

St Giles Church News



Sunday 16th February 2025

Morning Worship

Service 10am: Josh Thorne | Peter Angus

Reading: Mark 10: 17-31

Theme: Challenging Allegiance

Service 7pm: James Howson | Josh Thorne

Reading: Mark 10: 14-16, Acts 2: 17-18

Theme: Intergenerational Church

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

Staff days off this week

Josh: Friday
Beth: Sat-Sat
Ruth: Fri-Sun

Church Office hours this week:

Monday: 12pm - 3pm
Tues- Fri: 10am - 3pm

Please find attached [HERE](#), our next edition of **Mission in Touch**. Please do take time to read it. The first article informs you about our **Lent Project** this year - and more details about that will be available in the next few weeks.

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 if you wish to be on the Electoral Roll.

Note from Ruth: I am going to be moving house this year to a place that clearly God has provided! As I wait, I need to leave where I am now, to a friend's annex. For the few months in waiting I am asking if anyone has a large spare room or an area where I can store my boxes, one - two seater sofa, collapsed bed, double mattress and a couple of soft furniture. Please contact me if you would be able to offer this. ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

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



Electoral Roll

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.

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.



Please book on ChurchSuite by clicking on the image.

Men's Curry Night

Thurs 20th February, 7.30pm

We have booked a table at the Mumtaz Lounge on the Kettering Road so come along for a curry and a catch up.

Mumtaz Lounge do a Thursday banquet night deal for £14.95 per person which includes a starter, main, side dish and choice of rice or naan bread.

Any queries, contact Pete Day.



Prayer Study Day

Saturday, 8th March, 10am-2.30pm

The annual Bishop's Bible Day this year will instead be a **Prayer Study Day** at Caroline Chisholm School in Northampton.

The day will have two main talks by Bishop John Stroyan as well as a panel discussion, featuring a range of voices from different settings focusing on both individual prayer and praying for others.

If you would like to attend please book your place by clicking on the image. More info [HERE](#).

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

25th February
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

Prayer for UoN

Tuesday 25th February, 7-8pm

Join others to pray for the students and staff at the UoN on Tuesday 25th.

Let Ruth know if you would like to attend.



Pancake Party

Tuesday 4th March, 5.15pm

We are planning to run our Pancake party again this year on pancake day at 5.15pm. To do this we need adults to help run games, lead crafts, make tea/coffee or chat to those who attend.

Adults will need to be available from 5-7pm on Tuesday 4th March. If this is something you would like to help with **please speak to Beth as soon as possible, by 10th February**, so we can advertise to school.



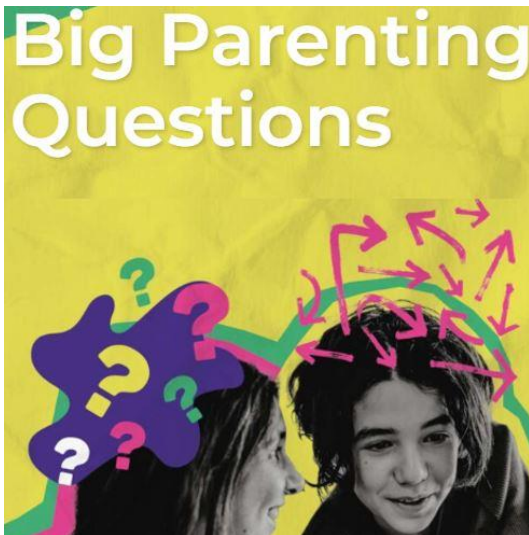
Schools Outreach

Our school's work has grown in the last couple of years, and we would love to build a team to support this work.

At the moment we have a number of schools booked in to visit the church during the run up to Easter. We would also love to offer year 6 transitions prayer spaces to more schools in our local area.

If you are available during the school day, and would be willing to help with occasional school work **please contact Beth as soon as possible**, or contact Beth if you have any questions.

This role will require an enhanced DBS.



Care for the Family

Tuesday 11th March, 7.30pm

Raising children isn't for the faint-hearted. Just when parents think they've got a handle on parenting, their child moves to the next stage of life and many of the tactics they've acquired become less effective, or even obsolete.

As children get older, decision-making becomes trickier and there are no clear-cut answers to many of their requests. 'Can I have a phone?' 'Can I stay home on my own?' 'Can I have Snapchat?' It can feel like unknown territory, scrambling to find answers and parents feeling overwhelmed with questions of their own.

Big Parenting Questions is a brand-new event for mums, dads and carers, designed to offer hope and help through this transitional time in a child's life and navigate the leap from childhood to adolescence. For more information and to book, 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.



Save the Date

Wed 5th March - Ash Wednesday
Sun 23rd March, Welcome Lunch for
Newcomers. Book [HERE](#)

You may be interested in...

Job Vacancy - **Executive Assistant to the Director of Education**. More info [HERE](#)

Sunday 23rd February 2025
Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Service 10am: Helen Lidbetter | tbc
Reading: Mark 14: 32-52
Theme: Transforming Power
Service 7pm: Ruth Alexander | James Howson

To pray in an emergency is altogether right. But to pray only in an emergency cannot be right because this limits prayer to the area of our own self-awareness in the events of life. That makes prayer a convenience. (R Arthur Matthews, Born for Battle 1978)

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

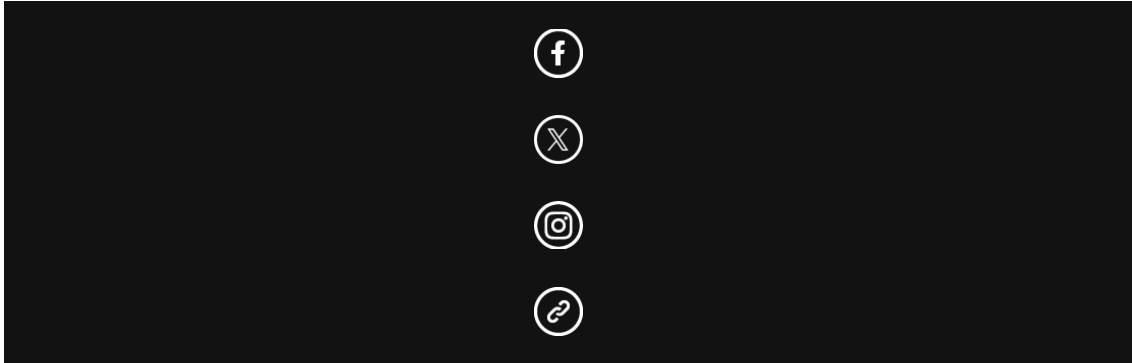
Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are livestreamed:
<https://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/sunday-service-videos>

(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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