

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.

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1 Dec, 6pm, St Giles'

A choral-led candlelit service offering carols, readings and time to reflect.



Making Christingles

Friday 6 Dec, 4pm-5.30pm, SGCC

We will be making around 250 Christingles to prepare for the service. Please come along to help if you can, children welcome too as it's a lovely activity to do together.

Jaynie Kendall, 813965

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Christingle Service

Saturday 7 Dec, 4pm, SGCC



All are warmly welcome to this creative and atmospheric service, particularly suitable for families and children.

Advent with the Youth & Children's Choir

Sunday 15 Dec, 6pm, St Giles'

Please join us to celebrate Advent with the youth & children's choir.

All-Age Services

Sunday 22 Dec

Come to the 10am at St Giles' to join in with the dress up nativity. An all-age Christmas celebration will be held at the 11am at St George's.

Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight

**Sunday 22 Dec
6pm, St Giles'**

A beautiful choir-led service.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

For more information about our services please visit our website, sgsgashtead.com or our Facebook page, facebook.com/ashteadparish. Please pick up flyers from St Giles' or St George's and share them with friends and neighbours. Our normal services will run through December, with the exception of 26 Dec, when there will be no services, and Sunday 29 Dec:

10.30am St Giles' Traditional Communion

10.30am St George's All-age Service

6pm St George's The Six



Mince Pies

Hundreds of mince pies are needed for our four Christmas Eve services. Please leave your mince pie donations either in the entrance porch at St Giles' or at St George's Reception.

Carol Kester, 276711

You're Welcome Back Sunday 12 Jan

After Christmas we will have a special seeker friendly service, "You're welcome back". Please bring friends, details on sgsgashtead.com/welcome.

Please Pray For.....

To pray with others, please come to First Thursday Prayers, 5 December, 8pm, SGCC.

Church

All who will come through our churches during the Christmas season, that they may feel welcome and encouraged to continue 'Following the Star' once Christmas is over. Please also pray for all those involved in organising and leading our services and for our staff team in the run up to Christmas.

Each of us during Advent, that we may know the peace, love and joy of Christ afresh.

Rosie, Fiona and all who work in the cafés , as they welcome and serve many people during this busy time.

Our outreach to schools in the parish, as many of them hold their carol services in St Giles' and St George's.

All who work to keep our churches, buildings and grounds attractive and in good order, including those who clean, who decorate with flowers and those who work in the churchyard.

Community

Those who run businesses and shops in Ashted, at a time of year that is often key to their success.

People in our locality who find the Christmas season difficult or lonely, and those who seek to support them, including the parish pastoral team, BESOM and Ashted Good Neighbours.

All in our area who are preparing for Election Day on 12 December, including candidates and those campaigning for them, and those overseeing the administration of polling stations and counting votes.

World

The General Election on 12 December, for truthful and respectful debate and for all who work to ensure this is a fair process. Give thanks that we are able to have a free choice as to who we vote for.

For good relationships between different denominations and religions, as we focus on the peace that Jesus brings.

For world leaders as they strive to work together, often faced with difficult decisions. Pray especially for the NATO summit taking place in London.



Spiritual Growth

Contemplative Prayer

Monday 16 December, 8pm - 9pm, St Giles' Church

Candlelit and with live music, a few moments to step aside from the busyness of life and be still before God.



The Promises of God.....Heaven

Wednesday 22 January, 10am - 12, Dell Centre

Led by Canon Margaret Marsh, please book your place with Sharon Seal.



Sharon Seal, 813200
sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

Mission Focus - Alternatives Trust



Listen – Care – Support
Holistic Help in a Hurting World

For many years we have supported Alternatives Trust East London, which started in 1994 and is based in the London Borough of Newham.

Its charitable objectives are the physical and mental health of women, especially relating to pregnancy.

The centre has around 3,000 client visits a year. It offers advice and signposting, donated clothing and equipment for babies and children, emergency food (710 bags last year), counselling and support around pregnancy choices and loss.

We are Family

The main activity of Alternatives is providing holistic support to vulnerable women and their families through the **We Are Family** programme. Around 25-30 families regularly attend the weekly Monday We Are Family (WAF) group meetings. A typical client has escaped an abusive relationship, has come to Alternatives when she is alone and pregnant in the UK, homeless and with no legal status.

Alternatives has rising numbers of clients at its We Are Family group, many have extreme needs and are incredibly vulnerable. They work with over 100 families a year, most of whom will have attended regularly every Monday and most with acute ongoing needs.

- ◇ WAF provides parenting and life skills to help women with their baby, develop secure attachment and become a confident and loving parent. Life skills sessions help women grow in self-awareness and self-esteem, gaining the resilience to avoid abusive relationships and have positive aspirations for the future for their family. The Monday morning group has a crèche for the teaching sessions, healthy food, and a gift of baby wipes. Birthdays are celebrated, there are outings in the holidays and sessions where families play and learn together.

Mission Focus - Alternatives Trust

- ◇ Support workers visit vulnerable families at home to support with parenting and also helps address practical needs like health appointments, housing, advocacy and immigration paperwork.
- ◇ There are also practical parenting classes and growing social enterprises, including the WAF CAF and the WAF Charity Shop, to provide routes to employment through training and volunteering for mums as their children grow up. 32 women moved on last year.
- ◇ Alternatives also provides secondary school lessons and youth club sessions on healthy relationships and other challenging areas for young people.



Please pray for:

- ◇ Wisdom for all the Alternatives staff as they work with parents and children.
- ◇ Safety for its families, often living precariously and with no security.
- ◇ All of the families to move forwards well, to get the basics in place of status, food, clothes and a safe place to sleep.
- ◇ Healing for those who come for counselling after trauma, abuse, loss and other painful issues.
- ◇ Mums with new babies especially K with twins, and others in vulnerable situations still expecting.
- ◇ Families where it takes years for paperwork to come through, despite a past of trafficking/prostitution etc., that these women will stay hopeful and children do not suffer.
- ◇ Those involved with social Enterprises WAF CAF, WAF Angels, WAF Buddies and WAF Charity Shop.
- ◇ WAF Charity Shop at 66 Prince Regent Lane to develop, especially for staff and enough volunteers, and for its success.
- ◇ All volunteers to get on well together and to learn helpful skills for the future.
- ◇ The new WAF Youth group to develop healthy relationships together, and to equip them for overcoming bullying and to make good choices in their developing years.

Give thanks for:

- ◇ 25 years to date, new director Simone Thomas and the future ahead.
- ◇ Forrest House, for such an ideal place to work and to welcome clients.
- ◇ God's continual provision of their needs, especially when it is specific items for families.
- ◇ The staff team who all feel like they are a gift from God.
- ◇ Their friends and supporters who help make this all happen.

We also pray that St George's and St Giles' can continue to support this incredible charity, through donations of clothing and children's equipment, finance and time.

Maxine Simpson, maxinesimpson2003@yahoo.co.uk
Charlotte Sutton, charlotte@charlottesuttonpr.com

Parish Notices

Family Fuel Lunch Club

We will host two lunches for families on low incomes this Christmas. If you would be able to help please contact Sharon or Leah. We would be grateful for gifts of food for these families at services on Sunday 29 December or in the café on Monday 30 December, 9 - 11am.

Sharon Seal, sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

Leah Perona-Wright, leah.perona-wright@ashteadparish.org



Kingfisher Group, 11am service at St George's

Kingfishers is a group for adults and young people with additional needs. We enjoy fellowship together including our news, prayers, learning about God in a more accessible way through looking at the Bible, singing, drama, games, including parachute games, crafts and much more. We start in the church service and go out to the Quiet Room when the children go to their sessions. We remain in church when it is All Age Worship and we generally come back into church to share communion on Communion Sundays. We welcome new members, come and give Kingfishers a try.

Monica & Graham Lee, 273085, msbiggs@btinternet.com

New Year's Eve

Plans are underway to welcome in 2020 at our Church Family Celebration party on New Year's Eve, 7.30pm - 12.15am. The format is similar to the 2017 event, there will be a ceilidh/barn dance with band and caller. A light ploughman's supper will be provided, BYO drinks, glasses and snacks. Tickets are on sale after services and from Reception. We hope you will be able to join us for a fantastic evening.



touchoftartanparty@gmail.com

Financial Fact

A huge thank you to those who have responded to the recent Giving to Grow God's Kingdom appeal. We have received 59 responses and have decided to keep the appeal open for a few more weeks to enable others to respond. The receiving boxes will continue to be available at the back of each church every Sunday. Our Church finances are complex, so we will share a 'Financial Fact' each month in this newsletter to explain how your generous giving is used.

David Arnold, Treasurer, dpjarnold@gmail.com

Electoral Roll

If you missed signing up to the new Electoral Roll earlier in the year, it's not too late, you can sign up at any time if you have been worshipping at the church for 6 months or longer and are aged 16 or over. Being on the electoral roll is a sign of commitment to the church and means you can stand for, nominate to and vote for elected positions within the church. Please complete and return a simple form, which is available at both churches.

Parish Office, parish.office@ashteadparish.org

New Occasional Preachers

Congratulations to Alison Anderson, Jo Jones and Phil Marlow, who recently completed the Diocesan Occasional Preachers' Course and now have the Bishop's licence to preach. I'm delighted that they will be joining our preaching team, please hold them in your prayers.

Rev. Richard Jones, richard.jones@ashteadparish.org

Parish Notices

Evergreen Plus - Music

Tuesday 3 Dec

2.15 - 3.30pm, SGCC

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

Jacqui Kershaw, 813200

jacqueline.kershaw@ashteadparish.org

St George's Café

Christmas lunches will be served in the Café from Wednesday, 4th December.

Rosie Bennett

rclbennett@hotmail.com



Friday 6 Dec

9.15 - 10.30am, SGCC

Oasis Christmas Social... a fun festive gathering for all ladies aged 20-50. No charge, no booking required, no need to bring anything!

Free care for the under 5s and home schooled children, coffee and cake provided, fun guaranteed!

Maxine Simpson, 272177

maxinesimpson2003@yahoo.co.uk

**Mon 9 Dec, 7.45pm,
Dell Centre**

Are your kids battling with screen time? Does keeping up with current apps or trends feel like a part-time job? We have teamed up with Digital Awareness UK to help Dads feel empowered when it comes to supporting their children in the digital age.

info@shedtime.men



Evergreen

Wed 11 Dec, 2.30 - 4.15pm, SGCC

An enjoyable afternoon of Christmas entertainment with singing from the children at Barnett Wood school. Homemade tea, raffle and thought for the day. Lifts from Gill Laver, 275260.

Jacqui Kershaw, 813200

jacqueline.kershaw@ashteadparish.org

Link Group

Thursday 12 Dec, 7.30pm, SGCC

Our special festive meeting features traveller's tales from around the Globe and intriguing stories of how Christmas is celebrated in other lands. Join us for an evening of surprises orchestrated by Margaret Hide, with seasonal food to follow!

Gail Arch, 274508

Ashtead Churches' Men's Breakfast

Saturday 14 Dec

8 - 9.30am, Dell Centre

Please join us for our special Christmas Breakfast. This is the big one, full English, lashings of Tea and Coffee and our own particular brand of home-spun entertainment. All men are very welcome; do come and join us, no need to let us know in advance.

ashteadmensbreakfast@gmail.com

Flix for adults with a Disability

Saturday 14 Dec, 2pm, SGCC

Our film for December is Home Alone, please note 2pm start.

Dee Peck, 07759 707872

deempeck@gmail.com

Christmas Jazz Café

Saturday 14 Dec, 7.30pm, SGCC

Tickets £15, £10 under 18, profits to Wheels for the World. BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles. First 100 tickets can book tables.

Jenny Wallace, 275639

Parish Notices

The Snowball // Back to the 80s

Saturday 14 Dec

7.30 - 11pm, Dell Centre

A giant party with music and food to celebrate Christmas. School years 9-13, wristbands £5 from Sean or at The SIX.

Sean Skinner

sean.skinner@ashteadparish.org

Christmas Lunchtime Jazz

Thurs 19 Dec, 12.15 - 1.30pm, SGCC

The café is here to build you up with a special Christmas lunch and perhaps a treat. Let Dolores warm you up with some smooth, traditional Jazz beats.

Rosie Bennett

rclbennett@hotmail.com

Mothers' Union

Thurs 19 Dec, 10am - 12 noon, SGCC

Our December meeting is earlier than usual and we start with coffee and Christmas cake. The theme will be members talking about their experience of celebrating Christmas in countries abroad. All men and women are very welcome to join us

Barbara Laird, 273368

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

Flames Groups over Christmas

Our last Flames groups of the term will be on Sunday 15 December and groups will resume on Sunday 5 January. If you would like to get involved in our children's ministry, please contact Jaynie.

Jaynie Kendall, 813965

jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org

Christmas Flowers

The flower arranging teams will, as usual, decorate the churches with beautiful flowers this Christmas. Contributions towards the cost of the flowers would be very welcome. Please use the collection boxes in St Giles' or St George's.

Lynette Whitehead, 742195

Gill Northcott, 277331

The Beginning of Everything

Monday 13 January, 10.30am - 12

or 8 - 9.30pm, Dell Centre

A weekly course on Genesis 1-11, pausing at half-term. More information from Tim Long.

timmslong@gmail.com

Christian Aid

The street collection on 12 Oct raised £337 on a very wet morning. Thank you to everybody who supported us.

Betty Waterhouse

waterhouse.betty@virginmedia.com



Thank you for the music and all the work and effort that went into putting on "Mamma Mia", a fantastic fundraising evening for Happy Child. Hannah Underwood and the amazing team of people involved should be so proud. Together they raised a staggering £3,000! Thank you from all at Happy Child.



Do you have two hours free on a Wednesday morning or afternoon? Would you like to have fun supporting our shop team in ALDAG's Re-Use It shop in Dorking? If you are free each week or every other week we would love to hear from you.

Pam Walden, 275466

info@aldag.org.uk

Parish Diary

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

Sunday 1 Dec	Advent Carol Service	6pm - 7pm	St Giles' Church
Monday 2 Dec	Little Flames	10am - 11.30am	Dell Centre
	Life Explored	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Dell Centre
Tues 3 Dec	Evergreen Plus	2pm - 3.30pm	SGCC
Wed 4 Dec	The Ark	10am - 11.30am	SGCC
Thurs 5 Dec	First Thursday Prayers	8pm - 9.15pm	SGCC
Friday 6 Dec	Oasis	9.15am - 10.30am	SGCC
	Making Christingles	4pm - 5.30pm	SGCC
Sat 7 Dec	Christingle Service	4pm - 5pm	SGCC
Monday 9 Dec	Little Flames	10am - 11.30am	Dell Centre
	Horizon	2pm - 4pm	SGCC
	Shed Time	7.45pm - 10pm	Dell Centre
Wed 11 Dec	The Ark	10am - 11.30am	SGCC
	Evergreen	2.30pm - 4.15pm	SGCC
Thurs 12 Dec	Link Group	7.30pm - 9pm	SGCC
Friday 13 Dec	House Christmas Party	7.30pm - 10pm	Dell Centre
Sat 14 Dec	Ashtead Men's Breakfast	8am - 9.30am	Dell Centre
	Flix for adults with a Disability	2pm - 3.30pm	SGCC
	Christmas Jazz Cafe	7pm - 10.30pm	SGCC
	Snow Ball	7.30pm - 11pm	Dell Centre
Sunday 15 Dec	Youth & Children's Choir	6pm - 7pm	St Giles' Church
Monday 16 Dec	Contemplative Prayer	8pm - 9pm	St Giles Church
Wed 18 Dec	Citizens Advice Bureau	11am - 12.30pm	SGCC

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

Thurs 19 Dec	Holy Communion and Christmas Service	11am - 12pm	St Giles' Church
	Christmas Lunchtime Jazz	12.15pm - 1.30pm	SGCC
	Mothers' Union	10am - 12 noon	SGCC
Friday 20 Dec	Carol Concert at The Barbican	5pm - 11pm	Meet at SGCC
Sunday 22 Dec	All-Age Nativity	10am - 11am	St Giles' Church
	All-Age Christmas Celebration	11am - 12pm	SGCC
	9 Lessons and Carols	6pm - 7pm	St Giles' Church
Tues 24 Dec	Carols and Mince Pies with dress up nativity	2pm - 3pm	SGCC
	Carols and Mince Pies	4pm - 5pm	St Giles' Church
	Carols and Mince Pies with acted nativity	4pm - 5pm	SGCC
	Carols and Mince Pies, great for young people	6pm - 7pm	SGCC
	Contemporary Communion	11pm - 12 noon	SGCC
	Traditional Communion	11.30pm - 12 noon	St Giles' Church
Wed 25 Dec	Spoken Communion	8am - 9am	St Giles' Church
	Sung Communion	9.15am - 10.30am	SGCC
	All-age Communion	10am - 11am	St Giles' Church
	All-age Communion	11am - 12pm	SGCC
Sunday 29 Dec	All-age Service	10.30am - 11.30am	SGCC
	Traditional Communion	10.30am - 11.30am	St Giles' Church
	The Six	6pm - 7.30pm	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
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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

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
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.

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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

**claire436whittaker@btinternet.com
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

sgsgashtead.com/groups

Contacts and Information



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Church Matters!

The copy deadline for the **January** issue is 11am on **Thurs 19 December**.

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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:

sgsgashtead.com

Christmas cards

Christmas cards are 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



Stamps

Please remember to save your used stamps this Christmas.

Collection boxes are at the entrance to both churches, thank you.

Val Porter, 803368

Freewill Offering Envelopes

The envelopes for next year are now in the pigeonholes in both churches ready for collection.

Jennifer Ashurst, 276610

Every Day with Jesus

Notes for January and February will be in pigeonholes from 8 December.

Jean Hampstead
jean.hampstead@gmail.com

 **Giles George**
Knowing Christ, making Him known

