

## St Giles Church News



### **Sunday 13th October 2024**

#### **Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

**Service 10am:** Nicola Aylett | Josh Thorne

**Reading:** Psalm 32

**Theme:** Shame

**Service 7pm:** Ruth Alexander | Josh Thorne

In our current series we are looking at the Psalms. We are thinking about how we deal with the emotions of the human heart as followers of Jesus. See attached the series outline [HERE](#).

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

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**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*

**We will not be having our usual meeting on Thursday 17th October.**

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**Harvest donations** - thank you to everyone who contributed! Your donations are going to bless many students from Northampton University who will be very grateful of your generosity.

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One of our mission partners, **Ann Fursdon**, will be on extended home leave from the end of October till June. Does anyone have or know of a car she could use during all or any part of that time? Please contact the office or Liz Kitwood if you can help.

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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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### **Welcome Lunch**

*Sunday 20th October, 12 noon*

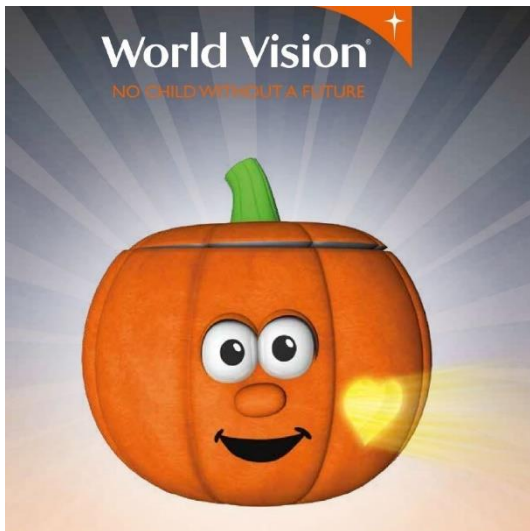
If you are new (ish) to St Giles and have not yet come along to one of our welcome lunches please join us in October. You can sign up now by clicking on the image. We would be delighted to see you!



### **Welcome Students!**

Thank you to all those who were praying over this last week while we had Fresher's week on Campus. 2800 new students enrolled over Saturday-Monday, with many more to come and they continue to 'mop up' in the next few weeks. We look forward to welcoming many to St Giles at the 10am and 7pm service, and the Students and Young Adults homegroup on Thursdays. We will continue to have our monthly prayer meetings on the last Tuesday of the

months, at the campus. While also supporting and encouraging the CU on campus that meet weekly. Do continue to pray for all God is doing in this parish with the students!



### **Pumpkin Heroes Party**

*Thursday 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.



### **Autumn Planting and Tidy Up**

*Saturday 19th October, 11am*

Can you spare an hour or so to help Rocky and the community group tidy up the Churchyard and plant some spring bulbs in the grass?

New planters *may* be in place by then and Rocky hopes that some planting kits will be available.

If you can help, please bring a trowel and gloves and perhaps a flask of coffee!

Over the next few weeks patch repairs will be carried out on the paths and possibly benches refurbished, so it could all look rather lovely.





Last year from November 2023- March 2024 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, 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, friendship 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 November until March (including the School holidays). You can sign up for as few or as many Fridays as you would like. Volunteering this year will be under three set roles: cooking, washing up, and hall supervisor. You will be able to sign up for the Fridays that suit you, and choose which role you want to sign up to. Role descriptions are available for you to look at before you sign up.

If you would like more information or to sign up to help please email [Beth](mailto:Beth).

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**Sunday 20th October 2024  
Morning Worship**

Service 10am: Josh Thorne | Ruth Alexander

**Reading:** Psalm 131

**Theme:** Calm

Service 7pm: Josh Thorne | Nicola Aylett

**Holy Communion will be served during the evening service**

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"Reading one hundred expositions *about* prayer will never equal one vital experience *of* prayer;" L Ravenhill

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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