

## St Giles Church News



### **Sunday 24th November 2024**

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

**Service 10am:** Nicola Aylett | Peter Angus

**Reading:** Psalm 118

**Theme:** Thankful

**Service 7pm:** Ruth Alexander | James Howson

This week we complete our theme on the Psalms which will lead us into the season of Advent from 1st December. If you would like to sign up to the CofE Christmas reflections please follow the link [HERE](#).

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**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*

**\*\*Pray with us on Saturday 30th Nov from 2.30-4.30pm in the Church Centre\*\***

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The **Christmas season** is approaching and we look forward to this joyful time when we contemplate and give thanks for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please do pick up an invitation available in church to see the dates and times of our own Christmas services.

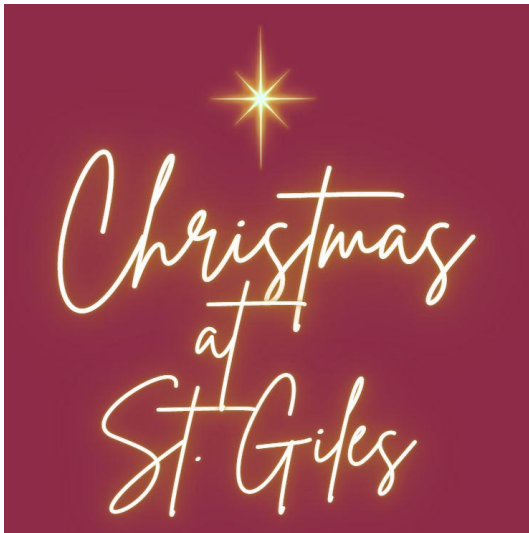
**Christmas cards for our Overseas Mission Partners** - as usual we have cards available in church which you are invited to sign to bless our overseas partners. Please sign even if you don't yet know them, it helps them to keep in touch.

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The next lot of rotas are being emailed to you so please do look out for those. If you are not currently on a rota and would like to join a team, please let Helen in the office know (office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk). You can check out the options [HERE](#).

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

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### **Christmas at St Giles**

Our Christmas invitations are now available in church and outline our Christmas services this year.

Please do take what you need to invite neighbours, friends and family members.

You can also view what's on, on our [website](#).



## Christmas Decorations

It's a lovely time of year when we get to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas. The two dates are:

[Sat 7th Dec](#) - 9.30am - 12 noon

[Sat 14th Dec](#) - 9.30am - 12 noon

You can come for as long or as little as you like. There will be some jolly Christmas songs and refreshments provided.

Please sign up on ChurchSuite (click on dates above) or drop Helen a line: [office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)



## Christmas Orchestra and Choir

If you are interested in singing in our Christmas choir this year at the Carol Service on Sunday 15th December (7pm), Marian Thomas will be gathering singers after the Sunday morning service this Sunday (24th), to meet up and listen to the music. Additional practices will be held on Saturday 7th (2:15pm-3:15pm), Sunday 8th (after morning service/11:30am), Saturday 14th (2pm-4pm), and Sunday 15th (after morning service/11:30am).

For the instrumentalists among us, Penny Ballard will be gathering musicians in the church to rehearse on: Saturday 7th December from 2.15pm-3.15pm, and Saturday 14th December from 2pm-4pm.



### **Men's Breakfast**

*Saturday 30th November, 8.30am*

Come along for a Full English breakfast followed by a talk from our very own Paul Cooper on Faith and Science.

There is no cost to attend the breakfast although donations are welcome towards the food. It'd be great if you can book on ChurchSuite (click on image) so we have an idea of numbers.

Any questions feel free to contact Pete Day on 07845 247846.

We look forward to seeing you there!



### **Open Dining Room**

*November to March*

We are in urgent need of more help at Open Dining Room. If you can help please speak to Beth.


We have started open dining room this Friday, but are doing so in faith that we will have enough help to keep it running every week.

Open Dining Room is an incredible way that we can support our community, through providing a warm space, a hot meal and friendly volunteers. Open Dining Room is greatly valued by those who come along and we are thrilled to have received a grant to cover the cost of running Open Dining Room this year.


We need people to help cook, to wash up, to set up and pack away tables and chairs, to chat to those who come along, and to run crafts/activities for children.

If you are able to help with any of the above please contact [Beth](#) as soon as possible. You will be able to sign up for as many or as few sessions as you like. Sessions run on a Friday evening from 4-8pm, with the possibility of helping from 4-6, 6-8 or for the whole session.

This role does require a DBS check.



**Prayer for UoN**  
Churches of Northampton coming together in prayer for students  
26th November  
7-8pm  
Multi-Faith Centre, Waterside Campus



'They are like a tree planted by streams of water which yields it's fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers.'  
Psalm 1v3

If you would like to attend, please email Ruth at [ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

### **Prayer for UoN**

*Tuesday 26th November, 7-8pm*

Join others to pray for the students and staff at the UoN on Tuesday 26th.

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



“Baby-basics”



Northamptonshire  
Community Foundation  
Giving back to our county

### **Baby Basics**

*Can you help?*

There is a box under the table by the noticeboard in church for donations for Baby Basics - a charity who provides Moses Baskets of baby items and treats and essentials for new mums in need. A suggestions list is on the box lid or click on the image to find out more.

Thank you!

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**You may be interested in...**

**Lou Fellingham Event**, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Sat 7th Dec, Info [HERE](#)  
**An evening with Rob Parsons**, Care for the Family, Thurs 28th Nov, Kettering. Info [HERE](#)

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**Sunday 1st December 2024**  
1st SUNDAY of ADVENT  
**Morning Worship (all age)**  
Service 10am: Beth Whaites I Jo Smith  
**Reading:** Luke 21: 25-36  
**Theme:** Christ will come again  
Service 7pm: Sapphire-Haze Widdison I Josh Richards

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If you ask why we emphasise prayer so much and so often, we reply "Because Jesus did so". 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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