

St Giles Church News



Sunday 31st July 2022

Morning Celebration (All age)

Service 10am: Jo Smith | Jess Newlove

Reading: Romans 15: 1-7, 13

Service 7pm: Ruth Alexander | Jess Newlove

Theme: Unity in 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

Contactless giving is now available in church

On Sunday we will be looking at what it means to have **Unity in the Spirit**. How we are called to live following Jesus' example; working together & serving each other.

Summer breakfast @ St Giles will be provided on **7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August** from 9am and you are welcome to join us! Just bring yourself and enjoy the opportunity to share a simple meal together before the service. Please book on [ChurchSuite](#).

The Manna House Counselling Service is celebrating 40 years in ministry! Read all about it

below.

Pray with Us! On Saturday (30th), in the church centre, from **2.30-4.30pm**. It would be great to see you for some or all it.

A request from Beth - Fabric needed please, to make some patchwork bags for the children. Fabric bigger than 5cmx5cm will be great. There's a box in the kitchen area in church.

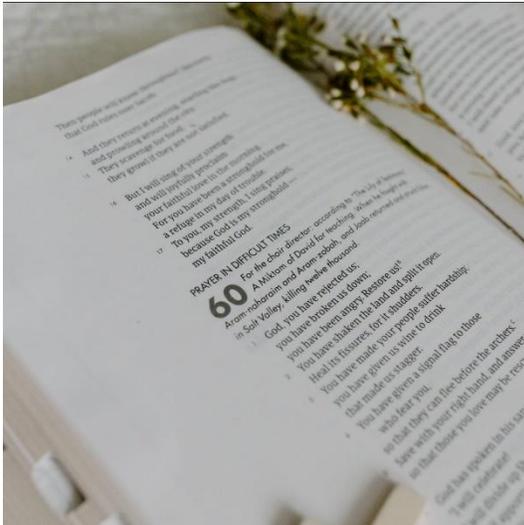
Please note, this news sheet covers 2 weeks. There will not be a news sheet next week.



Summer Series *from 7th-28th August*

Next month, we start a new summer series, **the Fourfold Invitation of Jesus**. We're looking at how Jesus draws us deeper and deeper into *life in all its fullness* and a rich journey of discipleship.

We begin with his welcoming invitation "*come to me*" and then we look at the invitation "*follow me*". This invitation is for all of us, whatever our circumstances. We'd love to see you!

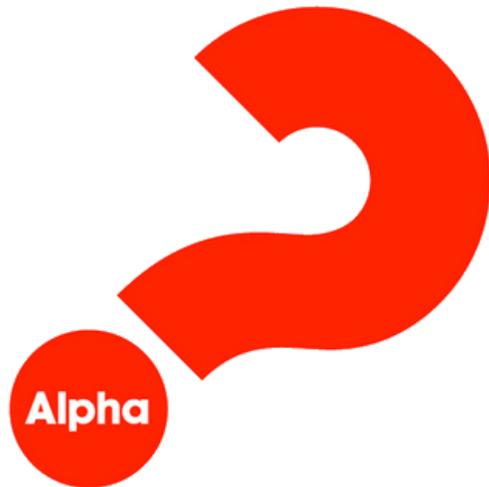


Prayer Diary and Lighthouse Trust

The [prayer diary](#) for August is available here. Thanks to Liz Kitwood for compiling it.

Leah has also updated us on the [Lighthouse Trust](#).

A few paper copies will be available in church.



Alpha@St Giles

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil 4:4,6b

The current Alpha course has come to an end with the final *celebration evening* and we are indeed rejoicing! On this last course, we've had **2 groups** with **12 guests** who 'stayed the course'. Guests were from St Giles and 4 other churches, so it was a real partnership. Here are a few quotes:

Thank you so much for your warm welcome to me on the Alpha course. I know now that I am a sinner! I've learned so much.

You have kindly fed me, taught me, listened to me and helped me on my journey.

Week by week, we have seen Jesus in you. Thank you.

A special thanks to everyone on the team and to all of you who have been praying, it was a great success!



ALPHA in September

Planning and discussions are in progress for another Alpha course in September. The publicity and invitations are being prepared but we need you to pray! And to consider whether there is anyone you could invite to the course.

As always, we are prayerfully laying this before the Lord. *Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain! Psalm 127:1* But, subject to confirmation, we plan to start with the launch evening on **Wednesday 14th September** in the main church building.

Please do contact alpha@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk if you want to know more, if you have a guest who would like to come or if you want to be involved in the team. And watch this space for further news when we have finalised the details.



United Online

Sun 24 July - Fri 29 July &
Sat 30 July - Thurs 4 August

For those not joining in person this Summer, New Wine United will be online. There is a small fee to pay but the content will be excellent. A great opportunity to gather together in homegroups, as friends or neighbours.

For more information on what's included, [click here](#).



Students and Young Adults

Wed 10th August, 6.30pm

Calling all Young Adults! Come and enjoy making a pizza in an outdoor pizza oven for our first 'Summer Social!' Please bring a pizza topping!

Please [sign up](#) so that we know numbers.

Do talk or email Ruth Alexander for more information at ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk.



Back to Church Summer bonanza

Sun 4th September, 10am-1.30pm

Join us for some fun time together and a final opportunity to splat the vicar!

This will mark the beginning of the new season as children go back to school after the summer break and we think about welcoming students later in the month.



Foodbank - Can you bring an item on Sunday?

Many people are living with food insecurity in the UK right now. We know there is a huge crisis as prices rise. FISH works with International Students at the UoN, supporting and giving friendship. While they 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 [HERE](#).



Manna House Opportunity Office Administrator

St Giles has had close links with the Manna House Counselling Service for many years and an exciting part-time post has now arisen to work for this wonderful charity. If you are gifted in office administration and would like to find out more, please contact Helen at the office or [click here](#).

The Manna House Trust - 40 year anniversary

This much-loved charity has been working to support people across the country with their mental health for **40 years this August**. It began with one volunteer working one hour a day and has grown to have 29 trained counsellors - 21 of whom are volunteers - offering more than 250 sessions a month.

David Hill, founder member and trustee of The Manna House Trust, said: "It was certainly beyond our dreams that we'd still be going strong after 40 years and that our counselling service would be a major support to many."

To mark the anniversary, the charity has made one of the founding trustees, **Keith Davidson, honorary president**, to pay tribute and thanks to his 40 years of service.

To date, the service has helped 5,500 clients during 57,000 counselling sessions.

(Excerpt taken from the Chronicle Echo, 21/7/22. Full article [HERE](#))

Interview with Director, John Nightingale on Radio Northampton can be found on BBC Sounds (Martin Heath's show on Sunday morning 24/07/22 or is accessible via this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0cjrxyz>. **Move the slider to 1 hour 9 mins** you will not be far off the interview starting).



Save the Date

Summer breakfast - 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August, 9am in church (food provided)

Back to church Summer Bonanza - 4th September 10-1.30pm

Care for the Family event - A Mind of Their Own (building our children's emotional wellbeing) in Milton Keynes (12th Oct) and Kettering (13th Oct). More info [HERE](#).

Next Week:

Morning Celebration

Service 10am: Maggie Kelly | Steve Kelly

Theme: Jesus said, 'Come to me'

Reading: Matt 11: 25-30, 19: 13-15

Service 7pm: Ali Wagner | Steve Kelly

A House of Prayer for all Nations

To pray in an emergency is altogether right. But to pray only in an emergency cannot be right because this limits prayer to the area of our own self-awareness in the events of life. That makes prayer a convenience. (R Arthur Matthews, Born for Battle 1978)

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): 27th August, 29th October (7pm-9pm)

30th July, 24th September, 26th November (2.30pm-4.30pm)

