

St Giles Church News



Sunday 15th December 2024

Morning Worship

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT

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

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)

Can you invite one person to our Carols by Candlelight service on Sunday at 7pm? It could be a neighbour, friend, relative or work colleague. There are still a few invitations left in church with all our Christmas services that we are offering this year.

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.

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



Carols by Candlelight *Sunday, 7pm*

Join us for our Carols by Candlelight service at 7pm on Sunday when we will be retelling the Christmas story through Bible readings and Christmas Carols. If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch the service on line by clicking [here](#) or on the image.



Children's Carol Service Tuesday 24th, 3.30pm

Children are invited to come dressed as one of the nativity characters. There will be a photo opportunity too at the end of the service.



Late Night Communion Service Tuesday 24th, 11.30pm

This is a service of reflection and contemplation. There will be an opportunity to take holy communion or receive a prayer of blessing during the service.

We *hope* this service will be livestreamed.



Christmas Day Service Wednesday 25th, 10am

An all-age service with Carols, Bible readings and a short Christmas message.

This service will be livestreamed.



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.

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...

Shine Your Light, Northampton Town Centre, Sat 14th Dec at 12noon to sing carols (Churches Together)

Sunday 22nd December 2024
4th SUNDAY of ADVENT
Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Service 10am: Peter Angus | Josh Thorne
Reading: Luke 1: 39-56
Theme: God keeps His promises
Service 7pm: Bob Steele | Josh Thorne
Holy Communion will be served during the evening service

Prayer is another way of telling God that we have all confidence in Him but no confidence in our own native powers. L Ravenhill

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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