

Friday 30th April and 7th May 2021

St Giles News

ST GILES CHURCH

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Vicar: Rev. Canon Steve Kelly

Church in the building

Sunday 10am

(doors open 9.45am)

Receive the Word

Mark 4: 1-20

Led by: Maggie Kelly

Speaker: Steve Kelly

**(We will be breaking bread together
after the morning service)**

Please book your seat on ChurchSuite

(bookings open 1 week prior to date)

Church Online

Sunday 10am and 7pm

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Click on the link:

<https://stgilesnorthampton.online.church/>

Dial-a-sermon: 01604 343200
(for those who do not have on-line access)

Zoom meet-ups

Prayer Zoom: 886 0781 8293/prayer321

Chat Zoom: 816 7271 1469/gather123

PRAY

Praise God for our NHS and for the Covid vaccination programme here in the UK. We are very blessed.

Please pray for countries like India and Brazil who have hit a record number of cases and deaths. Hospitals are overwhelmed and there is widespread shortages of oxygen and medicines.

New variants are emerging that are thought to be more contagious. And there will be other countries and situations you may be aware of that need our prayers.



Pete Greig has some useful pointers on how we can pray. Click on the image to find out more.

Please also continue to pray for those known to you who are struggling at this time.

Sunday worship

New Offering and Opportunity

At the moment, you can choose between a **COVID-secure gathering in church** (meeting face-to-face but with restrictions on contact, singing etc.) and an **online pre-recorded service** (with online chat, prayer requests and post-service zoom meet-ups).

This Sunday evening, at 7pm, you are all invited to something which will combine the 2. It will be face-to-face (on Zoom), you'll be able to sing, there will be fellowship, sharing and prayer. It will be informal and we will be led and guided by the flow of conversation and the leading of the Holy Spirit. The music will be led by members of the congregation. Come along, try it out, come ready to contribute, share and be part of it. Sunday evening 7pm on zoom. Details below.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81672711469?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81672711469?pwd=K3BBQ09RZklwK3dGYWErL3A4KzBRUT09)

[pwd=K3BBQ09RZklwK3dGYWErL3A4KzBRUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81672711469?pwd=K3BBQ09RZklwK3dGYWErL3A4KzBRUT09)

Meeting ID: 816 7271 1469/Passcode: gather123

Together 21 update

Steve Kelly shared an update at the APCM on behalf of the Together 21 Finance Team. They have been busy!

The team (Steve Pentland, Jess Newlove, Alison Steele, David Lidbetter) have been looking at all the ideas put forward and have grouped them together into 5 'themes':

- ★ Individual Giving
- ★ Use of Church Buildings
- ★ Community
- ★ Single Events
- ★ Other



In the coming month, they are gathering together people who put ideas forward in these areas to form 5 teams who can work together to bring some of these ideas to fruition. We'll keep you posted about progress and plan to have another whole church zoom towards the end of May to bring us all back together again.

We thank God for positive progress towards reducing our deficit thus far this year.

Pentecost Sunday 23rd May

At St Giles we feel we are called to be a **House of Prayer for all Nations** but how many nations are represented in the St Giles Church family? We would love to know.

This Pentecost, as part of turning our church inside out, we are hoping to declare the wonders of God in many languages, in printed speech bubbles on the railings.

If you speak a language other than English please send Ali (curate@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk) an e-mail with:

- 1. Your name and the language you are writing in.**
- 2. Two phrases in your chosen language.**

Firstly, a short phrase praising God, for example 'Jesus is Lord,' 'God is love' or a favourite bible verse, with an English translation and secondly, 'This language is spoken by a member of our church, do get in touch if you would like to know more at stgileschurchnorthampton.org.uk.'

Please send these by Sunday 16th May at the latest.

Thank you!

Men's Ministry Leadership Announcement



I am pleased to announce the appointment of a new team to lead the men's ministry at St Giles. **Peter Day** (left) will be the overall leader and **Mike Cope** (centre) and **Richard Poole** (right) will be deputy leaders. The three of them will be developing the vision and direction of this ministry in the years to come. As we move out of lockdown and the restrictions ease, they will be creating opportunities for fellowship and building relationships through a series of activities and events.

The ministry seeks to create a sense of belonging and community, to help men grow in confidence in the gospel and to seek to put faith into action. Peter, Mike and Richard would love to have your ideas - please get in touch.

We want to take this opportunity to express a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the men's core team who have overseen and guided the men's ministry over recent years. Thank you to Duncan Halliday, Tim Dixon, Roger Hampson, Neale Goff, Harvey Fryer and others for all you have done and for your passionate commitment. A great foundation has been laid and we're excited about what will be built in the future.

News of Alyth's healing

Soon after Christmas I started experiencing extreme pain in my abdominal area. After having all the different scans, several blood tests and thorough examinations it was discovered that all my gallstones had compacted into one big mass causing swelling and inflammation to my gallbladder, pancreas and bile duct. I was also diagnosed with pancreatitis and a hiatus hernia.

The pain was frequently so severe that over the next few months I spent a lot of time literally screaming in agony in a heap on the floor!

Several people from my church and other Christian friends prayed for me and one morning Rev Steve Kelly led the church in prayer while Tony anointed me with oil. Then, one morning a couple of weeks ago, I woke up and realised I wasn't in as much pain and was gradually able to come off the morphine and other pain killers and could cope with just ordinary paracetamol. As the days went past the pain got less and less until I had no pain at all and could actually stand up straight again!!

I told my GP that I am a Christian and have been having prayer for healing and that I believe God has healed me. I am still completely pain free.

HALLELUJAH, PRAISE THE LORD, GOD HAS HEALED ME

Extract taken from Alyth's testimony



Lent Project Appeal

Thank you to everyone who gave to the 2021 Lent Project Appeal. **£3950 was raised.** With Gift aid this will make the total well over £4k. The money will be sent to Open Doors and will be put towards their Top 10 fund:

£7.00 provides a Bible for one believer from a country in the World Watch List Top 10.

£35.00 provides biblical training to a believer where they suffer extreme persecution.

£74.00 provides food, medicine and shelter for a North Korean believer fleeing extreme persecution.

Thank you for your generosity and your prayers. Let us continue in prayer for our brothers and sisters in North Korea and in many other countries around the world where so many Christians are being persecuted for being a follower of Jesus Christ.

Maggie's farewell gift

'A thank you from all of us'

After Maggie stepped down from her Assistant Minister role at the end of January, she was presented with some flowers and a small gift to mark the occasion. Since then, we as the fellowship have been able to present her with over £200 as a gift card to allow her to purchase a 'larger something' of her own choosing. Thank you Maggie!

Venton Car Park

"We're on our way to church!"



Please contact Helen or Serena for a new permit to use the Venton car park **(Sundays only)**.

email:
office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

Please note this is a **2-week news sheet**. The next news sheet will be Friday 14th May. On Sunday 9th May our theme will be **'Follow me - Feeding the 5000', Mark 6: 30-44**