



St Giles' Church

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The 7th Sunday of Easter

The Sunday after The Ascension

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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 7th Sunday of Easter (The Sunday after Ascension Day)

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

This week:

Please note there is NO 10am Mass this week

Next Sunday:

The Feast of Pentecost

8am Mass & 10am Parish Mass PCC Meeting after Mass

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

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

St Giles' Annual General Meeting Sunday 26th May at 12 Noon

In preparation for the AGM: there will be a meeting of the PCC on 19th 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 today (12th May) – the completed 2024 Roll will be published next week (19th May)

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2024 Friday 16th to Sunday 18th 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.

Readings Next Week: The 7th 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

YEAR B

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

You are always with us
and ready to hear our prayers.

You have called us by our name
and wait for us to turn to you.

You have chosen us to work with you
and you seek to fill us with your Spirit.

Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We give you thanks for men and women of prayer
who have revealed your love
and helped us to know of your presence.

We remember before you
all who are evangelists and ministers,
all who proclaim your love for us.

May we share in the ministry and the outreach
of your Church.

Silence

Lord, as we wait upon you,
hear our prayer.

We bring before you the troubles and the sadness
of our world.

We pray for all who have lost their vision,
who are blind to goodness
and unaware of your presence or your love.

We remember especially
all who feel that life is without purpose and meaningless.

Silence

Lord, as we wait upon you,
hear our prayer.

We thank you for all who love us,
for our families and our friends.

We know that you reveal your love through their love.
We ask your blessing on homes where there is little love
or where there is violence and neglect.
May we welcome you into our homes
and into our friendships.

Silence

Lord, as we wait upon you,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks to all who have been called
to share in your healing powers.

Bless all doctors and nurses,
all who work in hospitals or are part of ambulance crews.
We remember before you all who are struggling with life,
those who are ill or lonely, anxious or depressed.

Silence

Lord, as we wait upon you,
hear our prayer.

We rejoice that our Lord shares in our prayers
and makes intercession for us in heaven.

We pray for all our loved ones who have died
and are now in your keeping.

Silence

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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

(The Sunday after Ascension Day)

Entrance Hymn: see separate sheet

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lord, hear my voice when I call to you. My heart has prompted me to seek your face; I seek it Lord; do not hide from me, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1.15-17,21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people).

He said,

'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

Then they prayed and said,

'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.'

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM

Psalms 97

RESPONSE: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

1. My soul give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless God's holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all God's blessings. R.

2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is God's love for the God-fearing.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our sins. R.

3. The Lord has set his throne in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling God's word. R.

SECOND READING

1 John 5.9-13

A reading from the first letter of St John

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in

their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 17.6-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

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

Offertory Hymn: see separate sheet

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, accept the prayers and gifts we offer in faith and love. May this eucharist bring us to your glory. Amen.

Communion Hymn: see separate sheet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn: see separate sheet

HYMNS for The 7th Sunday of Easter **(The Sunday after The Feast of The ascension)**

Entrance Hymn

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Offertory Hymn

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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This hymn was chosen by **Regina Adelaja**
To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the death of her Father
Chrispin George Feyishara Gomez R.I.P.

Communion Hymn

TUNE NEH ²³⁴ II

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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Final Hymn

Tune: 'Duke Street' NEH 322

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true
King.
2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us
kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's
reign.
3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us
forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
4. Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word:
he claims our minds to search his ways;
he claims our lips to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts to sing his praise.
5. We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn (b. 1919)