

An aerial, black and white photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, there are several white market stalls with peaked roofs. A few people are walking on the street. In the middle ground, there are several multi-story buildings, including a prominent church with a tall, arched tower and a dome. The background shows a hillside covered in residential houses under a clear sky.

ST GILES CHURCH

Where lives are being changed

VISION, CALLING & MISSION
BEYOND COVID & LOCKDOWN

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

the **BIG PICTURE**

Our overarching vision is to see lives being changed by the power of Jesus, one person at a time.

As people who worship an awesome God, we believe that things don't have to stay the way they are. We live in an ever changing world and our vision and values may need to evolve as God leads us into new things.

OUR CALLING

In the midst of this what Jesus calls and invites us to do together does not change. For St Giles we could express this in a mission statement with three dimensions:

To worship God, to make disciples and to transform lives.

We sometimes express this in terms of life lived up, in and out. As we pursue this kind of intentional living, in the power of the Holy Spirit, change happens!

We are changed. Our church community is changed. And, we trust and pray, there is change around us in people's lives.

Jesus said,

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

John 10:10 - NKJV

LOOKING BACK ON 2020 & 2021

Through the period of the COVID pandemic, the lockdown and the re-opening of church buildings, God has been pruning us, things have been 'cut back', there has been a reshaping and rebuilding of our church life and activities.

MOVING AHEAD WITH PURPOSE

The God whom we worship speaks to us through His word, through circumstances and prophecies. He has given fresh impetus and purpose to St Giles by giving the leadership team words of scripture which expand and develop our vision and calling.

Some of this is already underway and some is there for us to step into in the coming years. We will ensure that all our church activities make a contribution.

BEING A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS

We have been putting regular, focused prayer at the centre of our church life, midweek and Sunday.

DEVELOPING A WELLBEING HUB FOR THE TOWN

A fresh outreach vision, shared with the church in October to share God's love and peace with all.

TOGETHER 21 (AND 22)

Coming together to release the gifts and talents of the congregation and to release additional finances for God's work.



WORSHIPPING GOD

WE EXPRESS THIS PERSONALLY AND WHEN WE COME TOGETHER! WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD AND TO ENJOY HIS PRESENCE.

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- Sunday Worship
 - Music Ministry
 - Audio Visual Ministry
 - Welcome and Hospitality
 - Morning Prayer Times
 - Midweek Communion Service
 - Thursday Prayer Gathering
 - 24-7 Prayer Weeks & Lectio 365

MAKING DISCIPLES

THROUGH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, COURSES AND GATHERINGS WE AIM TO MAKE NEW DISCIPLES AND TO HELP ONE ANOTHER TO GROW IN MATURITY AS WE WALK TOGETHER.

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- The Prayer Course
 - Home Groups
 - The Bible School & YOBL
 - Fruitfulness on the FrontLine
 - FOCUS & gifts courses
 - Big Church Read
 - Children's Ministry
 - Young People's Ministry
 - Women's Ministry
 - Men's Ministry
 - Young Adults Ministry
 - Student Ministry
 - Seniors Ministry

TRANSFORMING LIVES

WE SEEK TO BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT TRANSFORMATION WHICH BEGINS WITH US AS WE INVITE GOD INTO OUR LIVES.

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- The Wellbeing Hub
 - The ALPHA course
 - The Bereavement Course
 - The Wellbeing Café
 - Pastoral Care
 - Toddle In
 - Ministry in Schools
 - Support for Parents
 - Pastoral Prayer Team
 - Mission on our Doorstep
 - Church Planting
 - Mission Overseas
 - Creation Care and Renewal

STAFF & LEADERSHIP TEAM

As we seek to fulfil the calling upon St Giles and work to see our vision fulfilled, it will need a wide range of gifts, experiences and talents. We all have a part to play. The staff team and the leadership team, including the clergy, are committed to raising up and equipping the whole body of Christ. Everyone is needed and when we invest our lives in the kingdom, amazing things happen.

WHO LEADS HERE AT ST GILES

Sunday Worship and Midweek Communion Services

Steve Kelly, Ali Wagner, Nicola Aylett and the Lay Readers

Music Ministry

Elizabeth Allenby

Audio Visual Ministry

Stephen Hewitson

Welcome and Hospitality

Alle Dekenah and Peter Day

Morning Prayer Times, Thursday Prayer Gathering, 24/7 Prayer Weeks & Lectio 365

Rachel White and Steve Kelly

The Prayer Course, FOCUS & gifts courses, Fruitfulness on the FrontLine

Steve Kelly and Maggie Kelly

Home Groups

See the church website

The Bible School & YOBL

Simon Bridgens and Steve Kelly

Children's and Young People's Ministry

Beth Whaites

Women's Ministry

Vikki Beale and the women's team

Men's Ministry

Peter Day and the men's team

Young Adults Ministry

Jess Newlove and YA team

Student Ministry

Ruth Alexander

Seniors Ministry

Nicola Aylett

The Wellbeing Hub

David Smart and others

Alpha Course

Steve Kelly and others

The Bereavement Course

Simon and Denise Bridgens

The Wellbeing Café

Nicola Aylett

Pastoral Care

Home groups, clergy and lay pastoral ministers

Toddle In & Support for Parents

Jo Smith

Ministry in Schools

Beth Whaites

Pastoral Prayer Team

Denise Bridgens

Mission on our Doorstep

Carol Halliday

Church Planting

James Howson

Mission Overseas

Elizabeth Kitwood

Creation Care & Renewal

Ali Wagner

Administration, Operations & Church Office

Helen Goff and Serena Yong

Church Finance

Anne Jackson (Treasurer) and Serena Yong

Safeguarding

Louise Whaites (Safeguarding Officer)

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
The Diocese of Peterborough

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Cor 12:12,26-27


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