



September 2021 Newsletter

Services in September

	8:00 am	Said Communion
5 th September	10:30 am	Cafe Church in the Vicarage Garden Theme: tba
12 th September	9:30 am	Holy Communion
19 th September	9:30 am	Morning Worship
26 th September – Harvest Festival	9:30 am	All Age Worship
Evening Prayer continues every Wednesday at 5 pm via Zoom		
*Zoom links are sent with the weekly notices email to those on the mailing list. Keep up to date at www.stgiles-church.org.uk		

Upcoming Events

3 rd Sept		Coffee Shop returns!
4 th Sept		Feedback from Lent Groups
11 th Sept		Bike and Hike
18 th Sept		Village Day
25 th Sept		Wedding
2 nd Oct		Wedding

Dates for your Diary

3 rd October	8:00 am	Said Communion
	10:30am	Cafe Church in the PMH
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	9.30am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Memorial Service

St Giles has been appointed a Curate!

We are delighted to announce that Christie and Ryan Gilfeather have been appointed to serve their curacies in the Welwyn Team Ministry. Christie will be a stipendiary minister working throughout the Welwyn Team. Ryan will be serving on a self supporting basis and will mainly be based in Codicote. They begin their curacies after their ordination as deacons on 3rd July 2022.

Bike and Hike

Annual fundraiser for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Collect sponsors to walk or hike around open churches.
If you can help keep our church open for visitors please speak to Jill Pearce.

Harvest Festival – All Age Worship

26th September @ 9.30am
Gifts of money are invited in support of the Farming Community Network.
Gifts of tinned/packet food are welcome for Codicote Foodbank.

Codicote Foodbank

The foodbank needs more volunteers, if you can help please speak to Jill Pearce.

Easing of Restrictions at St Giles

All legal restrictions have been removed. We have entered into a context of “personal responsibility”.
From 5th – 19th September

Recommended practices:

- people invited to gel their hands on entry to and exit from church
- doors left open if not too cold, to improve ventilation

Changes to recent practices:

- stop keeping a register of attendance
- congregational singing allowed without face masks
- grow more relaxed about social distancing and sharing the Peace
- Communion offered from front altar rail, but still only the bread
- return to using real bread for Communion

Church Improvement Project

Huge thanks for the donations received from many in St.Giles. More gifts, and repeat gifts, welcome. We now have more than 50% of the estimated cost covered and can begin to apply for grants.

Sound desk / Screens Training

Rob has offered to do some training for the screens / sound desk / streaming after the service on the 12th September. Please let Emily know if you wish to attend – admin@stgiles-church.org.uk

Afghan Refugee Appeal

There is a local group working with refugees: Herts Welcomes Refugees. If you wish to donate you can do so through the link in your email.

Village Day

Help needed 9-10 am to decorate the church and churchyard with balloons, bunting etc
And in the afternoon, in hourly stints, from 2.30-5.30pm to serve cream teas in the churchyard.
Also help needed to supervise teddies on a zip wire from the church tower, 3-5pm
Cakes, scones etc also requested please.
Sign-up sheets in church.