

ST GILES
CHURCH
CODICOTE



Newsletter November/ Lockdown 2.0

Services in November

8 th Nov	9.30 am	Streamed Service via Welwyn Team
	10.50 am	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
15 th Nov	9.30 am	Morning Service via Zoom*
22 nd Nov	9.30 am	Streamed Service via Welwyn Team
29 th Nov	9.30 am	Streamed Service via Welwyn Team
Evening Prayer is taking place on Zoom every Wednesday at 5.00pm*.		
An updated weekly sheet of readings and prayers can be found via www.stgiles-church.org.uk		
*Links for Zoom Services are sent out via the mailing list		

Remembrance

The remembrance service is available via YouTube, with grateful thanks to Alannah Hebbert for producing the video. The link is available below and also on the website:

<https://youtu.be/GRyks4QSlrE>

Friends of St Giles

Due to Lockdown, The Friends of St Giles are not able to hold the Produce Stall on Saturday November 14th; we do hope we might hold it on Saturday December 5th outside The Goat also from 9.30 am. Meanwhile Geoff Cummings is happy to take orders for walnuts and deliver! You can contact him on 820271 or email at gc@barners.me.uk. Also those who have generously offered cakes, biscuits, preserves etc please bring them for the date in December. Any queries to Janet on 820465 or janreddish@gmail.com

Christmas

Arrangements for Christmas services are under review. We are considering different venues and styles of Christmas celebrations from normal. Some services may have to be ticketed. A Christingle service is expected to take place via Zoom on Sunday 13th December at 4.00pm. This will be a topic of discussion at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting on Wednesday 11th November, itself taking place via Zoom.

Foodbank update

Christmas gifts for the Foodbank: As demand for gifts is unknown, and storage is limited - rather than donating toys and games, it would be wonderful if people could put together Christmas stockings for children instead please. Usual stocking contents such as tangerines, chocolate, small stocking toys/items would be great. (If anyone, following last week's request, has already got pens, crayons etc they are great too, thank you ... as these can be added to the stockings). With ongoing thanks from all at the Foodbank.

Harvest Festival

Many thanks for the generous gifts of foodstuffs which went to Codicote Foodbank and the monetary donations which went to the Farming Community Network, a Christian charity that seeks to support farmers and their families with a listening ear and advice.

Your generosity for both causes is especially appreciated in these difficult times. £452.50 was raised.

Lockdown 2.0

Due to the national lockdown, St. Giles Church is now closed for public worship. All the planned services within the building have been cancelled.

The Church will be open for private prayer each Sunday afternoon in November, 2.00-4.00pm. Please do come in and use the space for your own prayers and reflections. Fresh printed resources for prayer will be made available each week for collection in church, from the lych gate, and from the Vicarage gate.

Evening Prayer will continue at 5.00pm each Wednesday via Zoom, rather than in Church. It will last no more than 30minutes. The Zoom link is in the email St. Giles Morning Worship will take place via Zoom at 9.30am on Sunday **15th November**.

For worship on other Sundays in November, please use the links provided to Holy Communion services which will be streamed from one of the Welwyn Team churches.

Resources for Private Worship

A reminder that a weekly sheet of prayers and readings is available for private use. Hard copies are placed outside the Vicarage and the Church and this resource can also be found on the Church website.

The national Church of England **Living in Love and Faith** project has produced resources that will help the Church to learn how questions about human identity, relationships, marriage and sexuality fit within the bigger picture of what it means to embody a Christian vision of living holy lives in love and faith in our culture. You can join in a taster event, to help people engage with these resources in the morning of Saturday 14th November: A booking link is in the 8th November email