

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

## *October Pew Sheet*



*“Love one another, as I have loved you...”*

*[John 13:34]*

### **Harvest time – a message from Rev. Mike**

I had the privilege of leading the Harvest Services at St Giles School this week. Along with the children's

parents and families, I got to enjoy the children's creativity in displays and poems to express their awareness

of the seasons and thanks for all each season gave them.

I asked the older children what they thought of when they thought of 'Harvest'. Among the things I was

expecting, there was one boy who surprised me – he said he thought of "Joy".

Perhaps I shouldn't have been surprised, because this is a key part of our celebrations at Harvest: recognising

what has been growing to produce something good which can now be enjoyed. And in response we can

rejoice and give thanks.

We can celebrate different kinds of Harvest – it may be tangible things (crops that have grown) or it may be

less visible things that have grown and given something good. I wonder if you can take a few moments to

reflect and try to recognise what has grown in you, or the church, or the community to bring something good.

And quietly rejoice and give thanks to God for whatever you bring to mind.

Even our difficult times can be seasons when good things are growing that later we will be able to see. And

with hindsight we can recognise where God was at work.

So, I encourage you to pause and celebrate Harvest in the widest sense; to recognise, rejoice and give thanks

to God for the good things that we receive and are able to share with others.



An invitation to join St Matthew's on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, has been accepted by Renishaw Primary School. The Juniors will be making their way to Church for a special Harvest Festival service.

The school has asked for food donations to be made, which can be distributed within the community. I've been told the children are very excited!

Our Harvest Service lunch is now full!

Thank you to all who have purchased a ticket for what is sure to be a lovely afternoon.

Drinks will be available while the food is being prepared. Please make your way into the Church rooms after the service.

Please also make sure the ladies have your food order ready for next week.



WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT



St Matthew's McMillan Coffee morning on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September raised an amazing £328!

Well done to those who made it possible, through their tireless organising, serving and of course Liz's baking!

Jenny is still waiting for confirmation that funding is available 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!

## Remembrance Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November

There will be a Service of Remembrance at St Giles Church at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 10 November, held in conjunction with the Royal British Legion and Killamarsh Parish Council. All are welcome.

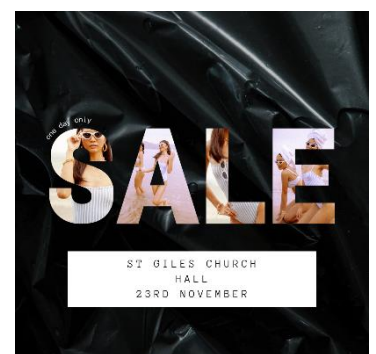


## Armistice Day, Monday 11 November

There will be an Act of Remembrance at St Giles Church at 10.45 on Monday, 11 November. It will be held outside the Memorial Window, weather permitting.

Kay Gratton and St Giles are still looking for volunteers to help with the clothing sale on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November

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





## Festival of Christmas Trees

St Giles Church will again be holding a Festival of Christmas Trees on Sunday, 8 December. Local businesses and organisations will be invited to take part, with trees decorated to reflect their business or activities. It has proved popular in the past, with the different trees attracting a lot of interest. Invitations will be sent out shortly and participants will be invited to bring their tree to church on Saturday, 7 December. Further details will be published in due course.

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

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