

October Newsletter 2022

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

October Sunday Services

Date	Time	Church	Service
02/10/22 16 th after Trinity Harvest	10.00 am	St. Giles	Harvest Service of the Word
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Harvest Holy Communion
09/10/22 17th after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Service of the Word
16/10/22 18th after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
23/10/22 Last after Trinity	10.00 am.	St. Giles	Holy Communion
	10.00 am.	St. Matthew's	Holy Communion
30/10/22 4 before Advent	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. The two fine young men returned from Cumbria Clocks on Friday 23rd September, full of hope and expectation, having brought with them the hitherto missing part of the mechanism, and the intention of completing the refitting of the clock and thus getting the clock running again. **HOORAY!**

Unfortunately, though all the requisite pieces are now in place and despite the fine young men spending a full day on the job the clock still refused to go for more than a couple of ticks and a tock. This was the cause of no small amount of frustration for the fine young men, who after a considerable amount of head scratching and no doubt soul searching, eventually had to admit defeat, and headed off over the Pennines promising to return at another time.

The death of our late Queen Elizabeth II

With the period of mourning now passed for the late Queen Elizabeth II I wonder how you have felt about being part of this unfolding history that we have been privileged to witness via the media, or indeed some of you may have travelled to London or Windsor to pay your respects to a much-respected Queen. There have been so many spoken tributes to our late Queen Elizabeth, of her service to the nation, Commonwealth and the world. Her steadfast sense of duty has offered stability during a time of unprecedented turbulence. Her deep Christian faith has provided her with a bedrock for life.

In the midst of all the official royal duties Queen Elizabeth II looked to God as His subject of His kingdom upon His earth. As head of the Church of England and defender of the Christian faith Queen Elizabeth II has been the epitome of a role model as she has lived out her Christian faith in humility, with dignity and trust.

Upon hearing the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday evening 8th September St Matthew's Church was open from 1pm-3pm on Friday and St Giles Church was open Friday at noon until 6pm, then Saturday from 10am until 4pm and Sunday from 12noon until 4pm for anyone to visit the church, to light a candle, to write in the Book of

Condolence or to offer prayers. Additionally, two very special Sunday morning services have been offered as we have mourned the loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Book of Condolence at both churches are now closed and will be archived.

Community Spirit - Ann Morton, Church Warden

I felt that I needed to say a big thank you to our community for their support and help. We depend on the village folk for their generous support maybe not at Sunday services as this isn't everyone's thing (although a warm welcome awaits if anyone wants to take part in our worship) but when St Matthew's holds any event such as our Strawberry fayre , Christmas fayre , raffles & tombola, weekly and monthly coffee mornings. People help in many ways by donating gifts, coming to support us, helping on a stall and in preparing for the event. We all enjoy the wonderful atmosphere created by working and being together. Giving is not just to the church but to the charities we support eg Aqua Boxes to purify water in drought effected countries and knitted blankets and toys for children in Gambia. We also collect our old glasses and gardening tools for use in poor countries, We have collected warm clothing and sleeping bags for the homeless. We decorate shoeboxes filled with gifts for children abroad. Our community and congregation also help us fill these boxes. We support Father Georges struggling against the elements in Madagascar, The New Hope Church Food Bank, Ashgate Hospice, Bluebell Wood, Macmillan Cancer Support and so many more . Our small congregation at St Matthew's is so generous given that we are approximately 16 people (on a good week) and over half are pensioners. We rely on the village to help out and they do. They are generous with their time and money when it's needed. We do make a difference thanks to this help and are very grateful to a group of caring people who support us weekly at coffee mornings. I'd just like to say Thank you to Renishaw a small community with a big heart. God bless you all.

Ann (church warden)

St. Luke

'Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on' – my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day – 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a 'physician' – an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms, he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, 'only Luke is with me'.

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark's Gospel may have more drama, Matthew's more prophetic background and John's a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise – indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly story-teller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours'), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling's alleged reformation, the 'prodigal' himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father's mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son's return.

There are more women in Luke's Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners' and tax-collectors, more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

by David Winter

October: This month we focus on healing, as we remember St Luke (18th October), who was a doctor by profession. The healing of the paralytic man by Jesus (Luke 5: 17-26) gives us some key principles for healing for our lives, as the man was lowered to Jesus through the roof!

Faith: It was the adventurous and persistent faith of man's four friends that brought him to Jesus to be healed. Jesus was the focus of their faith, as they trusted His ability and willingness to transform the man's life. We are also called to such trust, exercising faith in a great God!

Wholeness: Jesus' first words are surprising, "*Friend your sins are forgiven*" (20). Before anything else, Jesus wants the man's relationship with God to be right. God wants to bring wholeness to our lives, including spiritual, emotional, relational, as well as physical healing. Often, He needs to deal with sin, hurt, unforgiveness, guilt or fear before physical restoration.

Authority: Jesus challenges the Pharisees with the question, "*Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'*" (23). By healing the man's legs, Jesus not only confirms that He has authority over sin and sickness, but that He is truly God. We can confidently bring all our needs to Him prayerfully *'in the name of Jesus'*.

'Almighty God, You called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give Your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.' (Collect, Common Worship). Parish Pump

View from the Pew

A VIEW FROM MY KITCHEN!!

Having almost made the decision that I was getting past having another dog - let alone two (we've always had two). However, my husband had different ideas! We are now the proud owners of two eating, peeing and pooping machines!

In reality, they are absolutely delightful and a lot of fun, but great time wasters and take up an enormous amount of my time. Husband is, of course missing on far eastern trips and, as usual, wife gets to do the majority of the responsibilities!

They are siblings, a bitch Dotty and a dog Bumble and, to be honest, a delight to train. They are very quick learners and come brilliantly to the whistle and sit engagingly at my feet. (Bribery and corruption not

anywhere in evidence???) I have tried to teach my husband how and when to blow an encouraging whistle - hopeless – dogs take absolutely no notice! So he gets cross, the dogs sense the change of voice and it's called abandon ship and I have to start again!

Anyone who has had puppies will know the frustration of spending ages outside removing snails, leaves, sticks and any other dubious detritus that they collect in their mouths, in other words, the world is too exciting to sit down and do a pee or even a poo! Which, of course, they save until they get back to the kitchen!! Oh joy!! It is one way of using up yesterday's Times though!

Puppies need endless patience (my husband has very little!) and it is truly wonderful when they actually 'get' what you are trying to teach them. I am immensely proud of what we have managed to achieve so far (eleven weeks today) and am beginning to think that it wasn't such a bad idea after all. When they are fully vaccinated, I'll bring them over one day and you can all go 'puppy broody'. *Philippa Allan*

Henry Ford's secret

When the late Mr and Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them: "To what do you attribute your fifty years of successful married life?"

"The formula," said Ford, "is the same formula I have always used in making cars – just stick to one model. *Parish Pump*

Shoe Box Appeal

The annual Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

Once again both churches will be supporting this very worthwhile charity. Empty shoeboxes will be available to fill from October 9th. 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.

POETRY CORNER

Who needs a poem? Apparently, many people feel much better for them – either in writing them or in reading them. That is the reason for the National Day of Poetry, which wants to see "an explosion of activity

nationwide,” from kitchen tables to gardens and public spaces, “all celebrating poetry’s power to bring people together.” In recognition of this we are printing three of Ann Ward’s lovely poems this month.

Magic in the Air

There is magic in the air today
Problems seem so much lighter
People take the time to speak
And their smiles are so much brighter
Flowers lift their drooping heads
The bird song seems so loud
Blossom on the boughs smell sweet
And the trees stand tall and proud
What is this magical thing then
That makes children laugh and shout
Well if you haven’t guessed already
The sun’s come out.

Ann Ward.



Forgiveness

Sometimes to forgive maybe hard to do
Though it heals a troubled heart for you
Like a train upon a track
Keep moving forward, never back.
Forgive and soon then you will find
It eases the hurt and soothes the mind.

Ann Ward



Our Queen

A little bear called Paddington
Said come ma’am hold my hand
It’s time to rest, your work is done

As ruler of this land.
Now is the rime to let go of the reins
And pass them to someone new.
We have been so fortunate
to have had a Queen like you.
You have had your share
Of life's ups and downs
But have never let it show
You were always calm and dignified
With the smile that we all know
Now your time with us is over
And all your problems cease.
We give our heartfelt
Thanks ma'am
And may you rest in God's Peace.

Ann Ward



REDUCE

RE-USE

RECYCLE

We're probably all used to hearing the slogan "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle". We may be trying to reduce our use of the world's resources – whether by turning the heating down or buying only the right amount of food or whatever -- sometimes to cut down what we throw away or prompted by the cost of living crisis. Many of us are quite good at recycling, especially now that many supermarkets and co-ops have recycling bins for carrier bags, crisp packets and single-use plastics. However, when it come to the "Re-use" bit, we often find that much more difficult.

We may well know the traditional methods – like saving bits of soap until there are enough to squeeze together into a new bar; putting a few drops of water into the washing-up liquid bottle to use the last remains; refilling the handwash dispenser from a refill bag (saving the dispenser head which is difficult to recycle) or turning stale bread into croutons to keep in the fridge. (If you open-freeze bread and then put it in the oven at about 140deg. C for about 10 mins. until it sounds hollow when you tap it with your knuckle, it can be used like fresh bread). I once knew a lady who

put the crusts from the bread out on the windowsill to go stale and then baked them in the oven till they were hard. She used them as dog biscuits. There are lots of other ways of re-using things that may not spring straight to mind.

The most obvious are the aluminium containers and trays that come with some ready-to-cook meals or some meat. These can be washed and used as loaf/ cake tins or baking trays. The dark plastic trays, in which mushrooms and some other vegetables are sold, make useful seed trays if you cut a couple of drainage holes in the base. They're often the right size to fit on the windowsill to start seeds indoors. The transparent plastic containers they use to sell fruit can act as propagator lids. Larger trays can be used under pots etc to hold water.

Many plants are sold in trays of 6 or 10. These trays can be re-used. Refilled with compost, they are very useful for growing some seeds. For example, you can put a single bean in each one and leave them to grow until they are ready to be planted out. This stops the stress and damage that can occur with thinning out. This year, I used tweezers to gently put a tomato seed in each cell. They grew there until they were ready to go into the final pots for the greenhouse. This also works with cucumbers, marrows and courgettes etc. With Christmas coming, the 'pot' part can be cut away; painted with silver, gold, or white spray paint; and used as tree decorations or as strings of "bells". Thinking of compost, you can often "top it up" with plant food powder and use for a second or third year, before using it as soil conditioner.

Clear plastic bottles are sold as recyclable, but they can also be re-used. With the bottom cut off and the cap removed, they can be partly buried, upside down, in a plant pot and used as a water reservoir – useful to keep plants watered when away. Attractively shaped jam and marmalade jars can be painted with acrylic paint. With a battery "tea-light" in the base, they make pretty decorations. For those who make jam or pickles, these jars, with their lids, can be brought back into service, taking the right safety precautions.

This year's heatwaves have seen hosepipe bans in some parts of the country. We're fortunate that Severn Trent Water have avoided these, but we can re-use water. You may not want to alter the plumbing of your house to separate "grey" water or buy a kit to divert rainwater from your roof, but there are a few easy steps one can take. The easiest is to collect used washing up water or vegetable cooking water and use it to water

plants or flush the loo. The same is true if one empties the bath with a bucket instead of down the plughole.

Thinking a bit further “outside the (plastic) box” can bring many more ideas. Coloured magazine pictures (and adverts) can be cut and stuck on paper/card to make a collage or decoupage or to give a ‘mosaic’ tiles effect. Small pieces of torn up newsprint and paste made with flour, water and a pinch of salt can be used to make papier-maché models.

It is a shame that in these days of electronic games and our “throw-away society” some of these skills and inventive ideas have got lost. Children used to be very good at making play-things out of (virtually) any-thing. It’s good for their development too.

Wouldn’t it be great if there were nearly nothing in our burgundy bins because we were re-using almost everything? *Mike Gillingham*

A reflection

At the point of writing this reflection I pause to think about God’s creation that humanity continues to pollute and destroy which, in turn, is having horrendous implications for humans and creatures alike. We have experienced scorching heat during the summer and drought both of which have affected crops that sustain us. Climate change is affecting the melting of ice and the rising of sea levels. There are devastating floods in Pakistan and a hurricane in Florida.

The ongoing war in Ukraine continues to affect the rest of the world. Having been united with the fight against Covid 19 we are equally battling the effects of the ridiculous escalation costs of gas and electricity. The cost of living is also taking its toll.

These external forces affect every single ordinary person.

Whilst our church communities are small we nevertheless strive to help where and when we can. We care because we listen. We are alongside those whom we meet in the street, in the supermarket or at a gathering.

Harvest: Our joint harvest initiative this year is to send foodstuffs to the Hope Food bank as well as supporting Father Georges in Madagascar.

God,

I pray for wisdom as I plant my seeds and tend to my crops. I cannot do this alone, so I seek Your guidance and grace. Please help me be more diligent and energetic in my work; please bestow the value of productivity and efficiency.

I ask for a bountiful harvest so that I may feed my family. I am already so thankful for the food that we have. Nevertheless, I wish that we may be able to have more, but just enough to feed those who are in need. Amen.

Revd Mike's Golden Jubilee



Rev Mike with Bishop Malcolm after the service

Firstly, I would like to thank all those many people who helped make it such a memorable day. There are too many to mention lest I leave anyone out by accident, but I am very grateful. People helped in so many ways, from helping print the special service booklet and putting it together, to setting up the

Church and Hall, activities for the children, the service itself and a fantastic buffet afterwards, and those who took part in the service and in serving the buffet, not forgetting those who helped clear up after. For all your efforts, thank you very much.

Especial thanks are due to the Bishop of Repton who rearranged his busy diary to take part at short notice. This was particularly touching as I served most of my ministry in Sheffield and only came to Derby six years ago on my retirement. Yet he made sure he could come at what was very short notice. (Thanks also for those who "stepped in" for him, elsewhere, so he could be with us).

It was lovely to see so many people there, not only from both St Giles and St Matthew's but also from our neighbouring parish of Eckington and from Wingerworth (where I have enjoyed taking services) as well as from Frecheville, where I was Rector before retiring. Family and friends completed the day. Margaret Hall made a special cake, decorated with a Chalice and Priest's Wafer and suitably worn Bible and Prayer Book, all made out of icing!

In his sermon, Bishop Malcolm drew attention to the phrase in the Epistle reading (Romans 12: 1-12) "be transformed" that we are being changed from Glory into Glory and stressed that for all of us, whatever has been, "The best is yet to come". The Eucharist concluded with a hymn setting of the Te Deum, a hymn of praise to the Trinity. For me it was for all they have done, especially the inestimable privilege of having been a Priest for the last 50 years and (God willing) still counting!







WALKING FOR TERRI
PURPLE WALK & AWARENESS EVENT
FOR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES
SATURDAY 22ND OCT 2022
KILLAMARSH
MEET AT ST GILES CHURCH HALL AT 1PM




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TAKE A STAND
AGAINST
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE



Walking for Terri

This is a memorial event to bring the community of Killamarsh together to make a stand against Domestic Violence in Terri Harris's name.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On 22nd Oct, We will walk a route around the village, setting off from St Giles Church Hall at 1.30pm. The route will include a pause at Chandos Crescent to pay our respects to Terri, John, Lacey and Connie.

We aim to raise awareness of all the local services that support anyone who is experiencing Domestic Violence.

This event is supported by -
Terri's mother Angie
Killamarsh SNT
Jugral at New Hope Freedom Programme
The Elm Foundation
Rykneld Homes Get Involved Team
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service
Killamarsh Womles
St Giles Church

There will be stalls in the Church Hall for further information on each service. Please join us from 1pm for a chat & refreshments.

MacMillan Coffee Morning at St Matthew's Church

This was held on September 17th between 10am-12noon. There was a delightful ambience in the Community Room as many people turned out to support this extremely worthwhile charity. There was a tombola and a raffle . The home-made cakes were absolutely delicious. They were served on cake stands which added to the presentation. Special thanks go to Liz Nicholas and the wonderful team of volunteers who provided a wonderful sense of occasion. A good time was had by all. The total amount raised was £400-00. Well done indeed!

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.

11th October Charity Coffee morning

25th October Memories of Renishaw- bring an item for discussion

1st November Crafting with Sally Wheal- corn dollies and bird feeders

15th November Creating a Christmas Wreath

29th November Creating a Christmas Fascinator and millinery skills

A Service of Commemoration for the dear departed

This very special and emotive service will take place on Sunday 30th October at 6pm at St Giles Church for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one.

During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle as we hold before almighty God those for whom we love but see no longer.

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

St Giles Heritage Weekend-
Saturday 10 th , Sunday 11 th September

This weekend provided the opportunity for people to come and enjoy the history of the church. One of the first group of people to come was a family who had transferred from South Africa to England. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning about the church and they enjoyed reading the heritage leaflets. Some visitors were patrons of the church who additionally took the opportunity to browse through the old registers or magazines which were available. Many enjoyed the delicious refreshments.

Special thanks as always go to the volunteers who helped with the weekend to welcome 29 adults and 3 children on Saturday and 22 adults and 2 children on Sunday.

George Cadbury – the chocolate man with a heart for welfare

One hundred years ago, on 24th October 1922, George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's failing chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies and provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.

George was the third son of John Cadbury, a Quaker who founded Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate company. With his brother Richard, George took over the family business in 1861 and founded the chocolate producer Cadbury Brothers. But his consuming interest was in the welfare of his employees and others: having taught in an adult school he was aware that poor housing was a major problem.

One of his first moves was to relocate his factory to a greenfield site south-west of Birmingham with access to canals and the new railways. It was here that he later founded a Quaker higher educational institution – now the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre. But apart from his chocolate he is best known for his creation of a rural factory village (designed by architect William Alexander Harvey), called Bournville after the nearby river Bourn. The houses – not exclusively for factory employees – were never privately owned, and they remain attractive and affordable to the present day: a huge change from the poor living conditions in town.

Cadbury was a keen proponent of Quaker values. In 1901 he bought the *Daily News* (later the *News Chronicle*), where he campaigned for improved working conditions and social security. He was prominent in setting up the Birmingham Civic Society in 1918, and he gave a country park to the people of Birmingham, as well as a large house to the Crippled Children's Union to use as a hospital. It is now the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. *Parish Pump*

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