

# St Giles' Church

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5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

St Giles' church has a loop for people with hearing aids - set your switch to 'T'



Please take this sheet home with you 😊

Enquiries for Child Baptism, Weddings, Banns of Marriage or other matters - please email Fr Nicholas on Office email

Churchwardens :

Doris Avbulimen, Deborah Dairo & Phyllis McLaughlin

Musical Director: Ashley Valentine Head Server: Cuthbert Rogers

### Welcome to St Giles' Church



We try to be a welcoming, open, inclusive, friendly community church



- a Home for a worshipping Church of England congregation
- a Place for music & the arts, for gathering & community use
- a Space of beauty, rest & refreshment

Are you visiting - or here for first time at St Giles' ? - you are very welcome 😊

Toilets are in the Crypt, down the stairs in the entrance porch where you came in.

- To keep in touch or to arrange pastoral phone calls or visits - Please Text Fr Nicholas on 07771 603 217 (Text only)

We are in the anglo-catholic tradition of the Church of England, and we support the ministry of all.

#### TODAY:

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8am Mass & 10am Parish Mass Mothers' Union Meeting after mass

#### This week:

Wednesday 10am Mass

#### Next Sunday:

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8am Mass & 10am Parish Mass Men's Group Meeting after mass

Thank you for being with us today may you know God's presence and peace throughout this week

We pray for all who cannot be with us

we continue to wish everyone a VERY HAPPY EASTER SEASON

#### St Giles' Annual General Meeting Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 12 Noon

In preparation for the AGM: there will be a meeting of the PCC on 19<sup>th</sup> May

Draft Electoral Roll 2024 is at the back of church today - if your name does not appear there and you wish to join the Roll ask Fr Nicholas for an application form & return it by next week (12<sup>th</sup> May) - the completed 2024 Roll will be published 19<sup>th</sup> May

#### Walsingham Pilgrimage 2024 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

please see Doris or Bamie to book your place and start making payments.

This years cost for £250 per person (Children £150)

**Praying for the conflict between Israel and Gaza** We pray for the work of the United Nations in bringing countries together to make peace and to bring much needed relief to those who are in need of humanitarian aid. We pray that the conflict will not spread, there will be a ceasefire, and that all hostages may be released soon. We pray for all innocent civilians who are caught up in the conflict.

**Praying with the people of Ukraine** The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace (Psalm 29.10) God of strength and peace, send your blessing on the people of Ukraine. Sustain them in their struggles, hold them in their fear, protect them from all danger; and be for them the hope they desire; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

#### Regular Giving (Stewardship)

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Please help us by moving to use on-line giving to St Giles' for regular Stewardship Payments

for one-off gifts

Please ask for the bank details by emailing the parish office

(please put your name as a reference)

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If you pay tax - please Gift-Aid your regular donation - ask for a form or email office to request one

For cash offerings

TODAY use a small BROWN envelope (or put loose in the basket

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To make a one-off Gift-Aid Donation (of over £20) TODAY - use a PINK envelope

Readings Next Week: The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

O.T. Reading: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

N.T. Reading: 1 John 5.9-13

Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

Camberwell Choir School (with fun music sessions)

Saturdays in term time - St Giles' Parish Hall (Benhill Rd)

New Children always welcome - details at the back of church

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Blessed are you, Lord God, who through your Son  
has revealed your great love for us  
and in his resurrection gave us a Friend and a Saviour.

We rejoice in your presence this day  
with the joy and the freedom of the children of God.  
Blessed are you, our God for ever.

As you have called us to be friends,  
to reveal your love and the joy of your presence,  
we come with sorrow for the divisions  
of the Church and the world.

We seek forgiveness for rivalry and disunity within the Church.

Lord, strengthen us in love  
and lead us to a unity that reflects that we are one in you.

May any divisions within our community be healed  
and well-being restored.

Silence

Lord, as you love us,  
**help us to love one another.**

We come before you as part of a world  
caught up in violence, war, hatred, greed and hunger.  
There are people who are oppressed and treated as slaves.  
There are people who are counted as nothing,  
rejected and unloved.

Lord, forgive us and change us.  
Strengthen all who work for the peace and well-being of all.  
May we share in the care of all suffering people.

Silence

Lord, as you love us,  
**help us to love one another.**



We give you thanks for all our loved ones,  
for their generosity and sacrifice for us.

**We remember all who feel unloved and unwanted.**

We pray for homes where there is hatred or violence,  
where there is little respect for each other,  
where there is neglect.

We ask your blessing upon all who have been taken into care.

Silence

Lord, as you love us,  
**help us to love one another.**

**Lord of love, we remember before you all who are lonely.**

We ask your blessing upon those who are ill or injured.

We pray for all who are raging against life  
and all who are not at peace with themselves or the world.

We pray for all who have hardened their hearts against love.

Silence

Lord, as you love us,  
**help us to love one another.**

We rejoice in your saving love  
and that you have called us to eternal life.

**We remember loved ones departed from us.**

**As we give thanks for their friendship**  
we pray that they may know you as their friend  
in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Entrance Hymn:** see separate sheet

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: **The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.**

## OPENING PRAYER

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-48

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

Psalm 97

### RESPONSE:

**The Lord has shown salvation to the nations**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord who has worked wonders. Whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known salvation; Has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

## SECOND READING

I John 5.1-6

*A reading from the first letter of St. John*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born

of God conquers the world. **And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.** Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus risen Lord of Life!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **All Repeat: Alleluia.....**  
**.....Jesus Christ.....Jesus Christ.....**  
**.....Jesus Christ.....Jesus Christ**

## GOSPEL READING

John 15. 9-17

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: **Glory to you O Lord***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn:** see separate sheet

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, accept our prayers and offerings. **Make us worthy of your sacraments of love** by granting us your forgiveness. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymn:** see separate sheet

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: **may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,** through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Final Hymn:** see separate sheet



## HYMNS - Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Entrance Hymn

1. Angel-voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee Lord of might.
2. Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can see,  
can it be that thou regardest  
our poor hymnody?  
Yes, we know that thou art near us  
and wilt hear us constantly.
3. Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure all combine.
4. In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest psalmody.
5. Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven render thee.

*Francis Pott (1832-1909) alt.*

## Offertory Hymn

1. Jerusalem the golden,  
with milk and honey blest,  
beneath thy contemplation  
sink heart and voice oppressed.  
I know not, ah, I know not  
what joys await us there,  
what radiancy of glory,  
what bliss beyond compare.
  
2. They stand, those halls of Sion,  
all jubilant with song,  
and bright with many angels,  
and all the martyr throng;  
the prince is ever in them,  
the daylight is serene;  
the pastures of the blessed  
are decked in glorious sheen.
  
3. There is the throne of David;  
and there, from care released,  
the shout of them that triumph,  
the song of them that feast;  
and they, who with their leader  
have fully run the race,  
are robed in white for ever  
before their Saviour's face.
  
4. O sweet and blessed country,  
shall I e'er see thy face?  
O sweet and blessed country,  
shall I e'er win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes!  
The Lord shall be thy part:  
his only, his for ever,  
thou shalt be, and thou art!

*from 'De Contemptu Mundi' by St. Bernard of Cluny  
(12th century) trans. John Mason Neale  
(1818-1866) alt.*



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## Communion Hymn

1. God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of thy face;  
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
fill thy Church with light divine;  
and thy saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.
2. Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
be by all that live adored;  
let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour King;  
at thy feet their tribute pay,  
and thy holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to us his blessing give,  
we to God devoted live;  
all below, and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) based on Psalm 67, alt.*

## Final Hymn

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
whò wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessèd peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)  
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*