

St Giles Church News



Sunday 15th May 2022

Holy Communion will be served during the evening service

Service 10am: Nicola Aylett | Steve Kelly, Ruth and Izaias
Reading: Exodus 30: 34- 31: 11

Service 7pm: Ali Wagner | Steve Kelly, Ruth and Izaias

Theme: Holy Spirit - Worship, creativity, gifts and service

Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are livestreamed and can be accessed

here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLqKU_357NAwfRCqveKyVQ/live

This coming Sunday, we welcome **Ruth and Izaias, our mission partners in Brazil**. We look forward to hearing from them.

They are **in the UK from 12th May to 17th June**, visiting friends and their supporting churches. We look forward to their visit and to enjoying fellowship with them. Please **do pray for a refreshing encouraging time** in the UK.

As well as being with us this Sunday, they are in Northampton in the period 30th May to 17th June. I am sure they would value an invitation to meet up or to come to your homegroup. I am sure there would be blessing and encouragement for you too. If you would like to meet them please get in touch with Steve, Liz Kitwood or Lois Clarke. Or

speak to them directly at a Sunday service.

It's not too late to sign up to the **Boys and Toys, Men's night** (if you're quick). Booking closes today (Friday, at noon). Click [here](#) if you want to come along! It starts at 7.30pm in the Church Centre (Friday 13th).

You will all be aware that **Nicola, our Associate Minister**, will be leaving us at the end of June. We want to show our appreciation of all that she has done at St Giles and invite you to contribute towards a leaving gift. You can do this on ChurchSuite (make sure you choose 'leaving gift' from the drop down menu) or in church using the envelopes provided and popping it in the offering box. *Thank you!*

With every blessing to you all this weekend.



Alpha course update

Following the launch event in April, all of our guests signed up to come on the course. We've had 3 weeks now and the course is going really well with 2 established discussion groups. We have 13 guests, including 2 members of St Columba Collingtree who hope to be involved in Alpha in Collingtree in the future.

We have new 'helpers' on the course this time so there is a strong team which includes group leaders, helpers, the prayer team and the catering team! We meet in the church on Wednesday evenings and show the videos on the big screen. The Holy Spirit Day will be Sat 11th June. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to join the Alpha team which includes the post Alpha provision in the coming term.

Please do pray for the course, the guests and the team. For the Holy



Spirit to be at work powerfully with EVERYONE who is on the course.

New Monthly Prayer Times in Church

Rachel White and her team have been meeting to seek God for how we might develop the vision to be a **House of Prayer for All Nations**. As we move into a time of further changes with Steve and Maggie's departure, we sense that God wants us to set aside a longer regular time to pray together for St Giles. We feel it's time to meet 'in-person' and have chosen the last Saturday of each month.

We plan to start in **May** for an initial period of 6 months, to seek God's leading and direction. We will alternate afternoon and evening, so the first Saturday (28th May) we will meet in the church centre from 2.30 - 4.30pm. For the next one, on June 25th, we will meet in the main church from 7.00 - 9.00pm. Come for the whole time, or just 10 minutes as you can. All welcome.



Thy Kingdom Come

This is a *global wave of prayer* calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. This year it will be May 26th - 5th June 2022. We have a regular Monday to Friday St Giles prayer time on zoom @ 8.30am each day which you'd be welcome to join. And during Thy Kingdom Come we will have the new

Saturday prayer time in church on **28th May**(see above). Watch this space for more details.



Hearts Ablaze

Sat 21st May, 10am-5pm

We're hosting Hearts Ablaze on Saturday 21st May! Sign up if you want to come along. Cost £15. All day conference from 10-5pm. The conference will involve speakers who are local church leaders and evangelists, and will include an hour of evangelism on the streets of Northampton town centre.

Register [here](#).

or call 01604 759039



Jubilee Lunch, Sunday 5th June

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Bring a picnic and share in the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by joining us after the service and spending time together over lunch. Watch this space for more details!



Food bank for International Students

Can you donate one item and bring to church on Sunday?

Since July of last year, the amount of those living in food insecurity in the UK has gone from 1 million adults to 4.7 million adults. We know there is a huge crisis right now as prices rise.

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 the International students of the UoN, please do so by donating dried goods and hygiene items or donating for the food bank by clicking on this [link](#).



Prayer Spaces in Schools

Training, Monday 16th May

It exciting to announce that this year's Year 6 Transition's Workshops will include a Prayer Space the week before the workshop, to give the children timeout reflecting on where they are at, what their next steps are and creating a chance to spend time in God's Presence.

Prayer Spaces In schools (part of 24-7 Prayer) are running training for all our volunteers and we are opening this up for **ANYONE** who is interested in learning more about Prayer Spaces or even being part of taking them into schools.

The event is **FREE** and we just ask you to bring your own lunch. It will be held at **Broadmead Community Church on Monday 16th May**.

For more info, click on image. You can [email here](#) to book your place.



- enabling young people to make drug-free choices

Being a Hope UK Volunteer

Volunteer Opportunity with HOPE

HOPE is looking for volunteers to help young people make drug free choices. Is this something that interests you? Training is free and there is a good network of support. More information and contact details can be found [here](#).

Next Week:

Service 10am: Ali Wagner | Steve Kelly

Service 7pm: Maggie Kelly | Steve Kelly

Theme: Holy Spirit - the anointing of the Spirit

Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-3, Luke 4: 14-21

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A House of Prayer for all Nations

A prayer – Almighty God, to whom MY heart is opened, MY desires known and from whom MY secrets are not hidden; cleanse the thoughts of MY heart by the inspiration of YOUR Holy Spirit that I may perfectly love You and worthily magnify YOUR Holy name; Amen

Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293/prayer321

Every week-day morning at 8.30am and Thurs eve at 8pm



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