



October 2021 Newsletter

Services in October

	8:00 am	Said Communion
3 rd October	9:30am – 11.30am	Cafe Church in the PMH Theme: Change
10 th October	9:30 am	Holy Communion
17 th October	9:30 am	Morning Worship
24 th October	9:30 am	Holy Communion
31 st October	9:30 am	Holy Communion
	4:00 pm	Memorial Service – see below
Evening Prayer continues every Wednesday at 5 pm via Zoom (link sent by email)		
Keep up to date at www.stgiles-church.org.uk		

Upcoming Events

2 nd Oct	1.30 pm	Wedding
9 th Oct	10 am – 4 pm	Working Party
17 th Oct		“Digging Deeper” course starts-see below
19 th Oct	9:30 – 11 am	Toddler Tales trial
14 th Nov	10:50 am	Remembrance Service
21 st Nov	9:30 am	Morning Worship with Baptism Bishop Michael of Hertford visiting
		Holy Communion
28 th Nov	9:30 am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Confirmation Service St. Mary’s Welwyn

Memorial Service and Open Church

Our annual Memorial Service is at 4 pm on the 31st October, at which names of deceased loved ones will be read out loud. If you wish for specific names to be read please either email them to admin@stgiles-church.org.uk or write them on a slip of paper and post them through the post box on the Church door (available from 21st – 30th Oct). To make compiling the names easier, please only use either the admin email or Church post box, Please do not put them through my door. If possible, submissions by the 28th Oct, please.

If you just want to slip quietly in for a few minutes, and light in candle in private remembrance the church will be open from 2.15pm. A brief prayer and reading will be given on each half-hour up till 3.30pm. You may come and go as you wish.

Confirmation in the Church of England is a ceremony led by a Bishop when individuals take on for themselves the Christian faith declared by their parents and godparents at baptism (or christening). For some, not baptised as infants, baptism and confirmation come together later in life. The Bishop of Hertford will be leading a Confirmation service at St. Mary’s Welwyn on Sunday 28th November at 6.30pm. For anyone from Codicote who is interested, the “Digging Deeper” course would be good preparation. Speak to Philip for more information.

Church Improvement Project - Update

Thank you all very much for the donations thus far. We now have over £20000 in the fund. With the promise of a substantial gift from the Friends of St. Giles, we are moving towards the grant application stage. We would encourage as many individual donations as possible, however large or small, as this demonstrates to grant-makers that the project has wide support.

“Digging Deeper” with the Creeds

We recite a Creed in Church most Sundays, but what is their significance and what lies behind the words? Philip is running a course on the historic Christian Creeds over 6 sessions and you can attend in person or via Zoom. In person sessions will be on Sunday afternoons, 3.00-4.15pm, in the Parish Centre. The Zoom sessions will take place on Thursday evenings, 8.00-9.15pm. Starting Sunday 17th October in person, and the following Thursday on Zoom. Please contact Emily to register interest.

Toddler Tales (name under consideration)

We are looking to re-start our group for pre-school aged children and their parents/carers over two years since Play and Praise sadly stopped. We are in need of people to help with tea/coffee, baking cake and running story time. Please contact Emily if you feel you can help us.

Open PCC session in Datchworth Church Hall

St. Giles PCC is holding a special event to reflect on what we stand for as a Church and to re-set the compass for our life together post-Covid. It would be valuable for us to examine what we regard as of primary importance, so that we can focus our resources going forward. The Revd Harry Steele, the Diocesan Church Growth Officer for Hertfordshire, has agreed to lead this on **Saturday 30th October** from 9.30am-12.30pm, with lunch supplied at 12.30, so we can end our session informally before returning home. This is open to anyone from St. Giles.

Church Working Party

In the Churchyard (or the Church if wet) to tidy up. 10am - 4pm **Saturday 9th October**. Many hands make light work! Please come along even if for a short time.

Village Day - Thank You!

A big thank you to the mammoth effort put into our Village Day celebrations. It was brilliant, raising £300 for the Church Improvement Project. If you have any photos of the day and would give permission to post them on the website, please send them to Emily

If you would like to attend please email Emily