

Welcome to St Giles' and St George's Church

We hope you enjoy the service. We offer many different services and if you would like to know more, please just ask. Additionally if you would like any information or would just like to talk or pray with someone, please speak to the Service Leader or somebody wearing a name badge.

Life Explored

We are starting a new inquirer's course on 7 October. It has a different approach to our faith and is a great opportunity to come along with a friend. Please contact Nico for more information or to offer to help with the team.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson

nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

Theology for Everyone St Mellitus' FaithTrack

**Thursdays. 3 Oct - 28 Nov
10-12 or 8-10pm, Dell Centre**

We are really excited to start a new St Mellitus' College course on Faith! We will be streaming the teaching from St Mellitus College. During the Autumn term we will be looking at different aspects of Church life in 8 sessions. We'll have one hour teaching, followed by a 45 minute discussion in groups. We will do the same course twice every Thursday, once at 10am-12 and we'll repeat it at 8-10pm. Everyone's welcome! Please email Nico to sign up.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson

nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

Baptism and Confirmation Sunday 3 Nov, 6pm, SGCC

We look forward to our annual service of baptism and confirmation with Bishop Jo. Please come along to support our candidates and those from other parishes.

Rev. Richard Jones

richard.jones@ashteadparish.org

Welcome Tea

**Sunday 20 Oct
3pm, Dell Centre**



If you are new to the parish, or would like to find out more about the church, please do come along. There will be an opportunity to chat and get to know others, in a relaxed setting over tea and cake. All ages are welcome and there is a play area for children. If you would like to come please use the contact details below.

John Cooper, 200866

ministrypa@ashteadparish.org

Light party

**Thursday 31 Oct
4.30 - 6pm, Dell Centre**

An event for families to enjoy games, craft, food and an 'alternative' Halloween message. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you can help with groups, setting up craft, preparing food or other activities, please contact Jaynie or Linda.

Jaynie Kendall

jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org

Families Lunch Club October half term

Over the summer we trialled offering lunches to low income families in Ashtead. We are progressing this and aim to run two lunches in October half term; 31 Oct & 1 Nov. If you would like to know more, offer food or help in some way, please contact Sharon or Leah.

Sharon Seal

sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

Please Pray For.....

To pray with others, please come to First Thursday Prayers, 3 October, 8pm, SGCC.

Church

The 'Imaginators' Holiday Club and Light Party taking place during half term, for Jaynie and the volunteer team as they prepare and lead and for all the children who attend.

The adults and teenagers who are preparing for baptism and/or confirmation in early November and for those who support them in their preparation.

Our finance team and treasurer as they manage church finances, as we continue to be wise stewards. As we consider Giving during our teaching series this month, please pray we may all review our financial giving as part of our discipleship.

Our ministry to those in the wider community and for all those who have an occasional connection with the church, that they will always feel warmly welcomed and encouraged to explore faith further. Especially pray for the Oasis 'Secret Cinema' event and the Life Explored Enquirers Course.

Community

All who work to keep our communities safe, especially the police and justice system as they deal with those who have broken the law as well as victims of crime. Please also pray for all those who work to support and rehabilitate offenders.

As we participate in Prisons Week this month, 13-19 Oct, please pray for our parish link with Send prison, those who go as volunteers and the work of the chaplaincy there.

Those who live and work in local care homes, that they may feel supported and not lonely.

World

All those affected by Hurricane Dorian in the Caribbean and for the necessary aid and support as they start to rebuild devastated lives.

Our government and the leaders of the EU as the Brexit deadline approaches, for wisdom, clear dialogue and a constructive approach to negotiations.

All who work with refugees and migrants, especially in areas where many are gathered, as well as for those making dangerous journeys to reach a new country, that they may be treated with compassion.



Spiritual Growth

Quiet Day

Saturday 12 Oct, 10am - 4pm, Dell Centre

A day led by Brian Draper, briandraper.org, where there will be times to reflect, walk and pray with Brian. Cost £10.

Please book a place by contacting Sharon Seal



The Promises of God....Rest

Wednesday 23 Oct, 10am - 12 noon, Dell Centre

Led by Antonia Lynn, we will look at how God promises us Rest and how we might put into practice all that we receive.

Please book a place by contacting Sharon Seal.



Oberammergau

7 - 14 Aug 2020

There are still a few places left on our trip to see The Passion Play. If you would like to know more, please contact Sharon Seal.



Sharon Seal, 813200
sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

**Holiday Club
IMAGINATORS**

Join us for an action packed programme with craft, games, music, stories and lots of fun!

28th, 29th, 30th
October 2019

9.30am-
12.30pm

Reception
- yr6

The Dell
Centre

More information contact
childrensministry@ashteadparish.org

 

Christian Aid

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Raspberry Tea in August, we raised £716.

Betty Waterhouse
waterhouse.betty@virginmedia.com

Christmas Classic Carol Concert

Friday 20 Dec, 5pm, SGCC

Please join our trip to the Barbican for this wonderful concert. Tickets are £30, which includes the cost of the coach.

valerie.beau@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Notices



**Monday 30 Sept
7.45pm, Dell Centre**

We'll explore our roles as fathers and grandfathers and how our style of parenting influences our children. We'll discuss the way our fathers have shaped our lives through their approach to parenting.

info@shedtime.men



**Friday 4 Oct
9.15 - 10.30am, SGCC**

Mamma Mia! ... deconstructed!!

A chance to look at the film we all love from a new perspective, exploring themes, characters, fashion and more ...

October 4 - Following your dreams

October 18 - Act your age!

All ladies aged 20-50 welcome, no charge, no booking required. Free care for the under 5s and home schooled children, coffee and cake provided, fun guaranteed!

Maxine Simpson, 272177

maxinesimpson2003@yahoo.co.uk

Evergreen

**Wednesday 9 Oct
2.30 - 4.15pm, SGCC**

We look forward to welcoming you to an enjoyable afternoon of companionship and music with The Nightingale Singers, followed by tea, raffle and thought for the day from Barrie Mould. Lifts available, call Gill Laver 275260.

Jacqui Kershaw, 813200

jacqueline.kershaw@ashteadparish.org

Link Group

Thursday 10 Oct, 7.30pm, SGCC

We welcome David Baker and his co-pioneers to talk about Rye Brook Meadows. Souvenirs designed by local artist Cathy Brett will be on sale in aid of the Wetlands project. We are delighted to see visitors and refreshments will follow the talk. Do come along and join us!

Gail Arch, 274508

**Flix for adults with a Disability
Saturday 12 Oct, 2pm, SGCC**

Our film for October is **Finding Nemo**, please note 2pm start.

Dee Peck, 07759 707872

deempeck@gmail.com

High Tea

Sunday 13 Oct, 4.15pm, Dell Centre

Please join us for a High Tea followed by Choral Communion at St Giles', There is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Giles'.

Nigel Boniface

nigelboniface@hotmail.co.uk

Mission trip to Thailand

Thursday 17 Oct, 7pm, Dell Centre

Come and explore the mission trip planned for Nov 2020. Two weeks of living and teaching on the northwest Thai-Burma border. Real people, a real situation.

John or Gwynneth Cooper

gwynneth.john@gmail.com

Ashtead Churches' Men's Breakfast

Saturday 19 Oct, 8 - 9.30am, SGCC

Please join us to welcome Gail Linehan from St Raphael's Hospice. The title of Gail's talk is 'Preparing for the End'. Cereals & bacon butties breakfast for £3. All men are very welcome; do come and join us, no need to let us know in advance.

ashteadmensbreakfast@gmail.com

Archie Coates

Sunday 20 Oct, 6pm, SGCC

Our former curate Archie Coates, now vicar at St Peter's Church, Brighton, will speak at The Six. Many of us have happy memories of Archie and look forward to re-connecting.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson

nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

Parish Notices



**Thursday
24 Oct
10am, SGCC**

We welcome everyone to our branch meeting with coffee at 10am, followed by a talk by Lynda Williams on people and daily life in Japan. Anyone is welcome to join us, you do not have to be a member.

Barbara Laird, 273368

**Autumn Jazz
Thursday 24 Oct
12.15 - 1.30pm, SGCC**



Autumn Jazz is here to build you up with a scrumptious meal in the café and perhaps a treat. Let Dolores and her friends entertain you with some smooth, traditional Jazz beats. Try our Book Exchange; come and browse, donations welcome.

**Rosie Bennett
rclbennett@hotmail.com**

**Evergreen Plus - Games
Thursday 24 Oct, 2 - 3.30pm, SGCC**

We look forward to welcoming you for an enjoyable afternoon of games with friends and refreshments. Lifts available. For transport call Barbara Kelley 276844.

**Jacqui Kershaw, 813200
jacqueline.kershaw@ashteadparish.org**



**Thursday 24 Oct
4.15 - 6pm, Dell Centre**

Messy Church is a time for people of all ages to enjoy being together, making things, sharing a meal and learning more about God. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Jaynie Kendall, 813965
jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org**

**Annual Bereavement Service
Sunday 3 Nov, 3pm, St Giles'**

A time when we can remember those we have lost recently as well as in times past.

**Sharon Seal, 813200
sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org**

**Annual ALDAG Quiz
Friday 8 Nov, 7.30pm, Dell Centre**

Come and join us for our annual quiz, if you haven't been before you don't know what you're missing! Bring along a table of eight or join one of our tables. Quiz Master Peter Speller. Tickets are £15, which includes a fish and chip supper. Please bring your own drinks. Everyone very welcome, no experience necessary! Please contact Pam to book your place.

**Pam Walden, 275466
info@aldag.org.uk**

**A taste of Syria
Saturday 9 Nov
7 - 10.30pm, Dell Centre**

Come and enjoy Syrian food, music and culture laid on by local Syrians and help raise money to support refugees living locally. Tickets are £20, bring your own drinks. To book visit the website below.

**ashteadchurchescommunitytrust.com
Jo Sherring
joanna@sherringevents.co.uk**

**Saturday 16 Nov
9am, SGCC**



Following breakfast at 9am, Lucinda Smith will speak on 'Confident and Unashamed', www.lucindasmith.online. All Ladies welcome. Tickets are £5, available at services from 20 October, the parish office or www.sgsgashtead.com/tickets.

claire436whittaker@btinternet.com

Parish Diary

Morning Prayer, weekdays, 9-9.20am, St George's Church

Wednesday 2 Oct	The Ark	10am - 11.30am	SGCC
Thursday 3 Oct	St Mellitus' FaithTrack	10am - 12pm	Dell Centre
	Holy Communion	11am - 12pm	St Giles' Church
	First Thursday Prayers	8pm - 9.15pm	SGCC
	St Mellitus' FaithTrack	8pm - 10pm	Dell Centre
Friday 4 Oct	Oasis	9.15am - 10.30am	SGCC
Saturday 5 Oct	Secret Cinema	6.45pm - 11pm	SGCC
Monday 7 Oct	Little Flames	10am - 11.30am	Dell Centre
	Life Explored	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Dell Centre
Wednesday 9 Oct	The Ark	10am - 11.30am	SGCC
	Evergreen	2.30pm - 4.15pm	SGCC
Thursday 10 Oct	St Mellitus' FaithTrack	10am - 12pm	Dell Centre
	Link Group	7.30pm - 9pm	SGCC
	Church Community Prayer	8pm - 10pm	SGCC
	St Mellitus' FaithTrack	8pm - 10pm	Dell Centre
Saturday 12 Oct	Quiet Day	10am - 4pm	Dell Centre
Sunday 13 Oct	8am & 10am Breakfast	8am - 9.30am	Dell Centre
	High Tea	4.15pm - 6pm	Dell Centre
Monday 14 Oct	Little Flames	10am - 11.30am	Dell Centre
	Horizon	2pm - 4pm	Dell Centre
	Life Explored	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Dell Centre
Wednesday 16 Oct	The Ark	10am - 11.30am	SGCC
Thursday 17 Oct	St Mellitus' FaithTrack	10am - 12pm	Dell Centre
	Mission trip to Thailand	7pm - 8pm	Dell Centre
	Church Community Prayer	8pm - 10pm	SGCC
	St Mellitus' FaithTrack	8pm - 10pm	Dell Centre

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Morning Prayer, weekdays, 9-9.20am, St George's Church

Friday 18 Oct	Oasis	9.15am - 10.30am	SGCC
Saturday 19 Oct	Ashted Men's Breakfast	8am - 9.30am	SGCC
Sunday 20 Oct	Welcome Tea	3pm - 5pm	Dell Centre
Monday 21 Oct	Little Flames	10am - 11.30am	Dell Centre
	Life Explored	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Dell Centre
	Contemplative Prayer	8pm - 9pm	St Giles' Church
Wednesday 23 Oct	The Ark	10am - 11.30am	SGCC
	The Promises of God....Rest	10am - 12pm	Dell Centre
	Citizens Advice Bureau	11am - 12.30pm	SGCC
Thursday 24 Oct	Mothers Union	10am - 12pm	SGCC
	St Mellitus' FaithTrack	10am - 12pm	Dell Centre
	Autumn Jazz in the café	12.15pm - 1.30pm	SGCC
	Evergreen Plus - Games	2pm - 3.30pm	SGCC
	Messy Church	4.15pm - 6pm	Dell Centre
	Church Community Prayer	8pm - 10pm	SGCC
	St Mellitus' FaithTrack	8pm - 10pm	Dell Centre
Monday 28 Oct	Holiday Club	9am - 12.30pm	Dell Centre
Tuesday 29 Oct	Holiday Club	9am - 12.30pm	Dell Centre
	Police Surgery	10am - 11am	SGCC
Wednesday 30 Oct	Holiday Club	9am - 12.30pm	Dell Centre
	House & Life Movie Night	6pm - 10pm	Dell Centre
Thursday 31 Oct	Light Party	4.30pm - 6pm	Dell Centre
	Church Community Prayer	8pm - 10pm	SGCC

Groups at SGSG Ashtead

Ashtead Churches

Men's Breakfast

A group for men from all the churches in Ashtead. All ages, backgrounds and interests are very welcome including non-church goers, neighbours and friends. Breakfast of cereals and bacon butties is included for £3.

ashteadmensbreakfast@gmail.com

Church Community Prayer

An opportunity to meet for worship, listening prayer and intercessory prayer.

Rosemary Bull, 273647
rosemarybull@talktalk.net

Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice provides a monthly drop-in session for advice at SGCC. Booking is not necessary.

Julie Newham,
blfproject@camv.org.uk

Contemplative Prayer

An opportunity to be still and reflect on our relationship with God. To help us there will be words, music, silence, quotes and prayers. Takes place monthly.

Sharon Seal, 813200
sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

Evergreen

For friendship and entertainment. Evergreen is a social group for seniors. There is always a warm welcome and a cup of tea. For transport call Gill Laver 275260.

Jacqui Kershaw, 813200
Jacqueline.Kershaw@ashteadparish.org

Evergreen Plus Games Afternoon

Social events with board games, beetle drive and tea and biscuits! For more details and lifts contact:

Jacqui Kershaw, 813200
Jacqueline.Kershaw@ashteadparish.org

Flames Flix

Takes place every month during term time. Family film, popcorn, sweets, drinks and DVD giveaway. For families with young children. All free!

Jaynie Kendall, 813965
jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org

Flix for Adults with a Disability

Film viewings for adults with a disability. For more information please contact:

Dee Peck, 805182
deempeck@gmail.com

Horizon

A support group for those who have been bereaved recently.

Sue Balaam, 274153
fiworb1@gmail.com

Horizon Lunch Club

Horizon lunch club is a group for those who have been bereaved more than three years.

Peter and Vivienne Longhurst, 815626

Kindle

A social group for those aged 25-35. If you would like to join us, or would like more information about being part of Kindle, please let us know. You would be very welcome.

Nico Ohlsson, 07387 015646
kindle@ashteadparish.org

Groups at SGSG Ashtead

Link Group

Link group is a friendly, sociable group for ladies over fifty. Activities include monthly meetings with a speaker, outings, fundraising for charity and special seasonal events. Visitors are always very welcome.

Gail Arch, 274508

Little Flames Toddler Group

Crafts, sensory play, singing, a short Bible story and interactive prayer. All pre-school children and their parent/carers welcome.

Jaynie Kendall, 813965

jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org

Mothers' Union

Open to all men and women who care deeply about family life, the wellbeing of children and the enabling of women to improve their own and their family's welfare. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. Refreshments available.

Carol Kester, 276711

j.kester@btinternet.com

Oasis

A friendly women's group that meets fortnightly on Fridays during term time. For women in their 20s, 30s and 40s to enjoy coffee and homemade cakes. Each term there is a new 'theme', so check the website and fliers for more information. A free well-equipped crèche for any pre-schoolers is also available.

Maxine Simpson, 272177

maxinesimpson2003@yahoo.co.uk

www.sgsgashtead.com/oasis

Shed Time

Shed Time is a regular forum looking at some of the important issues facing men in the modern world. It's an opportunity to be challenged, to be inspired and to network with other like-minded men. For our next event please visit the website.

Andy Thacker, info@shedtime.men

www.sgsgashtead.com/shedtime

The Ark

Join us during term-time for play, followed by singing together. All children up to the age of four and parents/carers welcome.

Jaynie Kendall, 813965

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Tonic

Tonic is a programme of occasional events for ladies. As well as informative talks, we have organised meals and exciting & challenging activities. For our latest events please look on the church website.

Claire Whittaker

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www.sgsgashtead.com/tonic

Triple SG

A ministry group for 18-25s which includes housegroup-style weekly meetings and fun socials in the holidays — from pub quizzes to scavenger hunts and barbecues.

Bella Kraushaar, 275395

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For further information please visit the website or pick up a leaflet at either church

www.sgsgashtead.com/groups

Mission Focus - Nazareth way

Over the last few years St Giles' and St George's has supported the work of The Nazareth Way at HMP Send. The charity supports financially the work of chaplaincy at Send and other prisons in Surrey. It has provided many additional items that mean a lot to prisoners: Bibles, music CDs and Christian books for the chapel, course materials, small grants to prisoners with little or no outside support, mentor training for volunteers, eggs at Easter and gift bags, telephone credit to make all-important extra calls to family and children at Christmas and numerous other items which say to prisoners, "You matter".

Making Connections

Making Connections (MC) is a programme developed at Send, which provides those discharged from prison with plans for the future and information on how to access support, gain a mentor in the community and find a church that will encourage and support them. Without such help many quickly return to their old ways and end up re-offending. Financed by The Nazareth Way, volunteer mentors are recruited and trained to help prisoners prepare for release. A supplementary discharge grant is provided and a mentor in the community is identified. In the years you have been supporting the Nazareth Way, over 500 women have been helped by the MC programme. A Ministry of Justice study demonstrated that for 100 typical prisoners, re-offending in the 12 months after release was at 16% for those who undertook MC, compared to 28% in a statistically matched sample. Offences committed were 31 against 106, statistically significant in both cases.

The Future of Making Connections

Following this early success the vision now, with the full backing of the Ministry of Justice, is to expand MC to three other women's prisons in Surrey and Kent. It has already been started at HMP Coldingley. This requires a significant increase in resources but God is making the way clear. Some additional funding has been secured but more will be needed. The MC programme needs improved structure, standardisation and documentation. New mentors at the prisons will be recruited and trained and the programme implemented. The Rev. Lesley Mason, Chaplain of HMP Send who initiated MC, will be taking this on and will reduce her duties at Send to accommodate this. This is exciting for Lesley and the team at Send and is a beacon to all of Christian love and commitment.

Thanks

The trustees of the Nazareth Way wish to thank members of St Giles' and St George's for their continued support of The Nazareth Way and ask you to pray for all the work of chaplaincy at Send and for the expansion of Making Connections to other prisons in the next few years.

Mission Focus - Music in Ministry



Supporting The Church Behind Bars

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Music in Ministry Trust.

A highlight of this year was a day we put on in the North West area for those who are regularly involved or would like to be involved in music in prisons. We held it inside Thorn Cross Prison in Warrington and had a great day of worship/teaching/prayer and fellowship. Already connections made have brought practical blessings to local prisons including musicians to help with worship services and a gift of a PA for HMP Preston.

People involved in these ministries are often isolated from one another and away from church on Sundays so don't get fellowship, so it was a great opportunity for fellowship and encouragement. We've had great feedback and been asked to make it an annual event.

What can I do?

Pray for:

- ◇ The 'Church behind bars' that faces many pressures from without and within, that their faith wouldn't fail.
- ◇ Bibles study groups in prisons that the Word of God would come alive, increase faith and bring abundant life.
- ◇ The many managing chaplains from different faiths, that they would have grace to help the Christian church to prosper.

Visit:

Talk to us about coming in to prison. It may not be for you but it will help your prayers and give you a better understanding of the church behind bars. Some people come in with us occasionally to help on the team. To be a regular prison volunteer requires a calling and patience.



The Message version of Matthew 25 describes those in prison as 'the overlooked and ignored'; we have found that just a friendly face and normal conversation can change the week for an inmate. It is a great privilege when you get to pray for individuals but often you don't know the outcome. We meet prisoners sometimes years later in other prisons who tell us our prayers were key at that time in their lives, so we take encouragement and look to the Lord to continue His wonderful transforming work.

This autumn we have services and concerts in Leicester, Send, Coldingley, Wandsworth and Springhall prisons and we are very grateful for all the prayers that support us as we go.

Bryn & Sally
info@musicinministry.uk

Contacts and Information



Parish Reception

Church and room bookings
Weekdays 9am - 4.30pm, Tel: 813964
reception@ashteadparish.org

Parish Office

Weddings, baptisms, funerals and finance
Weekdays 9am - 2pm, Tel: 813332
parish.office@ashteadparish.org

Café

Weekdays 9am - 2.30pm, Tel: 803088

Parish Manager

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Church Matters!

The copy deadline for the **November** issue is 11am on **Thursday 17 October**.

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Media

Friend us on Facebook to keep up with the latest news and events:

www.facebook.com/ashteadparish

Check the website for children's groups, sermons, parish updates and more:

www.sgsgashtead.com

Christmas cards

Christmas cards will soon be on sale at both churches. 98% have a Christian message and every penny raised will go to parish funds.

Pamela Metcalfe, 274162
pmetcalfe@mail.com

Scripture Union

Please collect Bible Reading Notes from pigeon holes.

Carol Kester
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Every Day with Jesus

Nov / Dec 2019

EDWJ notes will be ready for collection from pigeonholes on Sunday 13 October.

Jean Hampstead, 275983
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Christian Resources Exhibition

Sandown Park, 15-17 October

creonline.co.uk

