

St Giles Church News



Sunday 19th January 2025

Morning Worship

Service 10am: Bob Steele | Alison Steele

Reading: Mark 1: 1-15

Theme: New Series in Mark: Announcing Revolution

Service 7pm: Josh Thorne | Dan Blight

Holy Communion will be served during the evening service

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

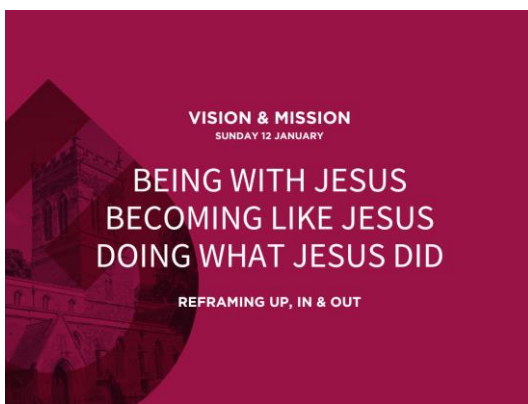
Pray With Us this week: Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293 p/w: prayer321
Every week-day morning at 8.30am and Thurs eve at 8pm

This week we will be starting our new series, in Mark, on the subject of 'Living the way of Jesus in the world'.

Electoral Roll. Please see below for information concerning the Electoral Roll. This year we have a completely new Roll and everyone (whether on the current Roll or not) must complete a new form.

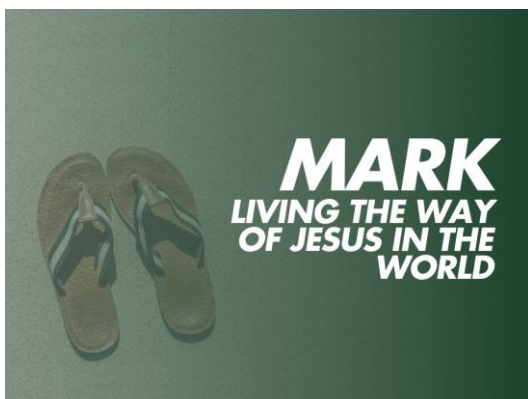
Pray with Us. On Saturday 25th from 2.30-4.30pm in the Church Centre. Come and join us for as little or as long as you can. We would love to see you there!

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



Vision and Mission

Last Sunday we looked at part of our mission as a church and how we put Jesus at the centre of the UP, IN and OUT dimensions to our life and ministry. Later in the year, we will also be looking at other parts of our mission in stand alone sermons. If you missed the talk last week or want to listen to it again, please go to St Giles' [YouTube](#) channel



Upcoming Sermons

This Sunday we are going to be starting a new 6- part series called Mark: Living the Way of Jesus in the World. We are going to be drawing on a book from LICC of the same title. This book is part of the same series as the Ruth study we did last year.

Most homegroup leaders have got a copy of the book (please let Helen know if you haven't yet picked up your copy). If you want to buy a book yourself you are very welcome to, but they are not necessary to

engage with the series. It is also possible to buy the book in ebook format. Click on the image for more details.



Prayers of Love and Faith

Many will be aware of the suite of prayers called Prayers of Love and Faith, intended to be used to bless loving and stable same-sex relationships, was commended for use by the House of Bishops in December 2023. At the last APCM in May 2024, I was asked what my and St Giles' view on this topic is. Consequently, we have had conversations amongst the Exec (PCC Standing Committee) and the wider PCC, and we have decided on a process for how we will engage with this topic as a church. You should have all received an email explaining this process so do take time to read it. More details will be made available soon. I (Josh), can be contacted by [email](#) if you need to get in touch.



Complete revision

Sign up now!

Electoral Roll Complete Revision

Under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll*, whether on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply no later than Friday 18th April.

* You need to have been attending St Giles regularly for 6 months or more before your name can be entered on the Electoral Role.

Prayer for UoN
Churches of Northampton coming
together in prayer for students
28th January
7-8pm
Multi-Faith Centre, Waterside Campus



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

If you would like to attend, please email Ruth at
ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

Please click on the image for a digital copy and send the completed form to [Helen](#) in the office or pick up a paper copy in church and put the completed copy in one of the offering boxes or through the Parish Office letterbox.

Prayer for UoN

Tuesday 28th January, 7-8pm

Join others to pray for the students and staff at the UoN on Tuesday 28th.

Let Ruth know if you would like to attend.



2nd St Giles Scouts

We are excited to be planning to re-launch a Beaver Scout unit sometime in September 2025

This group is for 6 – 8 year girls and boys but if you have children from age 5 we would love to hear from you. Please check out the national website about Beaver

Scouts www.scouts.org.uk/beavers to look at the fun activities and opportunities that Beaver Scouts can provide.

We already have some volunteer helpers on board but need a few more to make it work. This is a great way of bringing families into the body of the Church. For further information **Richard Poole 07955**

329415 (contact email is on ChurchSuite)



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...

Crafting in the Community, Sat 25th Jan. More info [HERE](#)

Women's Conference, Sat 1st March, More info [HERE](#)

**Sunday 26th January 2025
Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

Service 10am: Peter Angus | Richard Ormston
Reading: Mark 4:35-41
Theme: Demonstrating Authority
Service 7pm: Cat Nichol | Richard Ormston

When there is a large mountain to climb and jungle all around so you don't know which way to turn, look for the path that God has placed. Prayer is taking one step and then another on that path. (paraphrase from Mike Kingman, 2021)

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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