

St Giles Church News



Sunday 25th February 2024

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Service 10am: Helen Lidbetter | Stephen Hewitson

Reading: Matt 6: 1-4, 2 Corinth 8: 1-5

Theme: Part 2 - How do we give?

Service 7pm: Cat Nichol | Nicola Aylett

Mid-week Holy Communion Service: Thursday 11am, Church Centre

Pray With Us this week: Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293 p/w: prayer321

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

This week, we are looking at Giving Part 2. Are we even allowed to talk about giving, and what does generosity look like? We'll be exploring both these topics at our communion service this week.

Please note that Josh is on leave from 25th Feb - 2nd March. For any pastoral or other

emergencies during this time, please contact the churchwardens, David Lidbetter or Stephen Hewitson. For safeguarding concerns, please contact our safeguarding officer, Louise Whaites. Contact details are available on our [website](#).

Pray with Us! Saturday 24th February, 2.30pm in the Church Centre. We will be meeting to pray for St Giles, its mission and vision. Please join as you can for 1/2 hour, 1 hour or so.

If you are not already on our **Electoral Roll** and you have been worshipping at St Giles for six months or more, please fill in an application form (available on the table near the kitchen in church) and leave in one of the offering boxes in church or drop it into the parish office (envelopes available). Being on St Giles' electoral roll enables you to stand for any PCC vacancy and take part in any vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. A list of those currently on the ER will be displayed on the noticeboard in church from next week. Those not on the ER will receive an email in the next couple of weeks.

Please remember to bring your own cup (with a lid, if possible) for refreshments after the morning service. Thank you!

A message of thanks from James - "Thanks to everyone for their love, support, prayers and cards during my recent illness, it was much appreciated and meant a lot. I am well on the road to recovery and feeling much better. Rev'd James Howson"

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

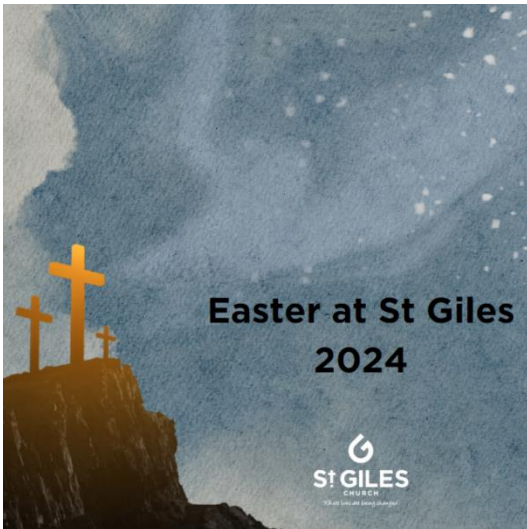


Welcome Lunch!

Sunday 17th March, 12noon

For those of you who are new (ish) to St Giles church we would love to get to know you (and for you to get to know us!) a little more over lunch at the vicarage on Sunday 17th March after the morning service.

You will need to book on ChurchSuite - please click on the image which will take you to the booking form or email [Helen](mailto:Helen@stgiles.org)



Easter at St Giles

Please take some Easter service invitations available in church and share with your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. We would love to see a full church as we share the wonderful message of Easter.

Palm Sunday - 24th March, 10am and 7pm

Maundy Thursday - 28th March, 7pm

Good Friday - 29th March, 11am (Family), 2pm (Reflective)

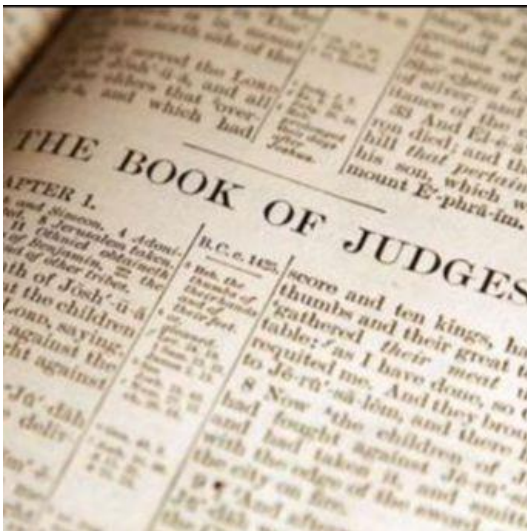
Easter Sunday - 31st March, 10am



Prayer and Worship Night

Friday 15th March, 7pm

For all 18-30 year olds in Northampton, St Giles is one of the churches that is collaborating with others on hosting a worship night! Join in to worship and pray with others of faith in Northampton. March 15th, 7-9pm, W5 Church. To sign-up go via this [link](#) for your free ticket or click on the image.

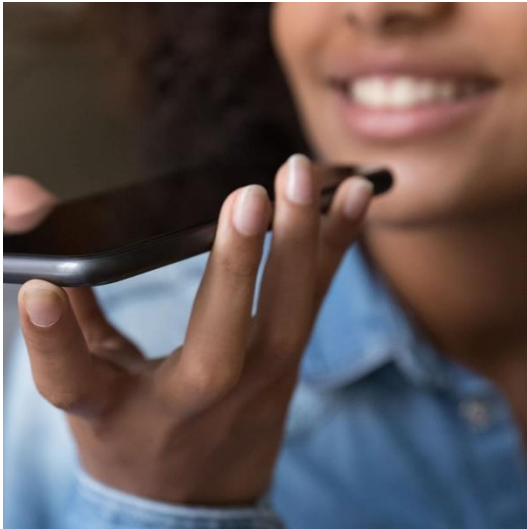


Bishop's Bible Day

Saturday, 9th March, 10am - 4pm

You don't have to be a Bishop to go to the Bishop's Bible Day! It is for anyone who wants to 'dig deeper' into the word of God. There are different seminars to choose from. You must book your place which costs £12 to the diocese but they are just asking for a contribution depending on what people can afford and you will need to take a packed lunch!

Click on the image to find out more and to book.



Call to Action

With Easter approaching, Stephen H is looking to compile an audio recording of people reading **John 18 and John 19** to be played in church. Ideally it would be good to get everyone involved. You don't need any professional recording equipment, an audio recording using a phone will do. You can record together as a family, couples, children on their own, etc. Please record as much or as little as you feel called to. Stephen's contact details are on Churchsuite, so email him or send him a voice note on WhatsApp with your recording.



Foodbank for Students

Can you donate?

FISH works with International Students at the UoN, supporting and giving friendship. We know that while International Students 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 please donate dried goods and hygiene items and bring to church (there is a labelled box at the front). Thank you!



Save the Date

Sunday 12th May - APCM
(Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

You may be interested in...

Beloved Women's Conference at Broadmead Church, Sat 16th March. Click [HERE](#)

Sunday 3rd March 2024 **Morning Worship (all age)**

Service 10am: Karolin Richards | Beth Whaites

Reading: Matt 6: 9-13, Rev 21: 1-8

Theme: The Lord's Prayer Part 3 - What God will do

Service 7pm: Ruth Alexander | Josh Richards

Is it not a proof that the Holy Spirit is to a great extent a stranger in the church when prayer, for which God has made such provisions, is regarded as a task and a burden? Andrew Murray

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

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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