

St Giles Church News



Sunday 1st December 2024

Morning Worship (all age)

1st SUNDAY of ADVENT

Service 10am: Beth Whaites | Jo Smith

Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

Theme: Christ will come again

Service 7pm: Sapphire-Haze Widdison | Josh Richards

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****

The **Christmas season** is now upon us 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.

This Christmas, **St Giles will be supporting the charity, eve.** eve's strapline is "*Transforming lives affected by domestic abuse*". Please see below for further information.

Ann Fursdon, one of our mission partners, will be here week of 8 December and would welcome any opportunity to renew friendships and meet new people. She would love to join with home groups or other gatherings (not necessarily to talk about her work) and individual invitations would also be really welcome. She will make another visit to us next year, dates not yet fixed.

Please look out for **December's Prayer Diary** which will be emailed out to you next week.

Meals for the Thorne family - We were pleased to welcome Josh (our vicar) and his newly expanded family last Sunday. For those who wish to bless The Thornes as they adjust to family life please consider offering a meal. This can be 'booked' [HERE](#). Any problems (or to open up new slots) Please contact [Siobhan Hoare](#) or the church office.

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

Christmas at St Giles

Contemplative Carols - 8th Dec at 3pm

Carols by Candlelight - 15th Dec at 7pm

Children's Carol Service - 24th Dec at 3.30pm

Late Night Communion - 24th Dec at 11.30pm

Christmas Day Service - 25th Dec at 10am

Christmas at St Giles

Hopefully you have all been able to pick up a copy of our Christmas invitation and are thinking about who you can invite.

We do still need help with various duties over the Christmas season so please contact Helen in the office if you can offer to help on any one of the dates shown. 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



Christmas Orchestra and Choir

Are you interested in singing in our Christmas choir this year at the Carol Service on Sunday 15th December (7pm)? There's been one practice already but it's not too late to join. The next one 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.



Our Christmas Appeal 2024

This Christmas we would like to give to the ladies who are supported by Eve. The ladies currently in the Refuge or receiving support are mostly aged 20-30. Eve has asked for **gift sets of toiletries, scarfs or craft kits** suitable for this sort of age range. Gifts should be **unwrapped** and put in the box under the table by the coffee bar in church by Monday 16th December. If anyone would like more information on Eve or to give financial please go to eveda.org.uk for more information or click on the image.



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.

You may be interested in...

Lou Fellingham Event, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Sat 7th Dec, Info [HERE](#)
Shine Your Light, Northampton Town Centre, Sat 14th Dec at 12noon to sing carols (Churches Together)

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2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT
Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Service 10am: tbc | tbc
Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4, Luke 3: 1-6
Theme: The Messenger comes
Service 7pm: tbc | Josh Thorne
A Contemplative Carol Service will be held in church at 3pm

The Gospel of Luke gives accounts of whole nights spent in prayer by Jesus. Are we better than He? 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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