



# **ST GILES CHURCH HORSTED KEYNES**

Parish Priest: The Revd. David Murdoch

Curate: The Revd. Peter Sutton

**Mothering Sunday**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2024



*Welcome to St Giles Church as we praise God and thank Him for his goodness towards us. We hope you will join us as we share fellowship over tea and coffee at the end of the Eucharist.*

*Please stand as the clergy and server process to the Altar*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**     *All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all*

Each little flower that opens  
Each little bird that sings  
He made their glowing colours  
He made their tiny wings  
*All things bright and beautiful....*

The purple-headed mountain  
The river running by  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky  
*All things bright and beautiful....'*

The cold wind in the winter  
The pleasant summer sun  
The ripe fruits in the garden  
He made them every one

*All things bright and beautiful...*

The tall trees in the greenwood  
The meadows for our play  
The rushes by the water  
To gather every day  
*All things bright and beautiful....*

He gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty  
Who has made all things well  
*All things bright and beautiful....*

*Please remain standing at the end of the hymn.*

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

#### **THE GREETING**

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All: and also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

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#### **THE PILGRIM COURSE for the Christian Journey**

#### **Turning to Christ: a course**

Our Lent Course this year is a course which will help us learn more about the Christian Faith. There are 2 options available, one on Wednesday evenings at the Martindale Centre at 7.30p.m. and one on Thursdays at 2.00p.m. at 20, Hamsland with the Life and Faith Group. Booklets will be available at each group. All welcome!

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5.00p.m. in church each Saturday from 17<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Come and join us for a short time of reflection as we follow the events of the last hours of Jesus' time on earth with scripture readings, meditations and prayers and recognise their meaning in our lives today.

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORK SPRING SUPPER Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Wivelsfield Village Hall, 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. Tickets £17.50 plus paying bar.** Come and enjoy a St. Patrick's themed supper and hear about the work of F.S.W. Tickets available at [admin@familysupportwork.org](mailto:admin@familysupportwork.org)

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**Recently departed:**, Ron Cook; Ron's funeral will be on Friday 15 March Church;

11.00am at St. Giles

Tim Westlake, Tim's funeral will be on Friday 5th April at Church.

11:00am at St. Giles

**Anniversaries of death:** Peter Watson, Eric Lamport

## LENT 2024

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### PRAYERS of PENITENCE

Priest: We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight and chosen what displeased him. Yet as a mother comforts her child, so shall the Lord himself comfort us. So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

As a father is tender towards his children, so is the Lord tender to Lord, have mercy.

those that fear him:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: He will not always be chiding, nor will he keep his anger for ever:

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

Priest: I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child upon its mother's Lord, have mercy.

breast is my soul within me:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

you to everlasting life, through Jesus

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer, with the words Let us pray,*

### THE COLLECT

Priest Let us pray

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **All: Amen.**

us and hold us all the days of our life,

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD** *Please sit*

**FIRST READING:** *Galatians 5. 22-25.*

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL READING:**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord. *John 19: 25b-27***

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**SERMON followed by music for reflection**

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. GILES**

MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00a.m. Prayer for the Annex	TUESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup>	3.30p.m. HKafe in the
Martindale	WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m. First Steps in the Martindale		
	10.00a.m. Eucharist in Church		
	7.30p.m. The Pilgrim Course Lent Group in the M.C.		
THURSDAY 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00p.m. The Pilgrim Course (Life and Faith Group)		
FRIDAY 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. St. Giles School Worship in Church		
SATURDAY 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.00p.m. Stations of the Cross in Church		
<b>SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>	<b>Passiontide begins</b>	8.00a.m.
	Holy Communion (Said)	10.00a.m. Parish Eucharist (Sung)	

Father David's working days this week are Tuesday afternoon to Friday morning. If you need to speak to him when he is not there, please leave a telephone message (790317) or email on [revdave@timicomail.co.uk](mailto:revdave@timicomail.co.uk) For urgent matters call one of our wardens Barbara Fairweather, 01825 790375 or John Whiting, 01825 791132

Father Peter is available to us in the parish for two days per week. Key working times will often be Sunday morning and some part of Wednesdays and Fridays, but it will, of course, be flexible as to what is happening that week. He may also be contacted on dedicated parish phone & email, but please bear in mind he may not be able to respond immediately – His contact details are [frpetersutton@outlook.com](mailto:frpetersutton@outlook.com) or 07936 021801

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**In our community:** for all who live in Cinder Hill Lane; Our Clergy and our Churchwardens; St Giles School, its pupils, families, staff and governors.

**For healing:** Pam Brimfield, Roger & Kim Chaplin, Emmeline, Peter Farr, Sylvie Hewitt, Clive Hills, Jenny Johnson James Lassis, Esme McNaughton, Pam and John Newman, Linda Owen, Elaine Seears, Janet Slater, Ann Statham. Benjamin

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN** *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

The light that shines is the light of love,  
Lights the darkness from above,  
It shines on me and it shines on you, and shows what the power of love can do.  
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,  
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.  
Where there's a dark corner in this land.  
I'm gonna let my little light shine. *This little light of mine,....*

On Monday he gave me the gift of love,  
Tuesday, peace came from above,  
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,  
On Thursday he gave me a little more grace.  
On Friday he told me to watch and pray,  
On Saturday he told me just what to say,  
On Sunday he gave me the power divine  
To let my little light shine. *This little light of mine,....*

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## COMMISSION

**Priest:** Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**All:** **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

**All:** **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in  
Christ?

**All:** **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**All:** **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak,  
and by seeking peace and justice?

**All:** **With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*

**PRAYERS of INTERCESSIONS with the Response: You love us mothering God**

When we cry you rock us - when we are hungry, you feed us.   **R**  
When we are lost you find us - when we are happy, you laugh with   us   **R**  
As we grow you respect us - when we leave home you bless us.   **R**

## CHRIST FEEDS US

### THE PEACE *(please stand)*

Priest: Jesus said, 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister and mother.' As we have opportunity, let us work for good to all, especially to members of the household of faith.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### HYMN

*There will be a collection from the pews. Our charitable Collection during March and April is in support of the **Red Cross Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal**. This neutral and impartial charity is working with the Red Crescent and local contacts to bring relief to the civilian people in Gaza who are homeless bereaved, injured, lacking medical care and access to clean water. Almost the entire population is projected to experience food insecurity, and the threat of famine is looming. Please put any donations into the orange envelopes and Gift Aid, if appropriate. There is a machine for electronic donations at the back of church.*

*The Altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

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**All: Amen**

*The people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing.*

*Silence is kept.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.                                   **All: Amen**

## NOTICES

## WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD

### BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

Priest May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and the blessing of God, the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen**

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.



seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Giles and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Priest Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

**All** We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

#### **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Priest God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All** Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Body of Christ.

**All: Amen**

The Blood of Christ

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Sing we of the blessed Mother  
Who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to his summons  
Bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary  
At whose breast that child was fed,  
Who is Son of God eternal  
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
Of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
She his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of man's redemption  
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary  
When she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
Waited on his promised word:  
From on high the blazing glory  
Of the Spirit's presence came,  
Heavenly breath of God's own being,

Manifest through wind and flame.  
Sing the greatest joy of Mary  
When on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
Brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.

*Please remain standing as the priest says the prayer over the gifts.*

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour. And now we give you thanks because in his earthly childhood you entrusted him to the care of a human family. In Mary and Joseph you give us an example of love and devotion to him, and also a pattern of family life.

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And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, god of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be