

St Giles Church News



Harvest Sunday 1st October 2023

Morning Worship (all age) with Parade

Service 10am: Jo Smith | Beth Whaites

Reading: Luke 19: 11-27

Theme: Parable of the Talents

Service 7pm: Cat Nichol | Josh Richards

Pray With Us this week: Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293/prayer321
Every week-day morning at 8.30am and Thurs eve at 8pm - Click [here](#) to join

The next **Bishop of Peterborough** will be the **Rt Revd Debbie Sellin**, currently Bishop of Southampton, and will be installed at a service in Peterborough Cathedral early 2024

On Sunday we will be thinking about Jesus' teaching in the parable of the minas.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported **Take-A-Break** and the **Summer Breakfasts** over the summer holidays. Each week Take-A-Break saw 45-65 people coming in to church for food and activities. We could not have done that without our whole church family supporting us. So thank you to every who supported financially, with your time, with cake, or with prayer. Thank You!

The **Prayer Diary** for October can be found [HERE](#). Please do take the time to read and pray for our church and community.

Some of you will remember **Richard McNulty** who passed away on 14th September, aged 83 years. The funeral service will be held on Friday 20th October at The Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor at 2:00 pm. Family flowers only. Donations for Cynthia Spencer Hospice may be sent to Hollowells Funeral Directors, 148-150 Beech Avenue, Northampton, NN3 2JN Tel [\(01604\) 79 22 22](tel:01604792222)<https://hollowells.co.uk/funeral-donations>

Last year from November 2022-March 2023 every Friday night we ran **Open Dining Room**. This was an event we put on for families in our local community, where we offered a safe warm space, activities and a free warm meal. After a rocky start, we ended in March with a small community of families attending on a weekly week, which became a real joy to be part of for the families attending but also those who volunteered their time.

We are very aware that the cost of living crisis has in not way gone away and this winter will prove harder than the previous for all of us, we would like to be able to offer Open Dining Room to our local community again. Not to solve the cost of living crisis, but to offer some respite and community for those who attend.

There are two ways we would love you to be involved, firstly you can pray for Open Dining Room, last year it felt surrounded in prayer and it would be great for that to happen again. And secondly you could volunteer, we will need volunteers in two shifts (4-6pm and 6-8pm) on Friday nights, every Friday from 27th October until the 31st March (including the School holidays). You can sign up for as few or as many Fridays as you would like. Volunteering can look different for different people but could include cooking, setting up tables, washing up, monitoring an activity, and also having dinner with everyone that attends. You will be able to sign up for the Fridays that suit you, and choose when you are available.

We were fortunate last year to secure a grant for Open Dining Room, of which not all was spent. We have been allowed to keep the remaining money to spend on the same/similar project this year.

If you would like more information or to sign up to help please email Beth at: youthandchildren@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

To find out more about what's going on at St Giles go to Events on MyChurchSuite or [click here](#).



Harvest Sunday, 1st October

This year we want to support the foodbank at Weston Favell so please bring your donation to church on Sunday or drop off at the church office next week.

Tinned Veg, Tinned Fruit, Tinned or packet Soup, Tinned fish or meat, Tinned beans/spaghetti.
Pasta sauce, Curry sauce, Biscuits, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Custard and rice pudding.
Men and Women's toiletries.

Thank you!



Lighthouse Trust 25th year celebration

Saturday 7th October, 2023

The Lighthouse Trust will be celebrating 25 years since it first began pm Sat 7th Oct, 2-4pm at St Giles Church. It's an amazing achievement and worth celebrating. Click on the image to see a glimpse of what the Lighthouse Trust does. If you would like to go to the celebration you need

to book on [Eventbrite](#).



Welcome Students

This is the time of year that we will be welcoming in lots of new Students! Please say hello to any new students coming into church on a Sunday, letting them know that there is a welcome gift for them, plus give them my contact card which is located at the table by the refreshments area. We would love to encourage you to also invite the students for a meal and get to know them! If you would like to talk more about this, please contact our student and young adults missions leader, Ruth Alexander at ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk.



The Big Quiz Night

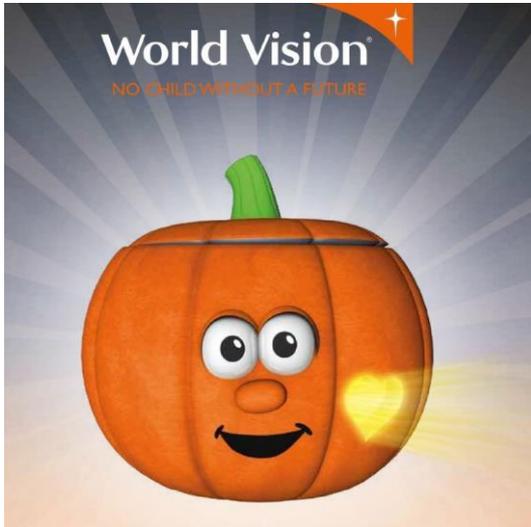
Saturday 7th October, 7pm

Join with thousands across the country for the Big Quiz Night, raising money and finding out more about the work of Tearfund.

There will be hotdogs and cupcakes at 6.30pm and the quiz will start at 7pm. Please confirm and pay (£2) for this and indicate any special dietary requirements, ie there is a vegan sausage and gluten free option.

Click on the image to sign up! You

can donate via the Just Giving page [HERE](#).



Pumpkin Heroes Party *Tuesday 31st October*

We love running our Pumpkin Heroes Party every year on Hallowe'en, 31st October from 5:15-6:30.

The parties are always lots of fun, but to run them **we need a team** who are able to host games on the evening or mingle and chat with the families who come to the party. If you might be able to help please speak to Beth.



Evening Service Refreshments *Can you help?*

We would like to start evening refreshments again *before* the service, from 6.30pm, from November. If you attend the evening service and would like to be part of the refreshments team, please let [Ruth Alexander](#) or [Helen Goff](#) at the office know. It will be a great opportunity to chat and get to know others before the service starts.

There are many ways to give financially to St Giles. The preferred and most cost effective way to give is via the Parish Giving Scheme. Details of all the options can be found [HERE](#).

Please note, there is a small surcharge when giving via ChurchSuite.
Contactless giving is now available in church

You may be interested in..... all on Saturday 7th October!

Women's Conference (Gas Street Church) at the ICC central Birmingham. More info and to book [HERE](#)

Women's Dare Conference, The Old Savoy Theatre, Northampton. More info [HERE](#)

Inspiring Grandparents event, Moulton Church, Northampton, 10-12.30. Contact: 01604 495393

Sunday 8th October 2023
Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Service 10am: Josh Thorne | Ruth Alexander
Theme: Break with the past and press on
Reading: Phil 3: 4b-14
Service 7pm: tbc | Bob Steele

. Get up, get up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the Cross; a lazy Sunday morning surely means harm and loss; The Church of God is calling; in duty be not slack; you cannot fight the good fight while lying on your back" CT Studd

Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are
livestreamed: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLqKU_357NAwFRcQveKyVQ/live

(If you are unable to attend in person on the 1st Sunday of each month, please follow links to HTB, St Aldates, Oxford or All Souls, London for morning worship.)



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