

St Giles Church

# Newsletter

*Lives being changed by the power of Jesus one person at a time*



Vicar: Revd Josh Thorne

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## Pray With Us

Meet us on Zoom  
Week day mornings  
8.30-9am

Thursday evening  
8-9pm  
ID: 886 0781 8293  
p/w: prayer321

Saturday 31st Jan  
2.30-4.30pm  
Church Centre

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

MORNING WORSHIP (worship together)  
2nd Sunday of Advent

**10am:** Beth Whaites I Karolin Richards

Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12

Theme: Advent

**7pm:** Dan Blight I Ed Churchill

### Mid-week Holy Communion service

Thursday 11am, Church Centre

## What's on at St Giles in December?

Please check the calendar on our [website](#) for full details

Alpha- Wednesday evenings (10th)

Open Dining Room Fridays

Men's Pub Social 11<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm

Church Christmas Decoration 13<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am



## See Christmas Services below

### Save the Date:

A relaxed, creative space to jam, worship and grow together. All musicians, singers and techs welcome - any age or experience, come ready to play, listen and be inspired. Speak to Stephen Hewitson for more info. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 8.30am-12.30pm. Book on [ChurchSuite](#).

Again and again, spiritual situations and conditions that seemed beyond recovery have been transformed by mighty workings of the Spirit- Arthur Wallis In the day of Thy Power



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

### Rehearsal dates

(for the Carols by Candlelight service on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Join us after the morning service if you would like to take part.



## CHURCH DECORATION

Sign up [here](#) if you want to be involved in decorating our church for Christmas on **Sat 13th Dec, 9.30-12.30pm**. No particular skills required!

[office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS PERSONNEL

We need people to help out at our **Contemplative Service** on 14<sup>th</sup> (3pm) and **Carols by Candlelight** service on 21<sup>st</sup> (7pm). Contact Helen (below) if you can help!



## Christingle Service

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am

## Carols in the Churchyard

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm

## Contemplative Carol Service

Sun 14<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

## Carols by Candlelight

(will also be livestreamed)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm

## Children's Carol Service

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>, 3.30pm

## Late Night Service

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>, 11.30pm

## Christmas Day Service

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am  
(will also be livestreamed)

## CHRISTMAS APPEALS

**Open Dining Room** - we would like to buy selection boxes for the children who attend Open Dining Room. You can support this appeal by making a *monetary donation* using the contactless machine or putting your contribution in one of the offering boxes in church (in a marked envelope 'Open Dining Room').

**Eve** - Toiletry gift sets and children's selection boxes. Please bring to church or the parish office UNWRAPPED.

The deadline for both appeals are 14<sup>th</sup> December.



PICK UP A LEAFLET IN CHURCH



## Sunday 14th December

MORNING WORSHIP with Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of Advent

10am: Ruth Alexander | Josh Thorne

Reading: Matthew 11: 2-11

Theme: Advent

7pm: Ruth Alexander | Josh Thorne

CONTEMPLATIVE CAROL SERVICE, 3PM

## Sunday 28th December

Please note there will be **no evening service** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

All our Christmas services are on ChurchSuite and our website: [www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](http://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

## Church Office Hours

Monday: 1-3pm

Tues - Thurs: 10-3pm

Friday office closed

Staff days off

Josh: Saturday

Beth: Saturday, Fri 28th

Ruth: Saturday

**Church Warden: Stephen Hewitson**  
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**Treasurer: Duncan Halliday**  
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You may be interested in...

**News sheet/announcement deadline:** All items must be with the church office by the preceding Tuesday at the latest and will be included for a maximum of 3 weeks (if possible) at the discretion of the church office.

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