

St Giles Church News



Sunday 22nd May 2022

Holy Communion will be served during the morning service

Service 10am: Ali Wagner | Steve Kelly

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

Service 7pm: Maggie Kelly | Steve Kelly

Theme: Holy Spirit - The anointing of the Spirit

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 Sunday we see the importance of **the Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of Jesus**. We will ask what would it look like to 'rely on' the Holy Spirit more? And how can I experience the power of the Holy Spirit myself? Do come with an **expectant heart and a listening ear**.

On **Sunday 5th June** we invite you to bring a picnic and share in the celebration of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** by joining us after the morning service and spending time together over lunch. If you would like to get involved in the preparation of this, please contact Helen in the office: office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

Next Thursday (26th) **Call to Prayer on Zoom** will focus on **persecution** and we will be joined by a speaker from **Open Doors**. Please join us. Details at the bottom of the news sheet.

May you know God's love and blessing this weekend.

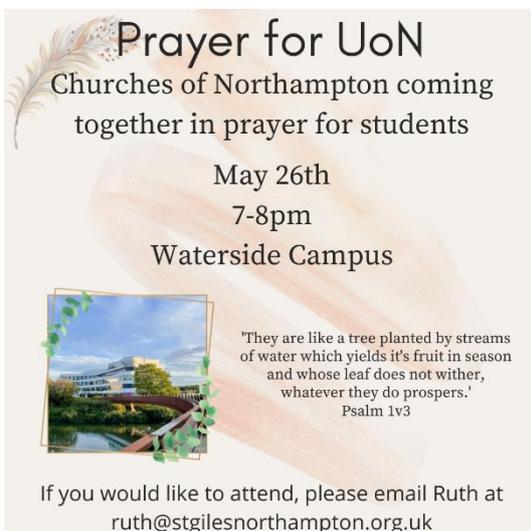


Pray with Us

Saturday 28th May, 2.30pm

We are setting aside some time to meet 'in-person' to pray together for St Giles and seek God's leading and direction.

You can come for as little or as long as you like. We will be meeting in the Church Centre. Everyone is welcome!



Prayer for UoN

Thurs 26th May, 7pm

Do come and join us, and many churches in and around Northampton.

Thursday 26th from 7-8pm to pray for the UoN.



Hearts Ablaze

Sat 21st May, 10am-5pm

An all day conference at St Giles Church from 10am - 5pm. The cost is £15 which you can pay when you sign up or on the night.

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



Thy Kingdom Come

All across the world, in the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost, Christians are being encouraged to pray. Suggestions include:-

Pray the Lord's Prayer every day at noon

Keep a special prayer journal and pray for your town and neighbourhood

Join others in prayer times at church

Pray for 5 of your friends to come to know the Lord

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 Saturday 28th May 2.30-4.30pm

Next Monday, Steve will be sending

an email with a **10 day devotional**

and a **10 day prayer journal** for you

to download and print. You might

find this helpful in focusing your prayers.

Thy Kingdom Come begins this

Thursday 26th May and runs

through to **5th June**.



Big Church Day out

Friday 3rd - Sat 4th June

A number of people from St Giles are going to the **Big Church Day Out** this year, including Steve and Maggie. It's like a mini Christian music festival with an opportunity to join others for fellowship, teaching, worship, prayer and relaxing. Ticket prices are around £60 for the 2 days plus £20 for your camping pitch. It is being held at Wiston Estate, West Sussex. If you are interested put a post on St Giles Facebook group, message the office or contact Steve & Maggie.



A brilliant new book to read!

One commentator says of this book, *"the best book I have ever read on the most important thing you will ever do!"*

Beautifully set out and drawing on a breadth of Christian tradition, we wholeheartedly commend this new book to you. You can order it from St Andrews bookshop here.

<https://standrewsbookshop.co.uk/product/how-to-hear-god/>

You can also sign up to [the Big Church Read](#) with St Andrews and read with others here. St Andrews. Do get a copy, perhaps it would be a great holiday read. We'll be sharing insights from the book during our Saturday prayers times over the next 6 months. As we seek to be **a house of prayer for all nations**, what could be more important than hearing God's voice.



Become a street pastor

Wed 25th May, 7.30pm

Do you want to make a difference in this town? Come and find out how you can serve others at an open evening at Broadmead Community Church.

For details and to register:

northampton@streetpastors.org.uk

You may be interested to know...

Some of you may remember one of our former vicar's, **Albert Bransby**. During the war he served in the RAF and was a rear gunner in Bomber Command, flying at night to Germany, including Berlin. In last week's Daily Mail Weekend magazine there is a **documentary account** which you can [read here](#) of the attacks as a book is to be published on 27 May on those missions.

David Ford, Commentary on John's gospel. A warm, wise, winsome Irish bible scholar who has devoted a huge amount of life to this study.

If you are interested, you can find out more [here](#).

Next Week:

Service 10am: Steve Kelly | Alf Cooper

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Theme: Holy Spirit - Can these dry bones live?

Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

A House of Prayer for all Nations

St Francis recognised that part of his journey was wanting to DO for God, but recognising that only long periods of prayer and solitude would give him what he needed in order to DO – and that was God Himself. It's a frustrating discipline, but necessary

Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293/prayer321

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



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