

St Giles' Church

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The 4th Sunday of Easter

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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 3rd Sunday of Easter

8am Mass & 10am Parish Mass

12 Noon 30th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving for Ajibola and Olushola

This week:

Wednesday 10am Mass

Next Sunday:

The 5th Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Mass (please note there is NO 8am Mass this week)

Regular Giving (Stewardship)

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)

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)

To make a one-off Gift-Aid Donation (of over £20) TODAY - use a PINK envelope

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

we continue to wish everyone a VERY HAPPY EASTER SEASON

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.

Readings Next Week: The 5th Sunday of Easter

O.T. Reading: Acts 8.26-40

N.T. Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

YEAR B

Blessed are you, Lord our God.
When we were lost in our sin
you sent our Lord as the Good Shepherd to bring us home.
He descended into the depths to raise us to the heights;
he tasted death for us to know eternal life.
Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We give thanks for all who are called
to be shepherds of your people,
all who are guides and protectors.
We remember bishops and especially our bishop;
we pray for all priests and especially our own pastors
Bless all who teach us the faith
and help us to walk in the way of holiness.

Silence

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall fear no evil.

We ask you to give courage and strength
to all who work in the emergency services.
We pray for all ambulance crews and paramedics,
for air and sea rescue services
and for coastguards.
We remember the police and the fire crews.
Bless, O Lord, all who work
for the relief of poverty and suffering
among the poor of our world.

Silence

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall fear no evil.

We give you thanks
for the safety and comfort of our homes.

We ask you to protect our loved ones
and guide them in the ways of peace.

Give wisdom and love to all who work
in the social services.

Comfort all who are lonely or feel unwanted.

Silence

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall fear no evil.

God of love, we remember all
who have been involved in accidents this week.
We pray for all who have been injured
and those who are bereaved.

We pray for those who have gone into hospital
and all who are ill at home.

Silence

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall fear no evil.

Good and gracious God,
you have rescued us from the darkness of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

We bring before you all our friends and loved ones
who are now with you in your kingdom.

Lord, grant them your love and light.

Silence

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

The 4th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn: see separate sheet

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia !

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

PSALM

Psalm 117

RESPONSE: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord who is good, for God's love endures for ever.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in mortals; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in rulers. **R.**

2. I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We will bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for God's love endures for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

I John 3.16 - 24

A reading from the first letter of St. John

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus risen Lord of Life!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **All Repeat: Alleluia.....**

.....Jesus Christ.....Jesus Christ.....

.....Jesus Christ.....Jesus Christ Repeat: **Alleluia, alleluia.....**

GOSPEL READING

John 10.11 - 18

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away - because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

Offertory Hymn: see separate sheet

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, restore us by these Easter mysteries. May the continuing work of our redeemer bring us eternal joy. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn: see separate sheet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: see separate sheet

HYMNS for The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, not questions how;
though the cloud from
sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?
3. Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.
William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Offertory Hymn

1. Who are these like stars appearing,
these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing:
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia, hark, they sing,
praising loud their heav'nly King.
2. Who are these in dazzling brightness,
clothed in God's own righteousness,
these, whose robes of purest whiteness
shall their lustre still possess,
still untouched by time's rude hand –
whence came all this glorious band?
3. These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph by the Lamb have gained.
4. These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.
5. These, th' Almighty contemplating,
did as priests before him stand,
soul and body always waiting
day and night at his command:
now in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

*Heinrich Theobald Schenck (1656-1727) trans. Frances
Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897) based on Revelation 7:13*

Communion Hymn

1. Jérusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, ah, I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many angels,
and all the martyr throng;
the prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessèd
are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they, who with their leader
have fully run the race,
are robed in white for ever
before their Saviour's face.

4. O sweet and blessèd country,
shall I e'er see thy face?
O sweet and blessèd country,
shall I e'er win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
his only, his for ever,
thou shalt be, and thou art!

*from 'De Contemptu Mundi' by St. Bernard of Cluny
(12th century) trans. John Mason Neale
(1818-1866) alt.*

Final Hymn

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word;
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.
4. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord,
give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)