstances today?

'Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.' (Amazing Grace: John Newton). Parish Pump

The kiss

An honest seven-year-old calmly announced to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after church. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother.

"Well, it wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."

Diary Dates in July

Place	Date	What's happening?	
St Giles Church	Monday 11 th	Y6 Leaver's Service	9.30am
The Rectory	Tuesday 12 th	St Giles P.C.C. meeting	7.30pm
St Swithin's, Holmesfield	Wednesday 13 th	Deanery Synod meeting	7.15pm
St Matthew's Church	Saturday 16 th	Strawberry Fayre	2.00pm
St John's , Walton	Tuesday 19 th	Archdeacon's Visitation	7.30pm

Please pray for Ukraine

The daily unfolding obliteration of places in Donbas by the Russian army, the senseless bombing of civilian buildings like hospitals, nurseries, schools and hospitals as well as housing apartments beggars belief. The powerful and provocative images of the effects of war in Ukraine - brutality, carnage, destruction brings me to ask the question why? There are now so many displaced and dispersed Ukrainian families and individuals who must look at their homeland , their culture and their chosen way of life and I am sure mourn for what they have lost and for what they see happening.

Please pray for the Ukrainian people that their strength and fortitude will continue against this increasing rise in utter evil.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Our Churches stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. We have a special prayer tree in each church for people to hang their own prayers for the situation in Ukraine. We also have a collection bucket in each church which has so far jointly raised £350.00

TRYING TO IMPROVE OUR PARISH

The Council and friends of Renishaw are trying very hard to improve where we live by looking after the equipment and the grass in Golden Ball field, doing a huge amount of litter picking, planting flower tubs (thank you Richard) and creating small orchards of community fruit trees.

And what thanks do we get? The equipment becomes dangerous because mindless idiots think its funny to break glass all around it. Litter seems to appear everywhere, however many litter-picks we do. Flower tubs are vandalised. And now, some of the fruit trees have been broken off!

So now – all of us who care about our community are told that we don't do anything. I am so disappointed. I am beginning to wonder if it's all worth it!

Please – if anyone sees anyone trying to destroy what we are trying to do (some of you might know who they are). Without putting yourself in danger – either try and get a photo with a mobile or just make a note and let me know. We are trying hard to get a more active police presence in and around the area but they have their hands tied without evidence.

LET'S LOVE WHERE WE LIVE!

Philippa Allan Parish Councillor

Cc Philip Wheelhouse District Councillor

Poetry Corner

The Summer Garden

Summer comes and waves her hand,
The garden blooms at her command,
Plants abounding everywhere
As fragrant perfumes fill the air.
Roses, geraniums, lilies too
Agapanthus with globes of blue,
Sumptuous colours in such array,
Their beauty takes our breath away.
To sit beneath the shady trees,
To listen to the humming bees,
As Summer wears her rainbow dress
We thank God for such loveliness.

Megan Carter

Evening Sun

After a day of cloud and rain
The evening sun comes out again.
Forget the gloomy day that's gone,
And listen to the robin's song!
In the sunshine's golden glow
See the garden's floral show!

And nature, freshened, can rejoice
In sparkling colour, scent, and voice.
If your day is damp and grey
Know the cloud will go away –
The pouring rain will soon be done
And then will come the evening sun!

By Nigel Beeton

7th July St Willibald – the first ever Anglo-Saxon travel writer

Where do you go on your summer travels? If you enjoy including a Christian element to your trips, such as making a pilgrimage, or visiting places rich in Christian history, then St. Willibald (d. 876) is the saint for you this month. He was one of the most widely travelled Anglo-Saxons of his time.

Willibald began life in Wessex, becoming a monk at Bishops Waltham (Hants). But he obviously had the curiosity that besets all keen travellers – what is it like over there...just over the next hill, round the next corner? And so Willibald set out... for Rome, Cyprus, Syria and above all, Palestine. It was an amazing achievement, just to survive such journeys back in the early 8th century.

In Palestine, Willibald made his way round all the Holy Places associated with Jesus, as well as the numerous communities of monks and hermits living there. On his eventual return to Europe, Willibald decided to tell his story. He dictated an account of all his travels to a long-suffering nun, Hugeburc, who wrote it up under the title of *Hodoeporicon* – the first ever travel book to be written by an Anglo-Saxon

After a long stay in Constantinople, the year 730 found Willibald back in Rome, where he settled at the monastery at Monte Cassino. Under his reforming influence, the monastery began to prosper. That got Willibald 'noticed', and soon Boniface asked Pope Gregory III to send him on to Germany, where Willibald was made bishop of Echstatt. Here he founded a monastery that became an important centre for the diffusion and development of monasticism. After 45 years as Bishop at Echstatt, Willibald died in c. 786. His relics remain there till this day. *Parish Pump*

Grandchildren

Grandchildren are God's reward for not strangling your own children.

SPIDERS..... or as the Encyclopaedia would say, an arachnid belonging to the worldwide order Araneae (over some 30,000 species measuring between 1 and 90mm long.)

Why do they create such terror in some people - just by mentioning the word spider? My grown-up son will not go into a room if he sees even the tiniest wee spider innocently going about it's daily business!

I am a fan of proper spiders, mostly because I should rather have spiders than flies! Occasionally, at autumn time, we do get very big black, hairy spiders running around our sitting room and I can understand (to a degree) that they could be deemed scary. I have seen a 6'2" policemen made into a quivering wreck while a lady calmly picked up the offending spider and carefully put it out of the window!

I do have one hate..... I believe that, round here, they are called Cellar Spiders. They certainly have eight legs, but have a tiny body. They look like daddy longlegs, without the wings! My main issue with them is that they make such a mess! Firstly - they don't even make a beautiful web, it's just a mess of silk web that seems to stretch everywhere. Secondly - they seem to decorate my floor with the remains of their unfortunate prey! So, my friends, I am afraid that I have given up gently easing them outside just to come back when my back is turned! This wretched arachnid is now my enemy (sorry God!) and is now consumed by my vacuum cleaner. However, their breeding abilities must be phenomenal! No sooner have I done a spider hunt, and I am feeling mightily pleased with myself - the little blighters consumed, the walls vacuumed, the floor scrubbed - and they are back again waving two fingers at me!

Going back to 'proper spiders' I once spent a good 15minutes trying to catch a big hairy monster that was in my bath! He (or she!) was not the slightest bit interested in being caught in a plastic glass! Very annoying as I was not into washing him down the plughole. (he was probably too big anyway!) Eventually, I managed to trap him and gently put him out of the window. A blackbird swooped down and had him for breakfast! Well! I tried to save that poor spider, but I suppose the blackbird found a good meal!!

One cannot not be absolutely enchanted with the spider's webs that adorn the autumn mornings. Covered in dew and sparkling in the early sunshine. These are proper webs. To watch a spider sitting absolutely still in the middle of his brilliantly created empire is one of nature's great wonders.

Hooray for spiders I say!

Philippa Allan

Let's Smile



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!

Summer York Course

5 sessions on Mondays in August from 10.30am-12 noon.
To be held in St. Matthew's Community Room
Dates 1,8, 15, 22,29 August

York Courses are set to run for 4 or 5 weeks and cover a wide variety of Christian topics. Please contact Revd Michael for more details.

Grace – it really is amazing

Most of us will know the hymn, *Amazing Grace*, by John Newton. Grace is an essential element of our faith, but what is it, exactly?

In everyday life the word 'grace' has many uses: in the courts, a pardoned person has been 'shown grace'; in the arts, an exquisite dancer moves with beauty and grace; if someone undertakes an unpleasant task cheerfully and willingly, it is done with 'good grace' and composers sometimes add 'grace notes' to their music to enhance the playing of their music.

The biblical use of the word 'grace' is quite different! The New Testament describes grace as God doing something for us that we could not do for ourselves. That 'something' is the free and unearned favour of God towards us. It is God's goodness which removes human inferiority and worthlessness and which raises our status. It pays the debt of sin. Grace welcomes the wretched, the weak and the wayward. It adopts us – homeless orphans – into God's family.

The story of King David and Mephibosheth is a remarkable example of grace. (see 2 Samuel 9:1-13) When David discovered a disabled relative of a former friend, he opened the way for this person to be brought into the royal household. He was accepted into David's family and given the same status as one of his sons.

Similarly, God accepts the unacceptable into His Heavenly Family. He accepts us as we are, regardless of status, health – or any objections we may have! Our gracious God loves us even though we are unlovely, undesirable and unholy.

We must see God's love in the gift of His Son. We can only be thankful that through Christ we have a new relationship with God. It is by His grace we are saved.

In John Newton's famous hymn, he wrote 'grace will lead me home'. Through the grace of God we can be assured of eternal life, joy, peace and security with Christ. *Parish Pump*

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