

## St Giles Church News



### Sunday 8th October 2023

**Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

**Service 10am:** Josh Thorne | Ruth Alexander

**Reading:** Phil 3: 4b-14, Matt 21: 33-end

**Theme:** Break with the past and press on

**Service 7pm:** Josh Thorne | Bob Steele

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*

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**The Big Quiz Night** is this Saturday! If you haven't signed up already and would like to come along, please book your place [HERE](#). You may wish to give to the work of Tearfund which you can do via their [Just Giving](#) page. You will find more information on the quiz below.

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**Many thanks** to those of you who contributed towards the Harvest Appeal for the Food Bank at Weston Favell. We are so grateful for the generosity you have shown which will bless others at this difficult time. Thank you!

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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. We are very aware that the cost of living crisis has not 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](mailto:youthandchildren@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

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

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## 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.

Come along to St Giles where hotdogs and cupcakes will be served 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](#).



## 24-7 Virtual Weekend of Prayer for Northampton

*Friday 13th 7pm- Sunday 15th 7pm  
October*

We would like to invite you to join us as Northampton Churches come together again as the people of God with one voice praying Lord let **Your** kingdom come, let **Your** will be done on earth (in Northampton) as **Your** will is done in heaven. In these ongoing challenging times, we know that our hope for our lives, our neighbours, our town and our world is found in God. It is time to pray!

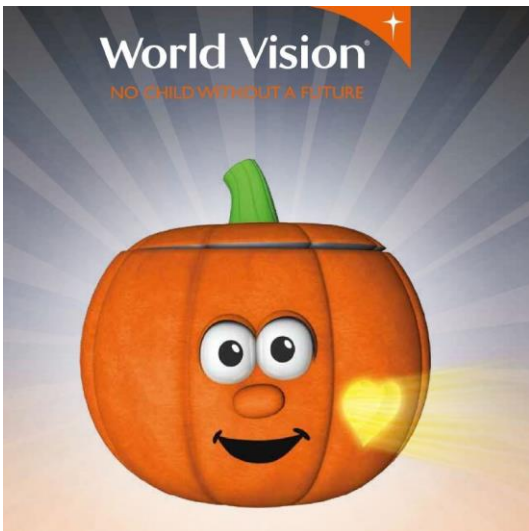
You can find the 24-7 prayer sign-up sheet [HERE](#).



## 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](mailto:ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk).



## Pumpkin Heroes Party

*Tuesday 31st October, 5.15pm*

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

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.





### **Church Family Lunch**

*Sunday 5th November, 12 noon*

Please join us after the morning service on Sunday 5th November when we will have the opportunity to share a simple lunch together in the Hughes Hall.

**Newcomers, families and students are particularly welcome.** It would be great to get to know you and welcome you into our church family.

Please book on ChurchSuite (click on image) or contact the church office (01604 628623).



### **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](#).



## 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.



## Save the Date

*Friday 27th October, [Men's Hymns, Tins and Testimonies](#), Church Centre*

*Sun 5th November, Church Family Lunch, Church Centre*

*Sunday 3rd December, Wreath making, St Giles Church*

**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**

**Sunday 15th October 2023**

**Morning Worship**

Service 10am: Bob Steele | Alison Steele

**Theme:** Exhortations

**Reading:** Phil 4: 1-9, Matt 22: 1-14

Service 7pm: Josh Thorne | Tom Burditt

Holy Communion will be served during the evening service

There is no power like that of prevailing prayer. There is the cost of passion unto blood. Such prayer prevails. It brings power. It brings fire. It brings rain. It brings life. It brings God; Samuel Chadwick

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Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are  
livestreamed: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLqKU\\_357NAwfRCqveKyVQ/live](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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