



The Diocese of
Southwark

The Parish of Camberwell: St Giles with St Matthew
www.stgilescamberwell.org

St Giles' Church

Parish Office Telephone: **020 7703 4504**

81, Camberwell Church Street, London SE5 8RB

Email: office@camberwellparish.org.uk

Vicar: Fr Nicholas George

Clergy Assistants: Mtr Isoline Russell & Fr Peter Clark

Priest in Charge of St Matthew's: Fr Stanley Njoka

28th April 2024

The 5th Sunday of Easter

St Giles' church has a loop for people with hearing aids – set your switch to 'T'



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 5th Sunday of Easter

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

5pm to 7pm Silent Film Comedy with Live Piano Music by Ashley – see posters for details of ticket prices

This week:

Please note there is no Mass on Wednesday

Saturday 2pm Wedding of Jessica Reid and Guy Bates

Next Sunday:

The 6th Sunday of Easter

8am Mass & 10am Parish Mass Mothers' Union Meeting after mass

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**

Please note: St Giles' Annual General Meeting will be Sunday 26th May at 12 Noon
and in preparation there will be a meeting of the PCC the week before – on 19th May

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 6th Sunday of Easter
O.T. Reading: Acts 10.44-48
N.T. Reading: 1 John 5.1-6
Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

YEAR B

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for you have created us out of your love
and for your love.

We know that we abide in you
and that you are in us
by the Spirit that you have given us.
As you love us, help us to love one another,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord, bless the Church with the knowledge
of your indwelling presence.

May we learn to abide in you
and know that you are in us.

Give wisdom to all who go out in mission
and all who preach your word.

We pray for the young in the faith,
that they will be given the opportunity
to grow and bear fruit.

We remember all study groups, Bible classes
and Sunday schools.

Silence

Lord, you abide in us;
we ask that we may abide in you.

We remember the nations of the world
and especially those who are not at peace at this time.

We ask your guidance on all who care
for the world's poor, refugees and war-torn peoples.

We pray for the time when the kingdoms of this world
may become the kingdom of Christ our Lord.

Silence

Lord, you abide in us;
we ask that we may abide in you.

We give thanks for all who have shared their faith with us.

In our turn may we also bear fruit
and bring others to the love and presence of our God.

Lord, bless our homes with the glory of your presence.

Help us to live in and share your peace.

Silence

Lord, you abide in us;
we ask that we may abide in you.

We bring before you all who doubt or despair,
all who are surrounded by darkness or illness.

May they come into the light of your love
and know that you are with them.

We ask you to bless all who have been involved
in accidents or in violence this week.

Give courage and hope to all
who seek to bring your healing and peace.

Silence

Lord, you abide in us;
we ask that we may abide in you.

Lord, you abide with us through life
and we abide with you through death.

In your love you have given us eternal life
through Christ our risen Lord.

We give you thanks for this great gift.

We ask that you bless all our loved ones departed
with the joy of your love and your presence.

Silence

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

The 5th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn: see separate sheet

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went.

Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading? He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptised?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, 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 snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM

Psalm 22.25-31

RESPONSE:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear God.
The poor shall eat and have their fill.
Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations shall bow down in awe;
They shall bow down in awe, all the mighty of the earth,
all who must die and go down to the dust. **R.**
3. My soul shall live for God and my children too shall serve.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come;
Declare to those unborn the faithfulness of God:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

SECOND READING

1 John 4.7-21

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: **God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. **Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.**

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. **We love because he first loved us.**

Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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.....

GOSPEL READING

John 15.1-8

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. **Abide in me as I abide in you.** Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. **Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,** because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, **that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.**

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

Offertory Hymn: see separate sheet

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God, by this holy exchange of gifts you share with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn: see separate sheet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: **grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;** who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: see separate sheet

HYMNS for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Tune NEH 408

Entrance Hymn

1. Praise the Lord, ye heav'ns, adore him!
Praise him, angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made.
2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious:
never shall his promise fail.
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation,
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!
3. Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer to thy name;
young and old, thy praise expressing,
join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heav'n adore thee,
we would bow before thy throne;
as thine angels serve before thee,
so on earth thy will be done.

*vs. 1 and 2: from 'Foundling Hospital Collection' (1796)
v. 3: Edward Osler (1798-1863)*

Offertory Hymn

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem,
the Root, whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.
3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends each burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.
5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Communion Hymn

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Final Hymn

TUNE NEH 205

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we gather,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

3. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessèd to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

4. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

*'Urbs beata Jerusalem' (c. 7th century)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.*