

St Giles Church News



Sunday 24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Morning Worship

Service 10am: Bob Steele | Alison Steele

Reading: John 12: 12-16

Theme: Approaching Easter

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. Note: there will be **NO prayer zoom on Thurs 28th** (Maundy Thurs)*

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VENTON CAR PARK USERS ****

Please ensure you have a [current permit](#) that has been authorised by the Church Office and that it is **clearly displayed** if you park at the Venton Centre, otherwise you may get a penalty notice. This arrangement is strictly for **Sunday use only**. There will be a revision to the parking arrangements in due course, possibly with reduced spaces and new permits so please watch this space.

Please join us in prayer on Saturday (23rd) between 2.30 and 4.30pm (in person). We will be meeting in the Church Centre. Come for as little or as long as you can. Let us listen to God and pray for the things He puts on our hearts.

Please note that Spencer Parade will be closed on Sunday 24th March from 9-11.45am.

Women's Knit and Natter (with tea and toast) will NOT be meeting on Wed 27th March or 3rd April but will resume on 10th April.

Thank you to those who came last Sunday to the Welcome Lunch. It was great to get together, meet you all and get to know you a little bit more. If you are keen to join a homegroup or serve on a team, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Helen in the office: office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

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 May. A list of those currently on the ER is on the noticeboard in church.

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

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



Easter at St Giles

As we approach Holy week we ask that you would encourage those who have yet to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour to come along to one or all of our Easter Services. There are still some invitation cards in church so do take a couple and invite a neighbour, friend, colleague or family member.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (2pm) and Easter Sunday services will be livestreamed.

There will be NO evening service on Sunday 31st March.



24-7 Prayer Weekend

Fri 19th April - Sun 21st April

Northampton churches are holding a virtual 24-7 prayer weekend from 6.00pm **Friday 19 April** to 6.00pm **Sunday 21 April 2024**. Sign up at [THIS LINK](#) for your slot (if another person is there, rejoice that we are praying with another person from another church)

Information and updates can be found [HERE](#)

24-7 Prayer GB have declared 2024 a year of prayer for the nations of the world. We are taking our place. Prayer is the great work of God - *Oswald Chambers*.



Sunday Service Rotas

If you currently serve on a team, including service leaders and preachers, please look out for an email detailing the rota/s you are on for the next term (April-July). If you are not serving in any capacity and would like to, we would love to hear from you. It's a great way to get to know others and feel involved in the life of our church. Please get in touch with Helen (office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk or 01604 628623). Thank you!



Help Needed!

We would love to bring back Take-A-Break during the next two school holidays. Last year we saw an average of 50 people coming into church during the school holidays for crafts, games, activities, face painting and lots of cake.

Take-A-Break will be every Wednesday afternoon during school holidays, starting on 29th May from 12-3pm.

To run Take-A-Break we need a large team. There are numerous roles within this team.

For more information please contact Beth.
(beth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)



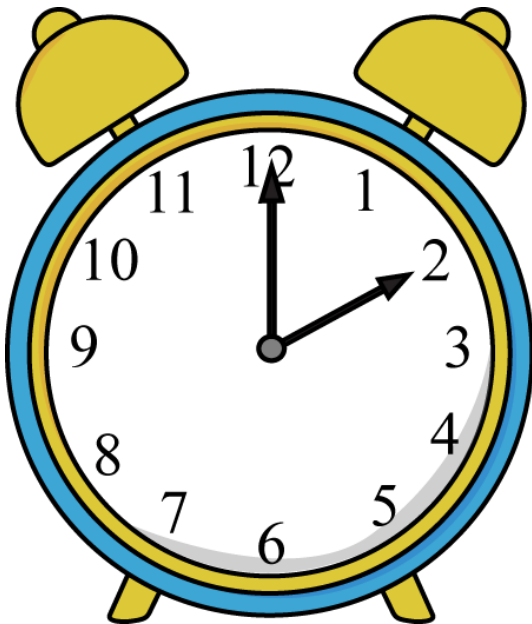
Unite Youth event

Sunday 24th March, 6.30pm

We are planning to take a group to a youth event on Sunday 24th March, 6:30-9pm. Unite is a gathering for church youth across Northamptonshire to come together for Worship, Friendship and Fun.

Fun activities at this event include Gladiator Duel, Wakka Mole, Hole-in-one, crafts and other activities. £3 per person.

Please contact Beth to sign up.
(Beth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)



Hurray! Clocks are 'springing forward'

Make a note in your diary that the clocks will go forward on **Sunday morning 31st March at 1am.**

Longer, spring days are almost upon us and I'm sure we are all looking forward to that.

As we notice 'new life' emerging let's thank God for the wonder of His creation.



Save the Date

Friday 19th April, 7-9pm - Games Night Men & Women. Info [HERE](#)

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

You may be interested in...

Cabrina (Film) - Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini arrives in New York from Italy in 1889 and manages to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing, healthcare and schooling for the city's destitute orphans. More information and showing times [HERE](#)

Good Friday Town Centre Witness and Worship, 10am 29th March from Sheinman Opticians/BBC Radio Northampton.
24-7 Prayer. Sign up [HERE](#)

Sunday 31st March 2024
EASTER SUNDAY
Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Service 10am: Ruth Alexander | Josh Thorne
Reading: John 20: 1-18
Theme: Our Lord is Risen!
THERE IS NO EVENING SERVICE
The morning service will be livestreamed

. “And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed” Mark 1:35, @ 68)

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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