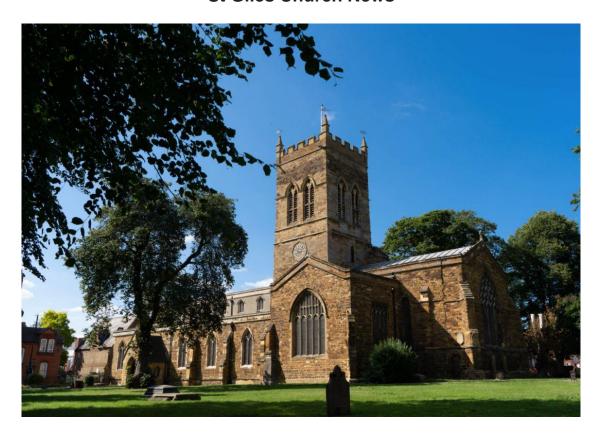
#### St Giles Church News



#### Sunday 29th October 2023

Morning Worship (All Age)
Service 10am: Beth Whaites I Josh Thorne

Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-12 Theme: New Life in Christ

Service 7pm: Josh Thorne I Ruth Alexander

Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46

Pray With Us this week: Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293/prayer321 Every week-day morning at 8.30am and Thurs eve at 8pm - Click here to join

**Don't forget the clocks go back an hour this weekend** (on the 29th October at 2am, to be precise) so we get an extra hour in bed! We look forward to seeing you at our 10am and 7pm service.

On Friday (27th) the men are meeting for **Hymns, Tins and Testimonies** around a firepit. Next Tuesday we have our annual **Pumpkin Heroes Party**. More information on both is below.

Open Dining Room will be starting on Friday 3rd November in the Church Centre, offering a safe, warm space and a free warm meal for families in our local community. Can you get involved? We need people to pray and we need people to help out in a practical way (on Fridays 4-6pm or 6-8pm). For more information and to sign up, please email Beth at: youthandchildren@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

New Rotas for the next 3 months (Nov-Jan) are now out so please check your emails to see when you are serving. Please check your junk/spam folder if they are not in your in box or contact the church office. If you don't already serve on a team and would like to, please contact the church office: office@stgilesnorthampton.org. Tel: 01604 628623.

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



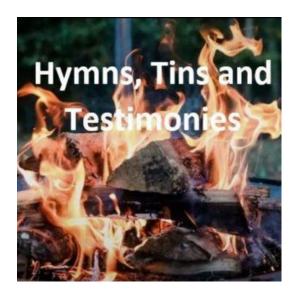
### **Church Family Lunch**

Sunday 5th November, 12 noon

Please join us after the morning service on Sunday 5th November when we will have the opportunity to share a simple lunch together in the Hughes Hall. Please get in touch with Helen in the office if you can help.

Newcomers, families and students are particularly welcome. It would be great to get to know you and welcome you into our church family.

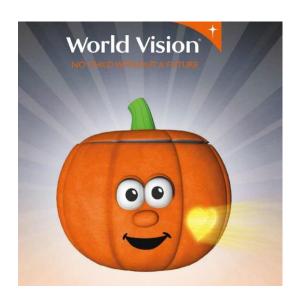
It is essential that you book on ChurchSuite (click on image) or contact the church office (01604 628623). There will be an opportunity to donate towards the cost of lunch on the day.



## Hymns, Tins and Testimonies Friday 27th October, 7.30pm

The men at St Giles will, weather permitting, be sitting round a firepit in the church centre courtyard singing hymns, sharing a beer (or non alcoholic drink) and sharing testimonies together. Food will be provided on the evening. No cost to attend.

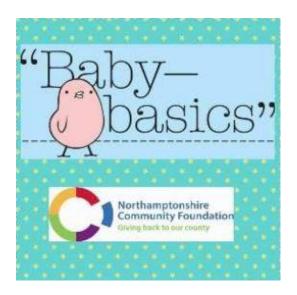
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## Pumpkin Heroes Party Tuesday 31st October, 5.15pm

We enjoy running our Pumpkin Heroes Party every year on Hallowe'en, 31st October from 5:15-6:30pm

The parties are always lots of fun, but to run them **we need a team** who are able to host games on the evening or mingle and chat with the families who come to the party. If you might be able to help please speak to Beth.



#### **Baby Basics - support needed**

Baby Basics is so grateful to churches for their continued support which is making such a difference! Statistically, 1 in 25 babies born in Northamptonshire in 2022 received a starter pack from Baby Basics Northampton. The impact was recognised this month at the 2023 NNBN awards, where the charity received a Highly Commended award in the Charity of the Year category, for outstanding achievement. Thank you for being part of that. We need your help again. Our stocks are very low and currently most in need of:

Baby Soft Toys/Comforters
Socks
Babygrows (Newborn & 0-3 mths)
Newborn clothing
0-3 neutral clothing
Coats & jackets
Baby Shampoo and Baby Bath
Baby Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Breast Pads
Shampoo & Conditioner

There will be a collection box in church. Thank you!



#### Can you help with Scouts?

St Giles Scout group may be faced with the decision to close. There are currently vacancies for a group scout leader and either a chairperson or treasurer. The latter is an essential role. If you have 15 minutes per week you can spare please contact Craig Macpherson.

Equally, our numbers are critically low. If you know anyone with an interest in joining scouts please point

them to our <u>website</u> or again have them contact Craig, Josh Richards or Mark Cookman

Finally if anyone would like to volunteer to assist in groups, even just once a month we would love to hear from you.



#### Save the Date

Sun 3rd December, Wreath making, St Giles Church Sat 9th December, Men's Breakfast (new date)

#### You may be interested in...

Stand Against Injustice, Fri 10th Nov, 7.30pm, Heyford Books/Mount Pleasant Church Love After Marriage, Wed 15th-Sat 18th, New Life Church. More info HERE Men's Conference, Sat 18th Nov, 9-4pm at Moulton Church. More info HERE Job Vacancy, Church Administrator, Towcester. More info HERE

Sunday 5th November 2023

Morning Worship (All Age) and Thanksgiving Service
Service 10am: Beth Whaites I Alison Steele

Theme: The Wicked Tenants Reading: Luke 20: 9-19

Service 7pm: Tom Burditt I Ed Churchill

Church Lunch after the morning service. Please book on ChurchSuite

It has often been said that prayer is the greatest force in the universe. This is no exaggeration. When forces are being released that stagger the thought and imagination of man, it is well to remember that prayer transcends all other forces: F J Huegel

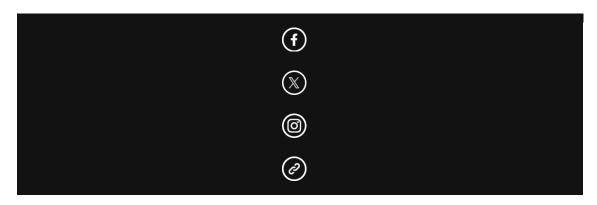
# give is via the Parish Giving Scheme. Details of all the options can be found <u>HERE</u>. Please note, there is a small surcharge when giving via ChurchSuite. Contactless giving is now available in church

Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are livestreamed: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLqKU\_357NAwfRCqveKyVQ/live

(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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