



The Parish of Camberwell: St Giles with St Matthew
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St Giles' Church

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The Feast of Pentecost

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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 Feast of Pentecost

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

This week:

Wednesday 10am Mass

Next Sunday:

The Feast of The Holy Trinity

8am Mass & 10am Parish Mass

St Giles' Annual General Meeting 12 Noon

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 Next Sunday 26th May at 12 Noon

In preparation for the AGM: there is a meeting of the PCC TODAY

The Electoral Roll 2024 is published today

Nomination forms for PCC Members election and Choice by election of Churchwardens

Saturday 29th June 'Bring & Share' Parish Party in Parish Hall (Benhill Road)

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.

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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Readings Next Week: The Feast of The Holy Trinity

O.T. Reading:

Isaiah 6.1-8

N.T. Reading:

Romans 8.12-17

Gospel Reading:

John 3.1-17

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

Pentecost

YEAR B

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Your Spirit comes to our weakness with his power.

In the strength of your Spirit
you enable us to live and work
to your praise and glory.

May we who have received the gifts of the Spirit
use them for the benefit of your creation
and to reveal your love in the world.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord, as we rejoice in the coming of the Spirit
we give thanks for all who proclaim
your presence and power.

We remember all preachers and evangelists,
all who celebrate the sacraments and minister to us.
May all your people share fully
in forwarding the Gospel and revealing your love.

Silence

We rejoice that you fill our world.

Your Spirit is with us.

Lord, you give great gifts and talents to your people.

We ask you to bless and guide all leaders
of nations and peoples,
all who make decisions that will affect our lives
and the future of the world.

We pray for scientists and research workers,
for all who work in providing us with news
or influence us through the press and television.

Silence

We rejoice that you fill our world.

Your Spirit is with us.

We give thanks that your Holy Spirit
came upon the disciples in an ordinary home.
Bless our homes with your presence
and grant that there we may grow in the fruits of the Spirit.
Let us know you are with our loved ones and us.
Protect us from all evil
and guide us by your Spirit
in the ways of peace and love.

Silence

We rejoice that you fill our world.
Your Spirit is with us.

Lord of life, we remember all who are dis-spirited,
the distressed, the depressed and despairing,
all who have lost hope or joy in their lives.
We pray for all who fear the future,
all who have lost sight of you and your love.
We remember also all who are struggling
with poverty or hunger,
the homeless and the refugee.
We pray for all who are ill.

Silence

We rejoice that you fill our world.
Your Spirit is with us.

We give you praise, Lord, giver of life and life eternal.
We rejoice that you renew, refresh and restore us.
We remember in your presence
your blessed saints and our loved ones departed;
may light perpetual shine upon them
as they share in the glory of your kingdom.

Silence

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

Pentecost

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

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in The Spirit's holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

PSALM

Psalm 103

RESPONSE: *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth*

1. **Bless the Lord, my soul!** Lord God, how great you are, how many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R.**
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**
3. May the glory of the lord last for ever ! May the Lord rejoice in creation.

May my thoughts be pleasing to God.

I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.22-27

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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

Entrance 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.**

Entrance Hymn: See separate sheet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn: See separate sheet

HYMNS for The Feast of Pentecost

Entrance Hymn

Tune NEH 185

1. Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is ev'ry hour's existence,
sov'reign Lord of time and space.
2. Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love – as sisters, brothers –
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.
3. Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

Stewart Cross (1928-1989)

Offertory Hymn

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with
thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it,
thy holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes
in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become
mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass
the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) trans. Richard F. Littledale
(1833-1890) alt.*

Communion Hymn

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b. 1957)

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Final Hymn

1. O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.
2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.
3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.
4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) based on Leviticus 6:13