

# *Welcome to St Giles & St Matthew's Churches*

## *September Pew Sheet*



*“Love one another, as I have loved you...”*  
[John 13:34]

Hello everyone!

I am Rev Mike Fitzsimmons, and I have just started a three-month placement with you as full time priest across both parishes. I will be with you until December.

If I haven't met you already I am looking forward to meeting you soon. I have been the curate in Barlborough and Clowne for the last three years and this placement is a chance for me to gain more experience of leadership and to help the parishes during the vacancy.

I hope that together we can prepare for the time of vacancy positively as we talk, pray, worship and reflect on how we can be disciples of Jesus in this season.

Please do introduce yourself if you see me on a Sunday or in the parishes.



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God bless you.

Mike



The interment of Anne Joule's ashes at St Matthew's took place in July. A lovely, well attended service was had after the coffee morning; placing Anne in the place she held dearly in her heart.

A free-standing memorial will hopefully be placed within the Church, honouring her dedication and commitment to her service at St Matthew's.

God Bless you Anne

St Matthew's Strawberry Fayre raised an amazing £1,000 this year!

A great big thank you to all of those who attended, donated and enjoyed the baked goods on offer!

A special thank you goes to those who worked tirelessly organising, baking, setting up and serving.

Volunteers were in short supply this year making it a long and tiring day, but without your commitment and efforts events like these wouldn't be possible.



St Matthew's Church is pleased to announce the completion of our new kitchen! A big thankyou to Rykneld for all their help.

I'm sure it will be an asset to our upcoming events! And it looks great!

Jenny Crump has kindly started the process of applying for funding to restart warm spaces sessions at St Giles.

Hopefully these will be held on a Tuesday between the hours of 1-3pm, providing warm beverages and soups.





St Matthew's continues to hold their weekly Tuesday Coffee Morning within the Church Rooms.

A request has been made for these to be advertised within the local Doorsteppa on an ongoing basis, which will hopefully reach more in the community who are missing companionship and a biscuit!

As always, all are welcome....spread the word!

St Matthew's will be holding a McMillan Coffee morning on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

All are welcome and donations will be gratefully received!



A traditional Harvest Festival service will be held at 10am on October 13<sup>th</sup> at St Matthew's Church.

A light lunch is available after the service at a cost of £6 p/person. Numbers are limited to 35 so please purchase your ticket from St Matthew's prior to the day.

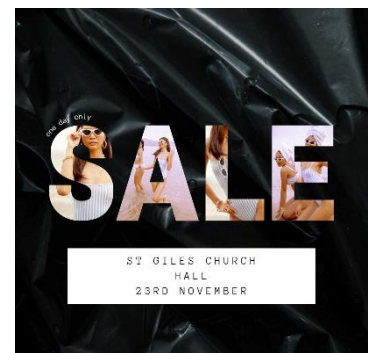
Lunch options include jacket potato with a choice of cheese or tuna filling or a selection of quiches with new potatoes and salad.

Pudding is a choice of apple & blackberry crumble with custard or fruit salad.

Please place your food order at the time of purchasing your ticket.

St Giles is hoping to host another successful clothing sale on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November.

If anyone is available to help with the planning and also on the day, then please contact Kay Gratton at St Giles.



The Parish Church of St Giles  
Killamarsh



*An introduction and guide*



St Giles once again took part in the annual Heritage Open Days on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September.

It was reported that the Church had a steady flow of visitors, who all enjoyed their visit, and the information booklet produced by John Hall; detailing the history of the Church.

### Who Was St. Giles?

St Giles is reputedly of Athenian origin. Around the 8th century he fled to France from his countrymen and built a hermitage in a forest near the mouth of the Rhone, where he lived on herbs and the milk of a hind.

When the king of the region was hunting in the forest, the monarch chased the hind to the abode of the hermit. St Giles defended the hind against the hunters and was hit by an arrow intended for the hind. The King was so impressed by Giles' holiness that he spared the hind and gave St Giles some land on which to build a monastery.

The town of St. Giles, which grew up near his grave, later became a famous place of pilgrimage.

He was one of the most popular medieval saints and in England alone there were 160 churches dedicated to him.

He was invoked by cripples, beggars and blacksmiths as their Patron Saint. His feast day is 1st September.

His insignia is a golden doe, pierced by a silver arrow, on a green shield.



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*My future is in Your hands...'*

In her helpful book, *When, God, When?* Joyce Meyer writes: “God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy trying to give it birth outside of God’s timing.”

Learn to enjoy where you are, while you’re waiting to get to where you want to be. After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you’re waiting for now – you’ll begin waiting for something else. That’s life! If we don’t learn to ‘wait well’, we’ll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well is what will deliver our dream. Listen: “in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Gal. 6:9). “Due season” is when God knows we’re ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that’s when it will happen – and not before.

God knows what you need, He knows when you need it, and He knows how to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust Him.

Three things will last forever;  
faith, hope and love  
and the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13

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