

St Giles Church News



Sunday 26th June 2022

Holy Communion will be served during the morning service

Service 10am: Steve Kelly | Nicola Aylett

Reading: Acts 10: 19-48

Service 7pm: Ruth Alexander | Nicola Aylett

Theme: Holy Spirit - God's power and gifts for all who believe

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

On Sunday we will be exploring how the Holy Spirit was at work in Peter's encounter with Cornelius, and some of the **ways the Holy Spirit might want to speak to us**, too.

Preparing for Vacancy - An update from the Churchwardens

Firstly on Prayer - We firmly believe that God is in control of who the next Vicar of St.Giles is, so the most important thing for us is that we are surrounding the whole process with

prayer & really taking time to listen to God about what is next.

Secondly on the Process - The first step is for the PCC to have a meeting with the Simeon Trustee's and the Archdeacon to explain the process & outline what happens next. The meeting is on Monday 18th July - 7pm. Please do pray specifically for this meeting. Then next steps include a PCC vision day & pulling together the Parish profile.

If you have any questions, concerns or thoughts you'd like to share please don't hesitate to get in touch with us or any member of the PCC. We will aim to keep you updated as things progress.

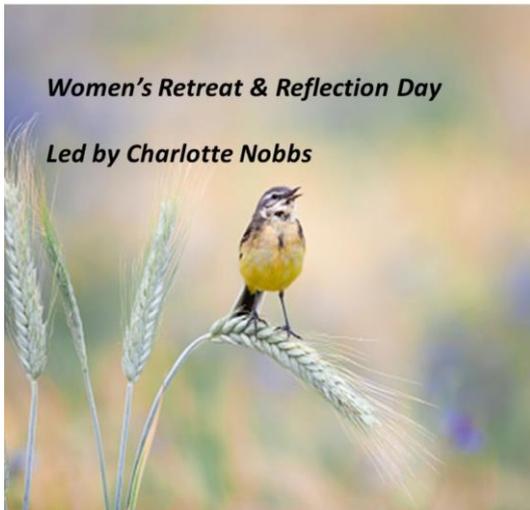
Please note: the Parish office will be closed from **Monday 27th -Wednesday 29th** (incl) June. Helen and Serena will pick up any emails on their return. For urgent matters, please get in touch with one of the clergy.



A note from Nicola

I am so thankful to God, as well as to Steve and the PCC, for the opportunity I've had to serve as Associate Minister at St Giles, for the past two and a half + years. It's been a blessing and a privilege to be part of the staff team, and part of this church, through all the joys and challenges that this season has brought. I praise God for the way that he has stretched me and helped me to grow, through this time, and for all the ways I can see that his Spirit has been at work in us all. Although I'm stepping down from my current role, I'm very glad that Graham and I will be staying in Northampton (as far as we can see!) and that we'll continue to be part of St Giles Church. We will both also continue to serve as mission partners with Interserve, and I hope to be able to share more about what I'll be doing, later in the year. As we

enter a new season of change, as a church, my prayer is that we may all keep on growing as faithful disciples of Jesus, and keep on trusting God, who is always faithful and whose love for us never changes. To Him be the glory!



Women's Retreat & Reflection Day
Sat 25th June, 9.30am to 3.30pm

This really is the very last opportunity to sign up for the women's retreat and reflection day on Saturday!

Charlotte Nobbs is our guest speaker.

Bring your own lunch and mug and a cake to share if possible. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Those who have signed up have been sent an email which gives a brief outline of the day.



Wellbeing Sunday
Sunday 3rd July

Please do make it a priority to come to our services on Sunday 3rd July. We will be sharing things to help all of us with our own well being and continuing to think of how we develop a well being hub here at St Giles.

Jesus blesses us to be a blessing to others and we'll explore how He is doing that among us.



Contactless giving is here!

There are many ways you can give financially to St Giles and we are delighted to launch contactless giving. You can now give using your card or phone via our contactless giving station situated in church. **Can you try it out this Sunday and donate £1?**

This is particularly useful if you are visiting St Giles or wish to donate to a special project that we run from time to time. This is a really quick and simple way to give.

To find out about other giving options, click [here](#).



Summer Socials!

It was wonderful to spend some time together at the recent Jubilee lunch in the church centre and so we encourage you to join us for some Summer Socials!

Don't miss out. Here are the dates: **24th July and 28th August** - Bring your packed lunch. We will be in the churchyard or centre.

7th, 14th, 21st August - Summer Breakfast from 9.00-9.45am (pastries and fruit provided!). Please book on ChurchSuite from July.



Meet and greet Andrew Lewer

Thursday 30th June

Andrew Lewer, MP South Northants will be visiting St Giles on Thurs 30th for a 'meet and greet'. He is expected to arrive at 12.15pm. We invite you to come along to our Holy Communion Service at 11am and stay on afterwards or join us after the service at about 12 noon.

Coffee and tea will be served after the service.

You may be interested in...

Bike 4 Bibles in September - Are you up for a challenge? Could we get a group from St Giles to take part? Read more about it [here](#) from the Bible Society. Let Helen in the office know if you want to take part.

Next Week:

Wellbeing Sunday

Service 10am: Ali Wagner | Beth Whaites

Theme: Fruit - Kindness

Reading: Luke 10: 30-37

Service 7pm: Ruth Alexander | Beth Whaites

A House of Prayer for all Nations

. **The Lord has chosen to work in partnership with our free will.**

Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293/prayer321

Click [here](#) to join

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

***NEW* Pray With Us** (Church Centre): 18th June, 27th August, 29th October (7pm-9pm)
30th July, 24th September, 26th November (2.30pm-4.30pm)



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