



*We feed people — body,
mind, and spirit.
Come as you are.*

St. Giles
Episcopal Church
Northbrook, Illinois

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Starting This Sunday: Outdoor Service to be held at St. Giles! A Message from our Sr. Warden:

Greetings All Saint Gileans,

Our biggest decision recently, and therefore our biggest news item now, is the Vestry decision to reopen our church for outdoor services. This decision was reached after the Vestry and Father Tom conducted a survey among our members to learn how they felt about coming “back to church.”

The Vestry has sent the following guidelines for conducting outdoor services to the Diocese, and these are the steps we must follow when we hold **our first service on Sunday August 16 at 10:15 a.m., Hallelujah!**

The following guidelines will be in effect until further notice:

Space is limited to 50 people total.

Members planning to attend an outdoor service shall:

- Take your own temperature at home prior to attending our service.
- If a member feels ill, or has a temperature above 100.3, s/he should stay home (and get well soon).
- Members shall bring their own chair(s).
- Arrive early to space out arrivals and seating.
- Place chair(s) on the spaces marked on the driveway.
- Maintain a distance of at least six feet from non-family members.
- **Wear a face mask at all times while at church.**
- Pick up a copy of the provided bulletin for the service.
- Place your offering in the collection basket; it won't be passed among members.
- Refrain from handshakes, hugs, kisses, etc., with non-family members.
- No singing will be permitted at the service.
- Take the bulletin home and dispose of it safely.
- At the end of the service, exit immediately, avoid lingering and large gatherings.
- No coffee hour will take place after the service.
- A limited number of disposable face masks will also be available and provided as needed.
- Hand sanitizer will also be available.
- Restrooms will **NOT** be available.

Please follow these steps carefully and thoroughly for the safety of others and ourselves. We look forward to seeing you “in church” soon.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Brooks, Senior Warden

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Current Schedule

Sundays

Outdoor Morning Prayer
Service -10:15 AM

Thursdays

5:30 PM: Zoom Virtual
“Pray & Chat”

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Office Hours

Monday: Office closed
Tues-Thurs: 9 AM - 2 PM
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The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee,
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Vestry

James Brooks, Sr. Warden
Kay Okoli, Jr. Warden
Ellie Bonebrake
Ted Chabreja
John Hanzel
Glenn Hunt
Lewis Kirkwood
William Perley

Jocelyn Turner, Clerk
Gloriann Harris, Treasurer
Ned Libby, Bookkeeper
Tom Page, Chancellor

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds (Facilities) -
Bob Schultz

Communications - John Hanzel

Fundraising - Huw Williams

Green - James Brooks

Hospitality - Jan Hutchins-DeWitt

Newcomers - George Miller

Pastoral Care - Leslie Ruttenberg

Social Justice - Jocelyn Turner

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The Rev. Thomas Scott
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The Rev. Charles Hensel
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~Parish Profiles~

(Interviewed by Jim Brooks)

Meet Bonnie Frankel



In 1983, I decided to return to the church I had been raised in (Episcopalian), so I started attending St. Giles. I had a five-year-old son at the time, and I wanted to expose him to the church I had grown up in. I have been attending St. Giles for 37 years now, and singing in our choir for about 24 of those years. I have chaired the Finance Committee for the last two years and in the process have learned a lot about the administration of our parish. I am also currently serving on the Search Committee for a new rector.

What I like about our parish is the inclusiveness and warm welcome from parishioners. I also like the liturgy, the music, and singing in the choir. The sound when we do a piece well brings me so much joy! It helps me, and I hope it helps others, to connect with God.

I joined our choir because when I turned 40 I decided I needed a fun activity, and I had always enjoyed singing in the congregation. I took voice lessons for one semester at the Music Institute of Chicago (where Jim Brown worked at the time), and I have been singing in church ever since.

Some favorite pieces of music are the Brandenburg concertos and Handel's "Messiah," which my father played on Sunday afternoon when he took his nap. I also enjoy "Onward Christian Soldiers," because my Baptist grandfather would play that on the piano when my four siblings and I were driving him crazy, and he would order us to "march!"

My fridge always contains:

- Yogurt
- Nuts
- Lots of fresh fruits and vegetables

Some "fun facts" about me:

- I had unconventional parents. Both parents were conservationists in the 50's. Students bought my biology professor father a suit coat when he became department chair because he did not own one. My mother was featured on the cover of the diocesan quarterly magazine with one of her hawks, which she had brought for a blessing. She rehabs wild animals, and at 92, plays her French horn in 2 bands! I rebelled by being conventional.
- I used to go cross-country skiing in Door County with our former parishioners Pat and Dick Diemer.
- I take turbo-kick classes – a combination of hip hop and kickboxing – and Tai Chi.

A "secret from the choir loft" I will share is that our choir is actually a group of overgrown children who need constant supervision by the Music Director.

I earned a B.A. in accounting from the University of Illinois, and I passed the CPA exam immediately after graduation. I worked as an auditor in public accounting, then for many years in various finance and audit positions at a chemical manufacturer and toy manufacturer and finally at DePaul University where I was the Controller and then the Chief Financial Officer.

Come talk to me if you have any questions about our choir or church finances.



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 3 Alex Williams
- 9 Barbara Perley
- 13 Bob Robinson
- 16 Annie Westerberg
- 17 Meredith Brooks, Nick Solano
- 20 Chris DeWitt, Anne Lehman, Linda Williams



Anniversaries:

- 4 Kay & Solomon Okoli;
Leslie & Bruce Ruttenberg
- 13 Colette & Ron Dim
- 14 Emily & William Hanzel
- 21 Linda & Cliff Williams
- 27 Bonnie & Norman Frankel



Share your special days!

If you have a birthday or anniversary that you would like to share with us, please notify Cathy at 847-272-6622 or admin@saint-giles.org.

August Lectionary Readings

August 2—9 Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9—10 Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16—11 Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 23—12 Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30—13 Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

A message from George Miller:

Since Jim Brooks wrote such a nice tribute to Cynthia Hallas in our last issue, I want to pass along information on a website that Cynthia recommended many years ago. I find it very helpful as a preparation for the upcoming Sunday readings as well as what you might call spiritual reading. You can sign up on the site... <http://www.edgeofenclosure.org/>

Send your contributions to church!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support St. Giles through these difficult and unusual times. Our expenses have not stopped and we need your continued support. We encourage everyone to continue with contributions and pledge payments by sending them to the church by mail.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Cathy (Parish Administrator) at the church office (847-272-6622).

As always, we appreciate your contributions!



(The following was submitted prior to the decision to have a service on August 16.)

A Message from Fr. Tom Scott (Priest-in-charge):

Dear friends,

I want to thank the many members of St. Giles who responded to the brief survey about returning to worship, either inside the building or outside. If you did not get an opportunity to complete a survey and would like to do so, please contact the church office.

Before getting into discussion of responses to the survey, I want to note that your Wardens and Vestry are already working on the practicalities of offering worship in-person and even returning to our building when feasible—perhaps even this month! The Vestry will put out information on this.

The results of our brief survey are fairly straight forward:

- 1) about half the congregation replied (30 at last count)—a very high percentage for survey returns in general;
- 2) a strong majority of respondents (20 out of 30) said they would be willing to worship either outdoors or indoors with full precautions (masks and bringing one's own folding chair, no singing, using one-time liturgy sheets not prayer books, no communion, limited bathroom access, and mandatory entry and exit rules);
- 3) a significant number report having limited or no means to come to St. Giles at present, so our current forms of support of one another should continue, whether or not we can resume in-person worship.

Of course, current conditions in infection rates and patterns of transmission change, so gathering soon may not be as close as was once hoped. But still, the Wardens and Vestry are making a plan to submit to the diocese.

All of this does not downplay the value of other resources available to us. Around our diocese and the Episcopal Church at large, there are places where worship is broadcast, most notably the National Cathedral and the American Cathedral in Paris. Church of the Atonement in our diocese also broadcasts a service, as do many other congregations in the USA. I hope that you take advantage of these offerings.

In addition, Jim Brown, our parish musician, does us the great service of providing links to music performances for everything we would normally hear and sing on Sundays. This is a great gift to us all. Our weekly zoom meeting for Evening Prayer and conversation happens on Thursdays at 5:30, thanks to Warden Kay Okoli and the long-standing prayer group at St. Giles. The link for this is published weekly in the bells. Our website carries news about our continuing ministries.

Each of us can support our mutual ministry of prayer and encouragement by calling, writing, and talking with one another. I know this is happening rather informally, and I want to encourage us all in this. The care with which we look out for one another is not second rate because it is informal; instead, I believe it is all the more heartfelt. I hope we will all give thanks today and every day for being linked to one another by our faith and our connection in Jesus Christ through St. Giles.

In the 1928 prayer book, there was a section at the back dedicated to family prayers with collects for particular concerns or occasions added on. One such collect has this closing sentiment (if memory serves me here):
“Almighty God, our heavenly Father...so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly affectioned one to another.”

This is the spirit of praying and caring for one another in these hard times, and it is my hope and prayer for us all. May we not grow weary, not tire or fail in our concern for the welfare of those who share our life in Christ at St. Giles. With the encouragement we give and receive from each other, we find ourselves more able and inclined to pray, and speak, and work for the welfare of everyone in our needy world.

God's peace and joy,

TCHS

(The Rev. Tom Scott)



Diocesan Convention on Saturday, November 21! *(submitted by John Hanzel)*

This convention will be conducted as a virtual gathering between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

I have been going to the Conventions for a LONG time, as a delegate, an alternate, and worked the registration desk. Like the one where Bishop Lee was elected in 2008. Admittedly I didn't vote for him on the first round, although if I had known how much he likes bacon he would have been my choice. In person and with a mail-in ballot or two.

There have been numerous opportunities and experiences and important decisions, great speakers and good music, and a lot of fun, for all of us who have gone. I got to meet new people and renew a smile with a lot of people who have been involved at and around St. Giles.

This year is going to be a "virtual gathering", although for what gets accomplished it is hardly "virtual" about knowing and directing what our Diocese does. As many of us have discovered, the advantage of a Zoom meeting is that you can crunch on potato chips or take a bathroom break, and no one will notice. No round trips to Lombard. My kids have been (mostly) honest about what they wear from working at home. I can walk the dog.

The down side of a virtual gathering is that we won't have lunch at Harry Carry's on Saturday.

While things are still being structured, we are welcome to register 3 delegates and three alternates. And EVERYONE can listen in and follow what happens. This is a free convention.

Registration is now open, and all delegates have to be certified by our congregation by **September 30**.

You can find more details at The 2020 Diocesan Convention Online:

<https://episcopalchicago.org/2020-diocesan-convention-online/>

Jim Brooks will coordinate our slate, but since we are limited to three delegates, it's pretty much first come, first served. You can email him at pro.union@hotmail.com.

We have had Sunday Formation sessions and articles for the *Bells* and talked about our experiences at a Second Sunday breakfast, and if you want to find out more about past Conventions, let me know at jhanzel@aol.com.

Bishop Lee to Retire at Year-end; Election planned for Dec. 12

Dear friends,

You may remember that, in March, as we began to understand the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic would disrupt our plans and priorities, I postponed both my retirement originally scheduled for August and the bishop election that we had originally planned to hold this Saturday.

Although the pandemic will not come to an end for some time, your creative and resourceful responses to the challenge of worshipping and gathering online have made it clear that the future of our diocese is in excellent hands. With gratitude for your spirit and faithfulness, I will now plan to retire at the end of 2020.

Thanks to our new ability to gather in ways we previously would not have imagined, and after consultation with the Standing Committee, we now plan to elect the next bishop of Chicago at a virtual electing convention on Dec. 12.

The details of this event and the opportunities to meet the nominees that will precede it are still being developed. Please look for more news coming soon from the Standing Committee and on the Bishop Search and Transition website, <https://chicagobishopsearch.org/>.

*Faithfully,
Bishop Jeffrey Lee*



The Garden has been here, growing strong, all along!



(Photos by John Hanzel)



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Outdoor Morning Prayer Service starting August 16!</i>						1
2 8 Pentecost	3 Office Closed	4	5	6 Zoom "Pray and Chat" - 5:30 PM	7 Office Closed	8
9 9 Pentecost	10 Office Closed	11	12	13 Zoom "Pray and Chat" - 5:30 PM	14 Office Closed	15 <i>September Bells submissions due</i>
16 10 Pentecost Outdoor Morning Prayer—10:15 AM	17 Office Closed	18 <i>7 PM—VIRTUAL Vestry Mtg.</i>	19	20 Zoom "Pray and Chat" - 5:30 PM	21 Office Closed	22
23 11 Pentecost Outdoor Morning Prayer—10:15 AM	24 Office Closed	25	26	27 Zoom "Pray and Chat" - 5:30 PM	28 Office Closed	29
30 12 Pentecost Outdoor Morning Prayer—10:15 AM	31 Office Closed					





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