

What's on this week ...

Mon 13th	9.30am	Staff prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Cafe
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.00pm	Just Girls
Tues 14th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the Centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
	7.30pm	Prayer Central
Wed 15th	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	6.30pm	Mixed cell group
	7.00pm	Alpha week 9
		"Does God heal today?"
	7.00pm	Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Student Life Groups
Thurs 16th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the Centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
	7.00pm	Boys Cell Group
Fri 17th	1.15pm	Ladies Bible Study Group
Sat 18th	11.00am	World of Difference Fair

Sunday 19th November

Bishop John will be visiting us today
10am **Morning Worship with Holy Communion**
The Parable of the Fig Tree
Reading: Luke 13:6-9
Led by Steve Kelly and Krissy Cressey
Speaker: Peter Angus

4pm Family Church

7pm **Evening Worship**
Glory in Suffering
Reading: 2 Cor 11:16-33
Led by Steve Kelly
Speaker: Jonny Dade

7pm **Youth Zone:** Hear No Evil

Staff days off this week...

Steve is unavailable Mon-Thurs and is off Friday
Jonny is unavailable Mon-Thurs and is off Saturday
Tim is unavailable Mon-Thurs and is on holiday Saturday
Diana is unavailable Mon-Thurs and is off Friday and Saturday
Maggie is working Mon, Wed and Thurs

Church Office hours this week:

Mon	1.00pm	-	3.00pm
Tues- Fri	10.00am	-	3.00pm

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to see lives being changed by the power of Jesus, one person at a time.

New to St Giles?

Please introduce yourself at the information desk. We have various helpful leaflets. If you intend to worship regularly with us, please complete a 'New to St Giles?' card and return it so that we can get to know you!

Holy Communion

If you are visiting us and normally receive Communion in your own church you are welcome to join us at Communion here. **If you prefer to receive non-alcoholic wine and/or gluten-free wafers, they are available** – please indicate to the person administering Communion.

Giving

We do not take up an offering during services. Please place any offering in one of the boxes by pillars near the doors. Gift Aid declaration forms and envelopes are available nearby and at the information desk - as are standing order forms for regular giving.

Food4Thought

Inspirational emails Monday to Friday. If you would like to receive them, please subscribe via our website: <http://stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/church-life/food-4-thought/>

Valuables

Please keep your handbag, keys, wallet, etc with you at all times.

'Explore' - Annual Vocations Day

November 25th at All Saints School, Kingsthorpe.
For those who are just beginning to explore or have been considering some kind of lay or ordained ministry in the church for a while, however clear or unformed their thinking is.
There is still time to book. Please contact Sally Crossley at Bouverie Court on sally.crossley@peterborough-dioocese.org.uk or 01604 887049.

Back from 2 weeks in China

Jacqueline Wienkamp would like to thank everyone who prayed whilst she was serving on the team in China. What a privilege to be part of God's love serving with the ministry of "Heart for Kids" helping bring change for orphans and kids living in poverty and abandonment, one by one.

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Our Vicar writes...

An unnamed soldier describes his feelings as he waits to go into the line:

Silence was the atmosphere of all our night-work. Silence and solitude, for there is no loneliness like that felt going under fire at night. Though one could touch one's pal in front, and the man behind followed on one's heels, once the bullets flew, one was shut off from all the world – oneself, a bullet and God the only real things in the great world-emptiness of the night.

Life and death were in the balance for each of us; and in peace and war alike man must need walk the Valley of the Shadow of Death alone. Life was more appreciated as death loomed near, but death itself seemed easier as we faced it squarely in the dark.

Such personal accounts remind us of the horror of war. So as we remember, we pray...



Lord God, you hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.

Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our anger and sorrow, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 12th November

Remembrance Sunday

10am **Morning Worship**
The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
Reading: Matthew 25:1-13
Led by Jonny Dade and Jo Smith
Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones

7pm **Evening Worship**
Giving Generously and Cheerfully
Reading: 2 Cor 9:6-15
Led by Diana Rees-Jones
Speaker: Simon Bridgens

7pm **Youth Zone:** See No Evil

Growing Up...

Clergy Conference 13-16th November

The Ministry Leadership Team will be away at the Clergy Conference from 13-16 November. Although they will be available during this period please keep communication to a minimum unless urgent. If you need to contact any of them urgently please do so via Renee Dixon, (pa_vicar@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk) or Helen Goff, (office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk).

Cake Sale on 19th November



In aid of Starlight, a charity that works with seriously ill children and their families. They granted Amelia her wish and provided other times of joy for her during that difficult year and a half. Come and buy a cake during coffee time!

St Giles Bible School

Please note the Bible School is not on this week. It resumes again on the **25th November** when we look at Romans chapters 9-11.

World of Difference Fair Sat 18th Nov 11-4pm

- Stalls with Christmas cards, gifts and crafts from Christian charities around the world.
- Filled rolls, cakes and drinks on sale.
- Parking available for helpers in the Age UK car park. See Judith Cooper or Sue Alcock by the Information Desk for a permit for the day.
- **Please don't use the Church Centre car park which is reserved for stallholders bringing stock.**
- If you've volunteered to help please check the rota at the welcome desk.

Shop for Christmas - help the developing world!

Prayer and Praise Northampton

An evening of praise, worship, prayers and intercession on Monday 4th December 7.30-9.30pm at New Testament Church of God, College Street, NN1 2QP. Entrance free.

Manna House for Gifts

Please remember to visit the Manna House for Christmas gifts, cards and lots of other resources.

Joining In...

Tuesday 14th November @
7.30pm



Come and join us to pray together.

Calling all folks of a practical nature!

On Saturday December 2nd from 9am we are having a "Practical Works Day" in the Church Building.

It would be hugely appreciated if you could donate some of your time and gifts of practical talent to help complete a number of jobs. In fact enthusiasm and common sense is all you really need. Any other skills you bring will be a bonus.

Please contact David Hunter, Duncan Halliday or the Church office if you are up for the challenge!

Musicians for our Carol Service



If anyone would like to play in a small orchestra or band at the Christmas Carol Service on **Sunday 17th December**, at 7pm please contact Penny Ballard on pennyb41@tiscali.co.uk or in person on Sunday mornings and state what instrument you can play and the grade.

Grade 3/4 is ideal to play Carols but please have a chat with Penny anyway. There will not be a choir this year.

Recruiting Volunteers today for 2018!

Could you commit to volunteering once a month to help serve refreshments, welcome people into our church or be a point of contact at the Information Desk? If so, please see Helen Goff at the Information Desk at the end of the service and she will take your details. We need more people to take the pressure off those who regularly commit to serving in this way. If you can help for as little as one term it would be greatly appreciated. And if you sign up today ... we will bless you with some chocolate!

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Anna and Jonathan
- ⇒ Ministers in Training
- ⇒ The Unemployed and Agencies who are helping people get back to work.

Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:

- ⇒ Elizabeth Allenby, recovering from her operation.
- ⇒ Sheila Angus, recovering from her operation.
- ⇒ Lucy, a young mum receiving palliative care for cancer.
- ⇒ Alyth Allen who is still in pain after her operation on 12th October.
- ⇒ Helen Hill recovering from her operation.
- ⇒ Sally Harris following a bereavement.
- ⇒ Carole Lewis' mum Deva Bailey in convalescent care after a fall. Thank God for His healing and grace and pray for continued progress.
- ⇒ David Smart's mother-in-law, Sylvia Thompson, who is seriously ill with cancer.
- ⇒ Audrey Harvey, back in hospital
- ⇒ Laurie Brown
- ⇒ Peter Ford, Lois's friend, who has secondary cancer.

If you know someone who needs our prayers, please contact the clergy or the parish office. **We will only include their name here for 2 weeks; please contact us after that time if you would like them to be included for a further 2 weeks.**

For Israel & the Middle East

Your glory, Lord, will be revealed that all flesh will see together. Your forever Word declares that we're to pray that Israel see You coming to her in Your might, with Your rewards and recompenses. Let each one see You also as their Shepherd, Who gathers and Who carries them.

Lost Property

If you have lost any items please check the lost property box (now kept under the pigeon holes near the Information Desk). The box will be cleared out and all items will be disposed of soon.