

ST GILES CHURCH
KINDNESS COMPASSION COMMUNITY
IN CHRIST'S LOVE

Sunday April 28th 2024

ANNUAL MEETING

Don't forget it is our APCM this Sunday.

We will meet in the **main hall** for a shortened service at **10.30am**, followed by the meeting.

Copies of the [Annual Report](#) and [Financial Report](#) are available by clicking on these links or via the website.

There will be a service of Holy Communion in church at 5pm.



MIND YOUR STEP

Please be careful when negotiating the scaffolding around the church tower! In the interests of safety please use the path around the back of church to get to and from the small hall. While the work is going ahead, the vestry door will be open on Sundays to allow access to the church.

Services next week:
Wednesday May 1st
10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday May 5th
10am Holy Communion
11.45am All Age Worship
5pm Evensong



CHURCH YARD TIDYING

We're meeting this Saturday, April 27th, to tidy our church yard.

We meet at 9.30am and would love as many people as possible to join us.

Home Groups

Our Home Groups are starting up again next month.

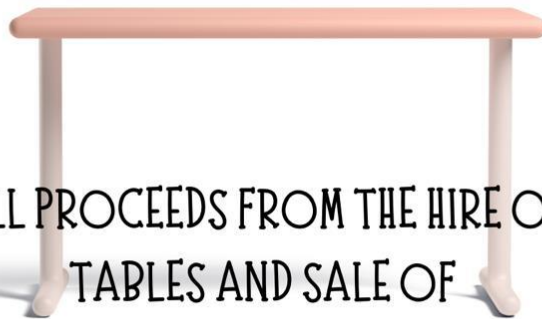
The **Wednesday Group** will meet for the first time on May 1st at 7pm in the small hall and will follow a similar theme to last term's *Watch and Pray*. Venues may change from week to week but the first meeting will be here at St Giles.

The **Tuesday Group** will meet for the first time on May 7th at 7.30pm in the Vicarage following compline in church at 7pm.

TABLE TOP SALE

ST GILES CHURCH HALL CV7 9GZ

Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Clothes,
Bags, Refreshments and lots
more!



ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE HIRE OF
TABLES AND SALE OF
REFRESHMENTS GO TO THE MARY
ANN EVANS HOSPICE

**SATURDAY 25TH MAY FROM
12 NOON TILL 2:00PM**

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday June 5th

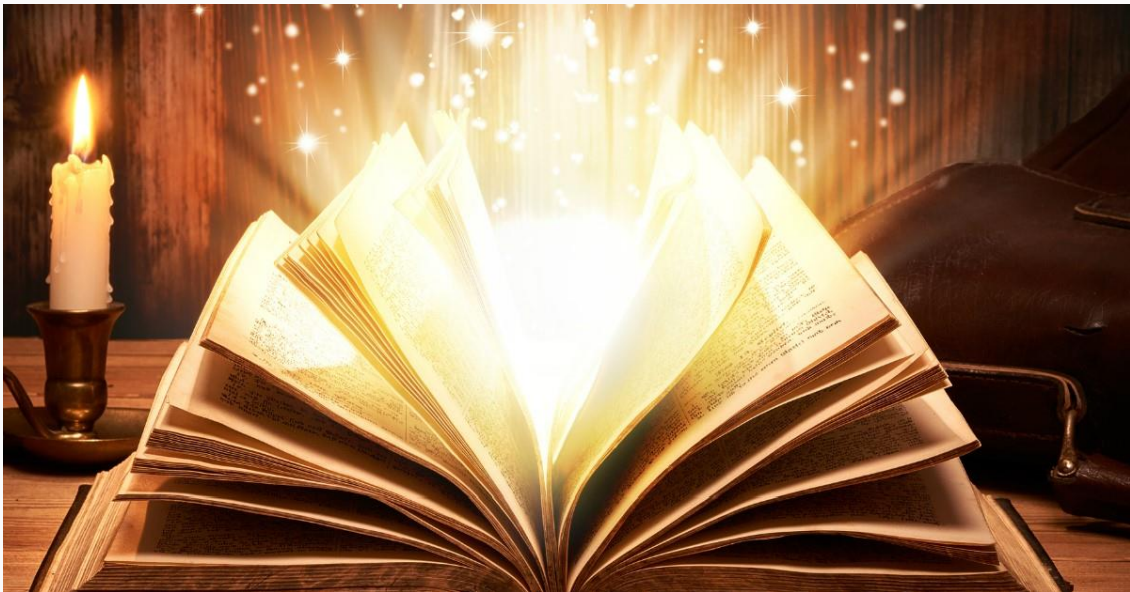
Coffee Morning with live music, raffles and much much more

June 6th is the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

To mark the event, our *Coffee Craft and Conversation* group is planning a memorial event from 11.30am - 1.30pm

There is no entry fee but donations are welcome and will be given to *Combat Stress*, a mental health support charity for veterans.

Bible readings for this week



Acts 8: 26 - 40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road - the desert road - that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians').

This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

‘He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth.’

The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?’ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?’ And he gave orders to stop the chariot.

Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

John 15: 1 - 8

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

- Pray for the work of the Church Urban Fund.
- Pray for peace and reconciliation in the Ukraine and Gaza.
- Give thanks and pray for our new PCC members.
- Pray for those involved in medical research.

*Whatever you did for the least
of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.*

Matthew 25:49

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

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

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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