



# Newsletter September 2020

## St. Giles Church is now re-opened for Services

An updated weekly sheet of readings and prayers can be found via [www.stgiles-church.org.uk](http://www.stgiles-church.org.uk)

### SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	10.30 am	Café Church via Zoom*
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion in Church
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	9.30 am	Morning Service via Zoom*
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	9.30 am	All-age Harvest Festival Holy Communion in Church

\*Links for Zoom Services are sent out via the mailing list

#### Harvest Festival Gifts

Gifts of foodstuffs will go to Codicote Foodbank. Some suggestions of suitable items to bring will be advertised later in the month.

Gifts of money will go 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 appreciated.

#### Bike 'n' Hike

This has normally taken place on the second Saturday in September, as a sponsored event in support of local churches and the Historic Churches and Chapels Trust. However, because of COVID-19, churches are not going to be staffed, and many are likely to be closed to visitors. It is still possible to be sponsored to walk or cycle around churches, but will rely on each person's honesty about where they have been! Jill Pearce has sponsor forms if you would like one (tel. 01438 820579).

As participation rate is likely to be much lower than normal this year, St Giles has decided to hold a retiring collection on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept** to give everyone an opportunity to contribute to this cause. Please look out for this and consider your response.

#### Resources for Private Worship

We are continuing to print a weekly sheet of prayers, readings and reflection. These can be found in plastic wallets pinned to the Vicarage gatepost and to the Church lychgate. Please take one yourself to use during the week. What about taking a second copy, and dropping one round to someone who hasn't been able to come to Church on Sunday?

#### Upcoming Events

9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.45pm - **PCC in Church**

**Giles Coffee Shop** – A trial restart of the Coffee Shop is being planned for 25<sup>th</sup> September

#### Evening Prayer

This is taking place in Church every Wednesday at 5.00pm - open to all.

#### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's APCM was postponed from April because of the suspension of all church gatherings under the lockdown. It will now take place in Church on Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> October at 3 pm** in a socially-distanced manner. Please come along and join us as we review the year 2019 and take a look ahead. There will be time for questions and discussion - and refreshments (we hope).

We are grateful that several church members have continued to hold office beyond their normal term, due to the impossibility of holding this Meeting.

We need to elect/appoint people to important roles in the life of the Church.

2 Church Wardens (1 if Jane Palmer is happy to continue)

4 PCC members

2 Deanery Synod members

1 PCC Secretary (you do not need to be on the PCC to fulfil this role)

Nomination Forms will shortly be made available from back of church and via the website.

#### Ordination - Selina Evans

Selina is to be ordained as a priest on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at St John's, Digswell. Attendance is strictly limited, but do please pray for Selina as she prepares for this next stage in her vocation and ministry.

#### New post for Dominic Holroyd-Thomas

Dominic has served as a curate in the Welwyn Team for the past 3+ years. He has visited Codicote on a few occasions. He has been appointed as Rector of Ampthill and Steppingley, and leaves Welwyn on 13<sup>th</sup> September. We wish him well in his new post.

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