

What's On: October 2025

As I'm writing this, it's just starting to feel autumnal – I know this because I've had my first comments about the temperature of the churches! Have you put the heating on at home yet? I was speaking to one hardy parishioner who was determined to stick it out until the half-term holidays near the end of the month – I'm not sure if we in the Vicarage will make it that long.

Anyway, an autumn mood can mean only one thing: the Jazz at St Giles' programme is in full "swing" (ba-dum!). We have concerts on both the 11th and the 25th this month, including a visit from the series' patron, Jacqui Dinkworth.

Actually, it also means a couple of other things: on a more sombre note, the child loss service takes place on the evening of Sunday 12th – this is a beautiful, quiet reflective service. We find that for some families it is too much to come in person, but they may like their loved ones remembered – please do let anyone know who may find it helpful.

October this year also brings the beginning of this year's First Communion classes for over 7s, starting on Wednesday 15th. These will take place at the Vicarage and will be lots of fun, preparing for admission at Christ the King (Sunday 23 November).

On that note, it's also worth saying that both PCCs have now approved in principle admitting children who are under 7. If this is something that you would like to explore further for your child, please do get in touch with me.

Finally for this month, if your little ones are here over the half-term, they might like to come along to our All Hallows' Party on the afternoon of the 31st, a "joint production" between St Giles', St Margaret's and St Barnabas.

All of the regular events are taking place as well, including new additions like the Worship & Faith planning meetings, and the Exploring Faith and Spirituality Group. Have a read through, and keep safe – and warm!

Revd Daniel Walters, Vicar

Throughout October, Morning Prayer at the Vicarage at 8:30am (Tuesday – Friday) and Evening Prayer in St Giles’ Church at 5:30pm (Monday – Saturday).

St Giles’ Church is also open for private prayer from 12pm-2pm (Monday – Friday).

All events are open to anyone from across the benefice (regardless of venue).

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER

9:00-11:00am Little Fishes (toddlers’ group), St Margaret’s Church

7:30pm Teen Film Night (ages 12-18), St Margaret’s Church

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER (Trinity 16)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles’ Church

10:30am Harvest Thanksgiving with baptism, St Margaret’s Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles’ Church

6:30pm Choral Evensong, St Giles’ Church

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

7:30pm St Giles’ Worship & Faith planning meeting, the Vicarage

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

2:30pm Memory Café, St Margaret’s Institute (contact Tricia)

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

9:00-11:00am Little Fishes (toddlers’ group), St Margaret’s Church

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

3.00pm Games Club (school years 3-6), St Margaret’s Church

7.30pm Jazz at St Giles’ – Jacqui Dankworth Trio (see jazzatstgiles.com)

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER (Trinity 17)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles’ Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret’s Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles’ Church

6:00pm Child Loss Service, St Giles’ Church

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER

10:00am Bereavement Group, St Margaret’s Church (contact Tricia)

5:15pm Exploring Faith and Spirituality Group, St Anne’s College

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER

4.30pm First Communion class for over 7s, at the Vicarage

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

9:00-11:00am Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

2:30pm SAMMYs (music and crafts for 0-7 year olds and families), St Margaret's Church

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER (Trinity 18)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

6:30pm Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

2:30pm Memory Café, St Margaret's Institute (contact Tricia)

4:30pm First Communion class for over 7s, at the Vicarage

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

9:00-11:00am Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

7.30pm Jazz at St Giles' – Claire Jones Jazz Ensemble (see jazzatstgiles.com)

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER (Last after Trinity)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

6:30pm Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

3.30pm All Hallows' Party for 0-7 year olds, St Margaret's Church

Note: no Little Fishes this week due to half-term.

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER (All Saints Sunday)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

6:30pm All Souls' Requiem, St Giles' Church

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