



**ST GILES CHURCH**  
KINDNESS COMPASSION COMMUNITY  
IN CHRIST'S LOVE

**Sunday July 3rd, 10.30am**

Don't forget ... we have just one service this Sunday morning, at 10.30am, when we will be livestreaming Rev Jo Parker's ordination at Coventry Cathedral.

You are also welcome to attend the service at Coventry Cathedral but please make sure you are seated by 10.15am

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**Other services this week:**

Sunday July 3rd at 5pm – Holy Communion

Monday to Thursday, 8–8.30am Quiet Morning Prayer

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### Rev Jo's Celebration Lunch

On Sunday, **July 10th** there will be just **one service, at 10.30am**, when Rev Jo will preside over Holy Communion for the first time. There will be no other services on this date to give us opportunity to gather as a whole church family

To celebrate Rev Jo's ordination the service will be followed by lunch in the main hall. Please do join us to mark this every special event for Rev Jo and for St Giles.

*If you are able to help with the help by setting up or clearing up, or if you are able to bring food and drink please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.*

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**Bible readings for this week**



### **Luke 10:1-11**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to

you. Heal those there who are ill and tell them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God has come near.”

‘Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.’

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, ‘Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.’

He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’



### **2 Kings 5:1–14**

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria!

He would cure him of his leprosy.”

Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: “With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.”

As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”

But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.

Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.

Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed’!” So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

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## Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

Pray for all who provide food for the hungry poor at home and abroad.  
Pray for our political leaders that they may learn to make better provision for those living in poverty.  
Pray for the physical and mental wellbeing of all people struggling to meet the rising cost of living.

**Creator God**  
**Grant to us, like Thomas, who have not seen,**  
**That we may also believe**  
**And confess Christ as our Lord and our God.**  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYERS and HOME COMMUNION**

To add a name the prayer list or arrange Home Communion please  
contact

Penny in the parish office 024 7636 8008.

### **The PRAYER CHAIN**

If you or anyone you know, needs prayer urgently call **Chris on 07717 523512** who will pass your request through the chain.

# Collect for this week

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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## Please keep in touch

We'd love to know what you're up to and if there's anything you would like adding to the newsletter

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**Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm**

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