

St Giles Church News



Sunday 25th August 2024

Morning Worship (all age)

Service 10am: Helen Lidbetter | Josh Thorne

Reading: Genesis 32: 22-32

Theme: Summer Series - Facing difficult times

Service 7pm: Josh Thorne | Haydon Spenceley

Holy Communion will be offered after the morning service in the Lady's Chapel

Join us for Thursday Tea & Toast at 11am in the Parish Centre

(Mid-week Holy Communion Service will resume on 5th September)

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 (but NOT on Thurs 5th Sept)

Please note that the morning services during the summer series will not be livestreamed. **The evening services are livestreamed.**

We very much encourage you to **join us in prayer on Saturday 31st August** in the Church Centre. We will be meeting from 2.30-4.30pm. Come for as little or as long as you are able. We have so much to pray and give thanks for.

We hope that you have enjoyed the Summer Breakfasts before the morning service over the last few weeks. We are so grateful to those who have shopped, prepared and served us (and got up extra early on a Sunday morning!) - it has been such a blessing. **Please note that the last Sunday we can serve breakfast is on 25th August** and NOT 1st September as originally planned. Refreshments after the service will resume on 1st September. Please remember to bring your own cup (with a lid) if possible.

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

On **Monday 26th August** (Bank Holiday) the **office will be closed**.

Please note: Road closures are expected on Sun 1st September between Victoria Promenade and St Giles Street for resurfacing (9am-5pm). This may affect some of you as you travel to St Giles for the morning service.



Summer Series and Breakfast

Our Summer Series continues with the theme 'Running the Race'. This will run until Sunday 1st September. The church will be set up *cafe style* and we will be serving breakfast from 9.30am to 10am until 25th August. It would be helpful to book on ChurchSuite if you plan to come for breakfast. Click on the image.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Giving Day

You will be aware that we are planning a **Giving Day** on **Sunday 22nd September to raise £35,000** so we can continue with the ministry and mission we believe God is calling us to do. Prior to that we will be holding a **prayer evening** and a **day of prayer and fasting**. More details will follow but please put the dates below in your diary.

Mon 16th Sept – Prayer evening led by the PCC, 7.30pm

Sat 21st Sept – Day of Prayer and Fasting

Sun 22nd Sept - Giving Day and International Meal

At the beginning of September there will be an opportunity to make a **pledge** which may be in the form of a one-off gift, increasing your regular giving or starting a new regular giving commitment. In the meantime please prayerfully consider what you may be able to give in preparation for Sunday 22nd. Thank you!

We also hope to encourage home groups to discuss and pray for our finances during this season which will form part of our teaching series in September. We will have more details on that soon. Please continue to uphold St Giles in your prayers.



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 put in the labelled box in church. Thank you!



Prayer for UoN

Thursday 29th August, 7-8pm

Join others to pray for the students and staff at the UoN on Thursday 29th.

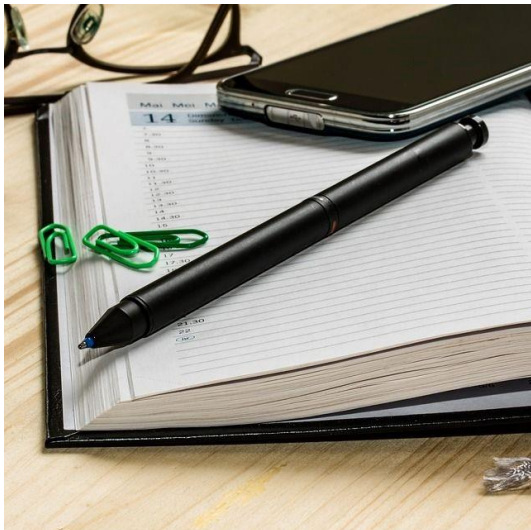
Let Ruth know if you would like to attend.
(ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

Please be aware that from September, we will be meeting on the last Tuesday of the month. At the same time and place.



Welcome Lunch - Save the Date
Sunday 20th October, 12 noon

If you are new (ish) to St Giles and have not yet come along to one of our welcome lunches please join us in October. You can sign up now by clicking on the image. We would be delighted to see you!



Save the Date

Monday 16th Sept, Prayer evening
Saturday 21st Sept, Day of Prayer and Fasting
Sunday 22nd Sept, Giving Day

Sunday 20th Oct, Welcome Lunch for Newcomers

Sunday 1st September 2024
Morning Worship (all age)

Service 10am: Jo Smith | Beth Whaites

Reading: 1 Samuel 17

Theme: Summer Series - Standing up for God

Service 7pm: Sapphire-Haze Widdison | Ruth Alexander

How will you get a word from God if you don't seek it? And how can you seek it but by earnest prayer? Thomas Boston of Simprin (1699)

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

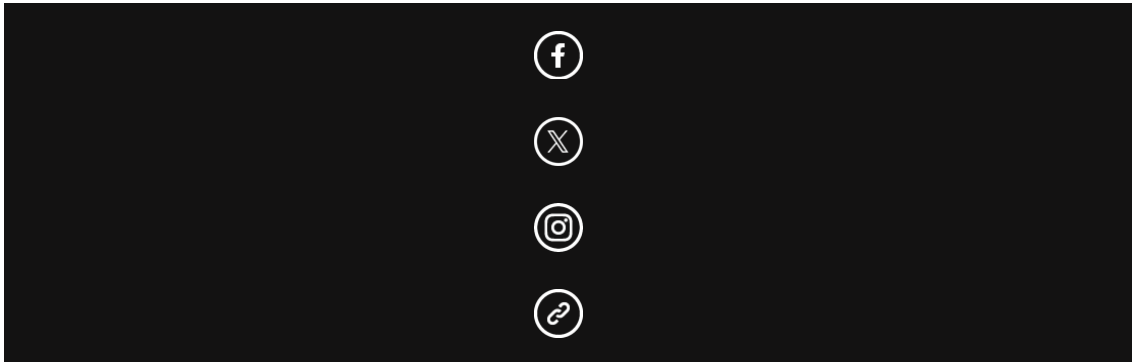
Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are livestreamed:
<https://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/sunday-service-videos>

(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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