

St Giles Church News



Sunday 23rd February 2025

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Service 10am: Helen Lidbetter | Josh Thorne

Reading: Mark 14: 32-52

Theme: Transforming Power

Service 7pm: Ruth Alexander | James Howson

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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

Saturday 22nd 2.30-4.30pm Prayer in the Church Centre

Church Office hours this week:

Monday: 12pm - 3pm

Tues, Wed, Fri: 10am - 3pm

OFFICE CLOSED THURS 27th

Staff days off this week

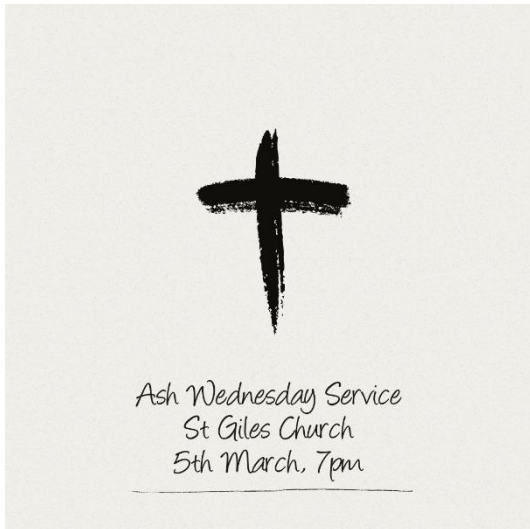
Josh: Mon 23rd-Mon 3rd

Beth: Sat

Ruth: Sun 9th-15th

For any **pastoral emergencies**, while Josh is on leave next week, please contact Revd. James Howson (01604 555020) or the church office (01604 628623).

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



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5th March

Join us for a reflective service to mark the beginning of Lent as we look into God's word together, worship and share communion to help us prepare our hearts for the season ahead.



Welcome Lunch

Sunday 23rd March, 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 the Church Centre after the morning service at 12 noon.

You can sign up now by clicking on the image. We would be delighted to see you!



Complete revision

Sign up now!

Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll*, whether on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply no later than Friday 18th April.

* You need to have been attending St Giles regularly for 6 months or more before your name can be entered on the Electoral Role.

Please click on the image for a digital copy and send the completed form to [Helen](#) in the office or pick up a paper copy in church and put the completed copy in one of the offering boxes or through the Parish Office letterbox.



Prayer Study Day

Saturday, 8th March, 10am-2.30pm

The annual Bishop's Bible Day this year will instead be a **Prayer Study Day** at Caroline Chisholm School in Northampton.

The day will have two main talks by Bishop John Stroyan as well as a panel discussion, featuring a range of voices from different settings focusing on both individual prayer and praying for others.

If you would like to attend please book your place by clicking on the image. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Prayer for UoN
 Churches of Northampton coming
 together in prayer for students

25th February
 7-8pm

Multi-Faith Centre, Waterside Campus



'They are like a tree planted by streams
 of water which yields its 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

Prayer for UoN

Tuesday 25th February, 7-8pm

Join others to pray for the students and staff at the UoN on Tuesday 25th.

Let Ruth know if you would like to attend.



Pancake Party

Tuesday 4th March, 5.15pm

We are planning to run our Pancake party again this year on pancake day at 5.15pm. To do this we need adults to help run games, lead crafts, make tea/coffee or chat to those who attend.

Adults will need to be available from 5-7pm on Tuesday 4th March. If this is something you would like to help with **please speak to Beth as soon as possible**, so we can advertise to school.



Schools Outreach

Our school's work has grown in the last couple of years, and we would love to build a team to support this work.

At the moment we have a number of schools booked in to visit the church during the run up to Easter. We would also love to offer year 6 transitions prayer spaces to more schools in our local area.

If you are available during the school day, and would be willing to help with occasional school work **please contact Beth as soon as possible**, or contact Beth if you have any questions.

This role will require an enhanced DBS.



2nd St Giles Scouts

We are excited to be planning to re-launch a Beaver Scout unit sometime in September 2025

This group is for 6 – 8 year girls and boys but if you have children from age 5 we would love to hear from you. Please check out the national website about Beaver

Scouts www.scouts.org.uk/beavers to look at the fun activities and opportunities that Beaver Scouts can provide.

We already have some volunteer helpers on board but need a few more to make it work. This is a great way of bringing families into the body of the Church. For further information **Richard Poole 07955 329415 (contact email is on ChurchSuite)**



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.

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...

The BIG Parenting Questions, Tues 11th March, Northampton. More info [HERE](#)
Job Vacancy - **Executive Assistant to the Director of Education**. More info [HERE](#)

Sunday 2nd March 2025

Morning Worship and Parade (All Age)

Service 10am: Beth Whaites | Karolin Richard

Reading: Mark 16: 1-8

Theme: Inviting Trust

Service 7pm: Dennis Bijo | Max Holloway

Sunday 9th March 2025
Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Service 10am: Peter Angus | Josh Thorne
Reading: Genesis (tbc)
Theme: Conversation with God
Service 7pm: Dan Blight | Josh Thorne

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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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