



Sunday 9th January 2022

Service 10am: Nicola Aylett | Ali Wagner

Reading: Luke 2:25-35

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

St Giles YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLqKU_357NAwfRCqveKyVQ/videos

Happy New Year everyone.

I love the image above and it reminds me that the big story of God is a **love story**. At Christmas we remember that Jesus came as a person to bring God's message of love into a broken and hurting world. And we now begin to travel

towards Easter when we remember how Jesus died for the sins of the world, to save us and to restore us into a loving relationship with the Father. **“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son...”**

As the new year begins, may I encourage us all to **‘fix our eyes on Jesus’** as the writer to the Hebrews puts it. Be creative, intentional, imaginative and open to the Holy Spirit as you read, pray, worship and dedicate yourself afresh as a follower of Jesus in 2022.

Last week I shared with the church family that in **February and March** I will be taking the 2 months of **sabbatical leave** postponed and carried over from 2020. That feels like a long time ago and so many have been through so much since then. I’m grateful to everyone who will take up the reins during my sabbatical. A **rhythm of rest**, whether that is Sabbath, holidays, a retreat or an extended break is very much woven into the biblical story. I believe we all need to seek out these patterns of rest for ourselves so that we can stay the course and keep ‘running the race’ with vigour and energy.

As we ‘run the race set before us’ in 2022, I pray for us all to be assured and strengthened as we stay close to Jesus, our companion, our friend, our Lord and our Saviour. God is with us. Hallelujah!

Steve



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Some great opportunities to join a team at St Giles. A wonderful way to get involved, meet new people, use your gifts. We need YOU!

Welcome - at our Sunday services
Hospitality - refreshments, hosting
Production - sound, computer, video
Children - helping or leading a group

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Rotas out soon...

If you are part of a team that serves on Sundays, you will have been sent an email asking you to register any dates you are unavailable over the next 3 months on ChurchSuite. If you could do this by next Friday 14th, that would be very helpful. Rotas will be available the following week.



Gifts for Baby Basics

Last opportunity to bring your donations to church this Sunday.

Items for mum (New):

Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, tooth brush/paste, handwash/soap, toiletry gift sets, box of chocolates.

Items for baby (New):

Baby shampoo, bubble bath, lotion, wash/soap, nappies (size 0,1,2), wipes, soft toy.



Mission In Touch

Read about how St Giles is supporting the work in Kitgum, Uganda, through the Christian charity, Tearfund.

Leah Peters also updates us on what's been happening with the Lighthouse Trust.

Please take a moment to read their encouraging news.



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