

What's on this week ...

Mon 27th	9.30am	Staff prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Cafe
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.00pm	Just Girls
	7.30pm	PCC meeting
Tues 28th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the Centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
Wed 29th	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	6.30pm	Mixed cell group
	7.00pm	Alpha week 10 Final Celebration!
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students Life Groups
Thur 30th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the Centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
	7.00pm	Boys Cell group
Fri 1st Dec	1.15pm	Ladies Bible Study Group
Sat 2nd	9.15am	Bible School (final week)

Sunday 3rd December

10am **Morning Worship: Christingle with Uniformed Parade**
'Jesus is the Saviour of the world'
Reading: John 1:1-14
Led by Diana Rees-Jones
Speaker: Tim Smith



7pm **1st Sunday Joint Celebration**
Introduction to Advent
Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11, 27-31
Led by Matt Smith and Rachel Patching
Speaker: Rachel Patching

7pm **Youth Zone:** Joint Celebration, Advent

Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday and on holiday Saturday and Sunday
Jonny is off Saturday
Tim is unavailable Thursday and off Friday
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.

Gifts for Ladies at Eve

We would like to give gifts of toiletries to the ladies of Eve (formerly NVCF Refuge). Please put unwrapped gift sets (suitable for younger women) in the box by the information desk so we can deliver them on the 3rd, 10th or 17th December. Many thanks.

Litter Pick and Tidy Up at Becketts Park

Buddies of Becketts Park are appealing for volunteers to help tidy up the park this afternoon from 2-4pm. Equipment is provided. Free refreshments. If you can help, meet at the tennis courts at 2pm.

Standing for Christ in the Public Square

The Christian Institute are holding several public meetings to explore current issues such as Family, Gospel freedom and Transgenderism. There is a meeting at Moulton Parish Hall, Church Hill, Moulton on Thursday 30th November from 7.30pm. Information on the noticeboard.

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Our Vicar writes...

He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses so that Christ's power may rest on me". 2 Cor 12v9

In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul is being honest and vulnerable about his struggles. In the upside down world of God's kingdom, Paul realises that God works through people who have a sense of weakness and who are prepared to rely on Him. He has discovered the power of God at work, especially when he feels inadequate.

These words are an encouragement to us when we feel weak, helpless or inadequate. They are an invitation to lean on the LORD and discover how his power can be at work in us and in the situations we face. *"Show your power O Lord, in me today."*

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**
The Parable of the Lost Sheep
Luke 15: 3-7

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

Steve & Maggie are at Kings Heath Church this morning

Growing Up...

St Giles Bible School

Don't miss our final session from the book of Romans on Saturday 2nd December, in the Church Centre at 9.15am.

Men @ St Giles' Saturday 9th December

We continue our focus on mental and emotional health, with a Full English Breakfast at the Church Centre followed by a talk by Steve Kelly with David Smart and Chris Davison entitled " Health Check 4 - "Building Resilience". 8am - 9.45am (prompt finish).

Care & Prayer Directory update

We are about to update our Care & Prayer Directory. This is a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers provided so that church members may contact each other easily. It's also a useful aid in praying for each member of our church. A current (enlarged) copy is displayed on the boards near the information desk. Please check your entry and initial if correct, amend if changed. It will be published in the new year so please bear in mind any changes likely to be relevant by then. If you consider yourself to be part of St Giles Church family and are not currently in the directory, please complete a pink form on the table near the organ. Please also look at the Email list and make any necessary changes or add your details if you want to be included. This is also on the table near the organ. Many thanks.

Christmas Services at St Giles

Please see our website for details of our Christmas Services at St Giles
<http://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/Christmas>



Joining In...

Calling all folk of a practical nature!

Next Saturday (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's service today and next Sunday.

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.

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 are on the information desk. Thank you in anticipation.

Thank you to all Alpha pudding makers

A sincere thank you to the 34 pudding-makers who provided over 40 puddings during the Alpha course. They were delicious and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your willingness to help in this way.

The Children's Society collection

There will be a collection for the work of The Children's Society next week at our Christingle Service. Please give some thought to contributing to this worthy cause.

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Vera Zhuravleva
- ⇒ C2C Social Action and the Good Loaf
- ⇒ The Peterborough Diocese.

Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:

- ⇒ Family and friends of Audrey Harvey who recently passed away. Her funeral is on Tuesday 5th December 1pm at St Giles church.
- ⇒ Family and friends of Lucy, a young mum who has passed away.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Hubert Garrett, neighbour of Linda Ashdown, who is very poorly.
- ⇒ Elizabeth Allenby, for continued recovery, especially for her voice.
- ⇒ Sheila Angus, recovering from her operation.
- ⇒ Alyth Allen for continued recovery of her knee operation.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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

Most merciful Father - You have arranged that, for a season, the failings of Your chosen people allowed You in Grace to open to Gentiles the door of salvation. How amazing! Light : to us that we, too, may belong in Your Covenant love alongside them! You make wretches Your treasures!