



ST GILES CHURCH
KINDNESS COMPASSION COMMUNITY
IN CHRIST'S LOVE

Sunday May 28th

Mourning lost friends

This week we have the sad task of saying farewell to two much-loved members of the St Giles family - Roy Cogley and Brian Payne.

Roy's funeral is at 9.45am on Tuesday, May 30th and Brian's memorial service is at 2.30pm on Wednesday, May 31st - both at St Giles Church.

Services this week

Sunday May 28th - Pentecost

8am Quiet Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

11.30am All Age Communion

Don't forget to join us for quiet morning prayer from 8am - 8.30am on Monday to Thursday and for compline at 7pm on Tuesday



Our fabulous **Green Genies** are planning to make the most of the promised good weather by both preparing the churchyard borders and planting out the begonias in one session.

So grab your gardening gloves and your sunscreen and join them on **Saturday, June 3rd, from 9.30am** to get our beautiful churchyard summer ready again.

If you want to find out more call Kathryn on 024 7667 3325 or Robert and Jackie on 024 7636 2168 or just turn up, trowel in hand!



A CONCERT BY THE UNIQUE

**STONELEIGH
MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**Musical Director: Alan Biddle
Conductor: Judy Hadfield**

**3rd June 2023 at 7.00pm
ST GILES CHURCH, EXHALL, CV7 9GZ**

**Tickets £10, including light refreshments
To book, call 07905 297713 or
07512 850604**

Bible readings for this week



Acts 2: 1 – 21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?

Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

John 20: 19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’

After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’



Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

Pray that as a Church and as individuals we may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pray for peace and stability in the world.

Pray for all who communicate through sign language.

Pray for those we know in need of God’s healing touch.

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your Church with life and power,
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

Elizabeth Ann Head (1850-1936)

PRAYERS and HOME COMMUNION

To add a name to 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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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