

What's on this week ...

Mon 20th	9.30am	Staff prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Cafe
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.00pm	Just Girls
Tues 21st	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the Centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
	7.00pm	Band Practice
Wed 22nd	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	2.00pm	Senior Fellowship
	6.30pm	Mixed cell group
	7.00pm	Alpha week 10
		"What about the church?"
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students at the Church Centre
Thur 23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the Centre
	12.15pm	Full Lunch
Fri 24th	1.15pm	Ladies Bible Study Group
Sat 25th	9.00am	Bible School (week 3)
	9.15am	The Wafe Café for Seniors

Sunday 26th November

10am	Worship Together The Parable of the Lost Sheep Reading: Luke 15: 3-7 Led by Helen Lidbetter Speaker: Alison Steele
3pm	Hymns of Praise
7pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion God's Power in our Weakness Reading: 2 Cor 12:1-10 Led by Jonny Dade Speaker: Steve Kelly
7pm	Youth Zone: Speak No Evil

Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday and on holiday Saturday
Jonny is off Saturday
Tim is off Monday & Friday and unavailable Tuesday
Diana 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

An informal day to consider your calling to serve in the church. Held at All Saints School, Northampton NN2 7AJ, Saturday 25th November 9.30 am– 3.45pm. Booking by email to sally.crossley@Peterborough-diocese.org.uk
Please let Maggie Kelly know if you are planning to attend.

Farewell to Paul and Helen Mountstevens

Helen and Paul would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the last few months.

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.

Contact us:

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Our Assistant Minister writes...

I walk along Abington Street almost every day. It can be a discouraging place with signs of decay and poverty alongside shops and cafes. Lots of people pass through it every day.

This week it is going to be lit up ready for Christmas. The tree is ready, lights will be hung, and for a few weeks Abington Street will be a brighter place.

I've always loved Christmas lights - they chase away the appearance of gloom for a time and bring joy and delight to many people. But it is passing brightness, and it is only on the surface. Underneath the sparkle not much will change over those weeks. How much more hopeful is the light of the gospel.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8v12.

We have in Jesus a light who can transform lives. His light it is not superficial and it is not temporary! As we enjoy the lights of this season let's keep our eyes on the One who is The Light!

Maggie

Sunday 19th November

Today we welcome Bishop John who is 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

Growing Up...

St Giles Bible School

At last week's bible school, Steve taught from Romans 5-8. It was an exciting week! Steve took us on a 'mountain walk' through the magnificent scenery of Romans 5 and 6. We wrestled with the challenging text of Romans 7 and then completed the exhilarating 'push to the summit' in Romans 8. From 'the top' Steve finished the morning's teaching describing the view from the summit...

And all around is love! "There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus" Romans 8v39.

The Bible School restarts on the 25th November at 9am in the main church. We will be looking at Romans chapters 9-11. You are welcome to come even if you didn't attend the earlier sessions. We'd love to see you.

Clergy Conference 2017

Steve, Diana, Jonny and Tim have spent time away this week at the Yarnfield Conference Centre near Stone in Staffordshire. Bishop Donald and Bishop John (visiting us today) gathered clergy, chaplains and lay ministers from across the diocese for worship, prayer, teaching, rest and refreshment.

The theme for our conference was "Sent by Jesus" with teaching from a variety of speakers based in John's gospel and chapter 20 in particular. We were encouraged not just to look outwards to our own communities but also to consider the challenge and opportunity of being sent to minister to the poor, to schools and to prisons. An evening of 'sharing stories and heroic failures' reminded us that we're called to take risks, to try new things and to be adventurous as we reach out with God's love. We can learn through mistakes as well as successes!

We're all sent as Jesus was sent. *In humility and in vulnerability. But also in community and with authority. But most of all, depending on, waiting on and being led by the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus was!*

Joining In...

Cake Sale today!

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. **Please come and buy a cake during coffee time to support Amelia and Starlight!**

Calling all folks of a practical nature!

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

If you can donate some of your time and gifts of practical talent to help complete a number of jobs, please contact David Hunter, Duncan Halliday or the Church office. It would be much appreciated!

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.

Christmas cards for sale

Following the World of Difference Fair there will be Christmas cards for sale from some of the charities after the morning services on Nov 26th and Dec 3rd.

Calling all parents...

An opportunity to meet to pray for our children, families, youth and our ministry at St Giles.

We are meeting at Louise Whaites' home on Tuesday November 21st, 7.30 - 8.30pm. Please contact Jo for further details (jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

Legacy Campaign Questionnaire

If you received a letter recently regarding the Church of England Legacy Campaign we would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete a questionnaire which you may have been given this morning when you came into church or there are copies on the Information Desk. Thank you in anticipation.

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:

- ⇒ Lisa White, after the death of her friend, Zoe.
- ⇒ Martin, suffering from a viral infection of the brain, son of Bill who is known to Steve and Jonny.
- ⇒ Elizabeth Allenby, for continued recovery, especially for her voice.
- ⇒ 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, who is 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

The Lord will be KING over all the earth. You, Lord, feel compassion for all people, so strongly that every individual is of inestimable worth to You, so we beseech you as Lord of the harvest to send out workers whilst there is yet time, so that heaven may be filled with Your redeemed.

Christmas cards for mission partners

Our mission partners love to have a card from us with lots of signatures; it helps them to feel part of us and to keep in touch. So please sign even if you don't know them. Cards will be found near the information desk.