

St Giles Church News



Sunday 5th May 2024

Morning Worship (all age)

Service 10am: Jo Smith and Beth Whaites | Karolin Richards

Reading: Ruth 2: 2-6, 4: 11-15

Theme: Ruth - The Loving God at Work

Service 7pm: Josh Richards | Ruth Alexander

Mid-week Holy Communion Service: Thursday 11am, Church Centre

Pray With Us this week: Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293 p/w: prayer321

Every week-day morning at 8.30am and Thurs eve at 8pm

Please note, the Parish Office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday (6th May)

Next week is our APCM - this is just to remind you that next Sunday (12th) we will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting during the morning service. It will be a great opportunity to come together and look at what God has been doing during the last year and what might be in store for the future. If you have any questions you want to raise, please email them to the Church Wardens and Josh via office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk by

Friday (3rd). There will be an evening service but it would be great if those who usually attend in the evening join us for the morning service too.

Would you like to take the next step in your faith journey? We are looking at running one or two baptism / confirmation / first communion preparation courses after Pentecost with one or two baptism / first communion services towards the end of July. If this is something that you would be interested in or if you are not sure but you would like to find out more, please speak to Josh or Ruth if you are an adult or young adult, or to Beth if you are under 18 or a parent of an under 18 year old. We look forward to hearing from you!

Many **congratulations to Helen and Stephen Heyward** as they celebrate their Ruby wedding anniversary. Peter Gompertz will be leading them as they renew their vows to each other and we look forward to celebrating this with them on Sunday.

We are looking forward to **Alf and Hilary Cooper** visiting us in June. Alf will be preaching on Sunday 9th June at the morning and evening service. They are looking to borrow a car from 9th to the end of June whilst they are in the UK. They will cover the insurance. If you have a car you could lend to them, please let Denise Bridgens know. Many thanks.

Please remember to bring your own cup (with a lid, if possible) for refreshments after the morning service. Thank you!

To find out more about what's going on at St Giles go to Events on MyChurchSuite or [click here](#).



CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

Annual Parochial Church Meeting *Sunday 12th May, 10am.*

Our annual church meeting will form part of our morning service on **Sunday 12th May**. We have a number of vacancies for the **Parochial Church Council (PCC), Deanery Synod and Deputy Wardens**. Please talk to a PCC member or churchwarden to see

what's involved. It will be great to have some new people taking up these important roles in the life of our church.

There are nomination forms and role descriptions near the main (north) entrance in church. Nominees must be on the St Giles' electoral roll and a baptised member of the church. Those nominated are asked to provide a photo and a short paragraph of 100 words about themselves and how they would represent the congregation - to be emailed to the [church office](#) by 9am by **Wednesday 8th May** at the latest.



Prayer Diary and Mission in Touch

Please find [HERE](#) our prayer diary for May. Do take the time to read it and commit the topics to prayer. We also have Mission in Touch [HERE](#) where we can learn about Ann's Ramadan experience in Chad. There are some paper copies in the leaflet stand in church if preferred.

Please continue to pray for our mission partners, details of whom are on the noticeboard in church next to the kitchen area.

Manna House

Counselling Service



Serving the Community

COME ALL WHO ARE WEARY AND
OUR LORD JESUS WILL GIVE YOU REST.



Manna House News

You may have noticed the 'for sale' sign on MHCS (Manna House Counselling Service) at 73 St Giles Street. No, MHCS is *NOT* closing down but the building is no longer as suitable as it once was, especially since the closure of their bookshop across the road from it.

Also, there is quite a lot of money 'tied up' in the bricks and mortar. The trustees, therefore, after much prayerful consideration, decided to put the property on the market and look for premises more suitable for the counselling, counsellor training and wellbeing course activities.

Sadly for some of us, it means that the parking spaces at the rear of the building will not be available to us on Sundays after the building is sold.

Ted Harding & Helen Goff, Trustees

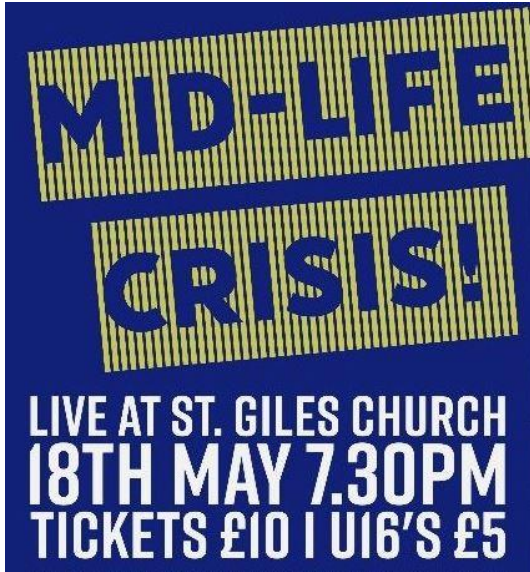
221 Divorce Support Group

Tues 14th May - 18th June

The Women's Ministry is again hosting a 6 week 221 Divorce Support Group course for women who are divorced or whose long term relationship has ended and would like to be supported. This will be held in St Giles church centre from 7pm - 9pm.

The course dates : Tuesdays 14 May; 21 May; 28 May; 04 June; 11 June and 18 June.

As this is a support group, spaces are limited. Please sign up via [ChurchSuite](#) or ring the Parish office on 01604 628623.



Midlife Crisis Concert
Sat 18th May, 7.30pm

Mid Life Crisis are playing a concert in St Giles on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm to raise money for the Lighthouse Trust, a local charity working in schools which is supported by St Giles Church.

Tickets £10 or £5 for under 16s. **Please scan the QR (click on image)** to buy tickets on Eventbrite or contact Duncan Halliday on 07870 999098 or duncan_halliday3@hotmail.com

Bring your own drinks and snacks.



Help Needed!

We would love to bring back Take-A-Break during the next two school holidays. Last year we saw an average of 50 people coming into church during the school holidays for crafts, games, activities, face painting and lots of cake.

Take-A-Break will be every Wednesday afternoon during school holidays, starting on 29th May from 12-3pm.

To run Take-A-Break we need a large team. There are numerous roles within this team.

For more information please contact Beth.
(beth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)



Save the Date

Sunday 19th May, 2-4pm, Pentecost
in the Park. More info [HERE](#)

You may be interested in...

Sunday 12th May 2024
Morning Worship with APCM
Service 10am: Helen Lidbetter | Josh Thorne
Reading: Ruth 4:18-22, Matthew 1:1-6
Theme: The Loving God through history
Service 7pm: Nicola Aylett | Josh Thorne

Prayer is engaging one on one with Our Father who loves us and wants us to spend time with Him. That is a precious thing – a pearl of great price – and is the feeding of our souls.

There are many ways to give financially to St Giles. The preferred and most cost effective way to give is via the [Parish Giving Scheme](#). Details of all the options can be found [HERE](#). Please note, there is a small surcharge when giving via ChurchSuite.

Contactless giving is now available in church

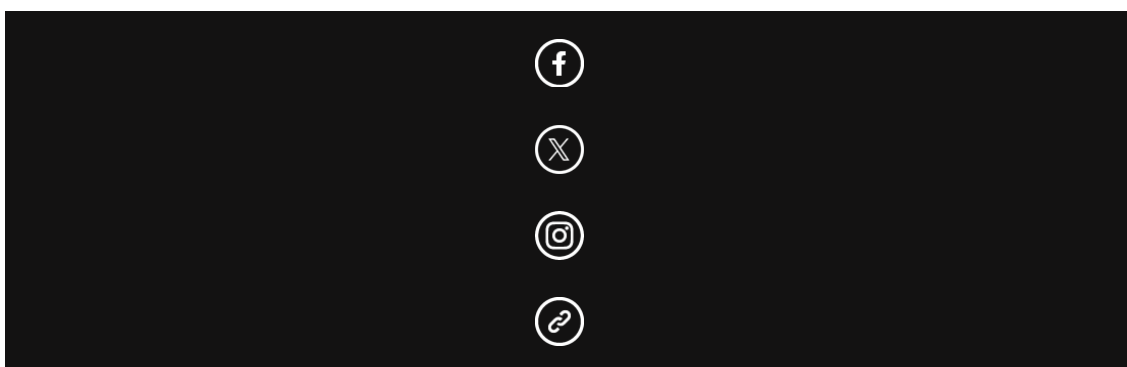
Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are livestreamed:
<https://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/sunday-service-videos>

(If you are unable to attend in person on the 1st Sunday of each month, please follow links to HTB, St Aldates, Oxford or All Souls, London for morning worship.)



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