

St Giles Church News



Sunday 22nd December 2024

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

4th SUNDAY of ADVENT

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 also be served during the evening service

Mid-week Holy Communion Service: Thursday 11am, Church Centre
restarts on 9th January 2025

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

Thursday evenings – restarts on the 9th Jan

Mornings – restarts on the 3rd Jan (Friday)

The staff team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY 24TH DEC TO THURSDAY 2ND JAN
REOPENING ON FRIDAY 3RD. For any pastoral emergencies on Christmas eve and New
Year's day please contact Josh Thorne (telephone number on MyChurchSuite) otherwise

the church office (01604 628623) and you will be directed to a member of the clergy.

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



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.



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

A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Appeal by donating gifts for eve. We had a very generous response from our church family which will make such a difference to the young ladies in the Refuge. If anyone would like more information on eve or would like to give financially, please go to eveda.org.uk or click on the image.

Prayer for UoN
Churches of Northampton coming together in prayer for students

We won't be gathering this month, see you back on January 30th!



'They are like a tree planted by streams of water which yields it's fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers.'
Psalm 1v3

Prayer for UoN

Thursday 30th January 2025

Join others to pray for the students and staff at the UoN on Thursday 30th.

Let Ruth know if you would like to attend.
(ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

Recommended donations

- Canned tomatoes
- Rice
- Lentils
- Canned vegetables
- Hygiene items
- Flour



Foodbank for Students

Can you donate?

FISH works with International Students at the UoN, supporting and giving friendship. We know that while International Students are here to study, there is a limit to how much they are able to work, which means they are in deeper need as prices rise. If you are able to help please donate dried goods and hygiene items and put in the labelled box in church. Thank you!



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.

Sunday 29th December 2024

Morning Worship (all age)

Service 10am: Craig Macpherson | Peter Angus

Reading: Luke 2: 15-21

Theme: The Shepherds come to worship

Service 7pm: THERE IS NO EVENING SERVICE

Neglect of prayer is an effrontery to God, for by it we are saying that we have confidence in the flesh and can operate the spiritual life on a D-I-Y basis . 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

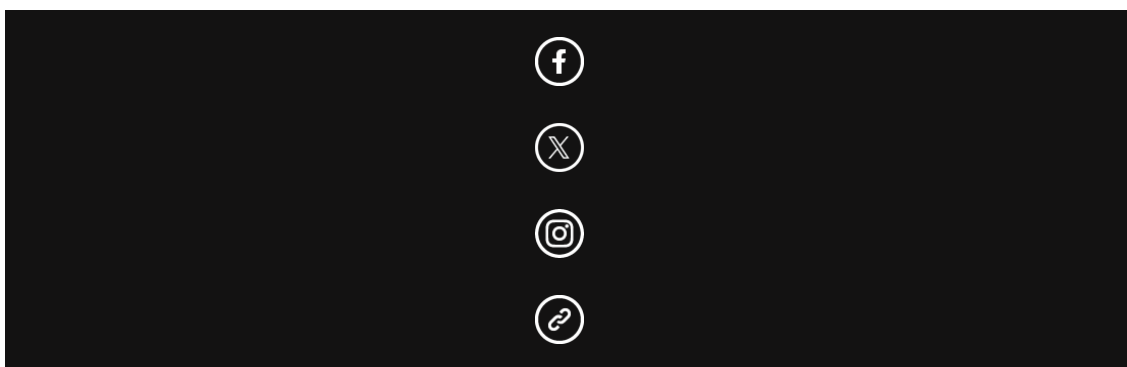
Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are livestreamed:
<https://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/sunday-service-videos>

(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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