

St Giles Church News



Sunday 8th December 2024

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT

Service 10am: Josh Thorne | Josh Thorne

Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4, Luke 3: 1-6

Theme: The Messenger comes

Service 7pm: Helen Lidbetter | Josh Thorne

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

Christmas period: **Thursday evenings** - we will cancel the 26th Dec and 2nd Jan, back on the 9th Jan

Mornings - we will pray on the 24th Dec and then not meet again until the 3rd Jan (Friday)

The **Christmas season** is now upon us and we look forward to this joyful time when we contemplate and give thanks for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please do pick up an invitation available in church to see the dates and times of our own Christmas services.

This Christmas, **St Giles will be supporting the charity, eve.** eve's strapline is "*Transforming lives affected by domestic abuse*". Please see below for further information.

Ann Fursdon, one of our mission partners, will be here week of 8 December and would welcome any opportunity to renew friendships and meet new people. She would love to join with home groups or other gatherings (not necessarily to talk about her work) and individual invitations would also be really welcome. She will make another visit to us next year, dates not yet fixed.

Please do read our [Prayer Diary](#) for December and [Mission in Touch](#) which features James Howson, St Columba Church in Collingtree.

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

Christmas at St Giles

Contemplative Carols - 8th Dec at 3pm

Carols by Candlelight - 15th Dec at 7pm

Children's Carol Service - 24th Dec at 3.30pm

Late Night Communion - 24th Dec at 11.30pm

Christmas Day Service - 25th Dec at 10am

Christmas at St Giles

On Sunday we have our **Contemplative Carol Service** which, in previous years, was called the Service of Healing and Hope. We hope you can join us at 3pm for this quiet, reflective service. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



Christmas Decorations

It's a lovely time of year when we get to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas. The two dates are:

[Sat 7th Dec](#) - 9.30am - 12 noon

[Sat 14th Dec](#) - 9.30am - 12 noon

You can come for as long or as little as you like. There will be some jolly Christmas songs and refreshments provided.

Please sign up on ChurchSuite (click on dates above) or drop Helen a line: office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk



Our Christmas Appeal 2024

This Christmas we would like to give to the ladies who are supported by Eve. The ladies currently in the Refuge or receiving support are mostly aged 20-30. Eve has asked for **gift sets of toiletries, scarfs or craft kits** suitable for this sort of age range. Gifts should be **unwrapped** and put in the box under the table by the coffee bar in church by Monday 16th December. If anyone would like more information on Eve or to give financial please go to eveda.org.uk for more information or click on the image.



Open Dining Room

November to March

We are in urgent need of more help at Open Dining Room. If you can help please speak to Beth.

We have started open dining room this Friday, but are doing so in faith that we will have enough help to keep it running every week.

Open Dining Room is an incredible way that we can support our community, through providing a warm space, a hot meal and friendly volunteers. Open Dining Room is greatly valued by those who come along and we are thrilled to have received a grant to cover the cost of running Open Dining Room this year.

We need people to help cook, to wash up, to set up and pack away tables and chairs, to chat to those who come along, and to run crafts/activities for children.

If you are able to help with any of the above please contact [Beth](#) as soon as possible. You will be able to sign up for as many or as few sessions as you like. Sessions run on a Friday evening from 4-8pm, with the possibility of helping from 4-6, 6-8 or for the whole session.

This role does require a DBS check.

You may be interested in...

Lou Fellingham Event, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Sat 7th Dec, Info [HERE](#)
Shine Your Light, Northampton Town Centre, Sat 14th Dec at 12noon to sing carols (Churches Together)

Sunday 15th December 2024
3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT
Morning Worship
Service 10am: Josh Thorne | Ann Fursdon
Reading: Luke 3: 7-18
Theme: The Messiah is coming
Service 7pm: Ruth Alexander | Josh Thorne
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

There is a place – a silent trysting hour – where God Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that secret place? Dost thou ask where? O soul, it is the secret place of prayer!
(anon)

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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