

## Please check your pigeonhole!

Please check your pigeonhole for rotas, old Christmas cards and other correspondence that may be for you.

## What's on this week ...

Mon 8th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Cafe
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.30pm	Property Committee Meeting
Tues 9th	9.30pm	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
	7.00pm	Ready for Retirement course
	7.30pm	Prayer Central
Wed 10th	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	2.30pm	Senior Fellowship
	6.30pm	Mixed cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults and Students in the church centre
Thurs 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Full Lunch
Fri 12th	1.15pm	Ladies Bible Study Group
Sat 13th	10.00am	Ready for Retirement course (includes an outside activity/walk)

\*Please note the retirement course is currently full\*

## Sunday 14th January

10am	<b>Morning Worship</b> A Safer Church Reading: Luke 2:41-52 Led by Maggie Kelly Speaker: Steve Kelly
7pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> A Safer Church Reading: Luke 2: 41-52 Led by Jonny Dade Speaker: Steve Kelly

### Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday  
Jonny is off Saturday  
Tim is 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.

## Baby News!

Congratulations to Cara and Marcus Gibbs on the birth of their beautiful healthy baby boy, Caspian James Emmanuel, born on 22nd December and weighing 7lbs.



## Winter Glory - planting the heavens

**Saturday 27th January in Kettering.** A day conference for women of all ages ... with Amy Orr-Ewing and Tanya Walker. This is always a great day at the start of a new year - do come!! Visit [www.winterglory.co.uk](http://www.winterglory.co.uk) for more information and to book. You can get your own ticket and share lifts - talk to a member of the BE team if you want to know more, or email: [women@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:women@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

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## The Vicar writes...

*Happy New Year! May you know the Lord's peace and blessing in the year that's ahead. And may He lead us forward together as a church into the things He has planned for us.*

In January, we are taking a few weeks to remind ourselves of the importance of the care, support and encouragement we are called to offer to one another and to everyone who comes to St Giles. As part of this, we will be sharing some of the *safeguarding guidance* which the Church of England has recently introduced including the principle that *safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*.

In our 'mini-series' we look at St Giles as **a caring church, a safer church, an exemplary church and a thriving church.**

St Giles is a welcoming, loving and caring community and support for one another is both a privilege and a responsibility. We pray that God will continue to grow and bless our church in 2018.

Steve



## Sunday 7th January

10am	<b>Morning Worship with Family Communion</b> A Caring Church Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 13:7 Led by Diana Rees-Jones Speaker: Jonny Dade
7pm	<b>Joint Celebration and Baptism Service</b> New year, new start Reading: Romans 6: 1-14 Led by Tim Smith and Jonny Dade Speaker: Tim Smith

## Growing Up...

### Adult Baptism Service

This evening we will be having an adult baptism service. Please come along to offer your support to Ian Rice, David Kemp and Louise Denholm.

### Safeguarding Team – who to speak to



If you have any concern whatsoever about the safety of someone within the St Giles community, you should contact **Denise Evans**, our Safeguarding Officer, or the **Vicar** or a **member of the clergy team**. If you have any concerns for someone outside the St Giles community, you should contact Social Services. We ask everyone to

be vigilant and to report any concerns at the earliest opportunity. SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY. Denise can be contacted via email: [familysupport@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk) A copy of our **safeguarding policy** can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/safeguarding>

### Cake Sale - 25th February

An opportunity to support Christina, one of our young people here at St Giles who is currently raising funds for an overseas trip where she will be helping with projects in deprived areas. Please support Christina in this worthwhile cause and buy a cake or two after the morning service on Sunday 25th February.

### Farewell to Neo

Many of you will have met Neo, the vicarage cat. We've had him since 2000 and over the last 17 years he has moved with us 4 times, sharing in the ministry journey that brought us to St Giles. Over Christmas, Neo was unwell and went missing. When he was found, he was very poorly and passed away a day later. We're thankful he came home to us before he died. We wanted to express our thanks to all those who've looked after him when we've been away on holiday. *Steve and Maggie*



## Joining In...

**Tuesday 9th January @ 7.30pm**

**Prayer Central**

**Come and join us to pray together.**

### Alpha is starting soon!

Alpha is being launched on **Thursday 25th January** at 7pm. Now is the time to be thinking and praying about coming along and bringing a friend. If you haven't already done Alpha then why not come along yourself as a way of being encouraged and refreshed. If you could bring a friend, even better! There are plenty of invitation leaflets on the information desk. For more information contact: [tim@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:tim@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)



### Calling all pudding makers!

Can you provide a dessert for Alpha? Please sign up at the information desk or contact Jane Coverdale. Thank you!

### Men @ St Giles - ManWalk - Sat 20th Jan

We are meeting at 9.30am at the Wharf Inn, Welford for a 5 mile walk followed by lunch at the Wharf Inn at 12.30pm. For those who don't want to walk you are welcome to join us for lunch. We would love to see you!

## Spreading Out...

## Giving Away...

### Prayer Points...

**We are asked to pray especially this week for:**

- ⇒ Anna & Jonathan
- ⇒ FISH
- ⇒ Those working in banking and finance

**Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:**

- ⇒ Beryl Baxter who is in hospital.
- ⇒ David Cline who is now on a waiting list for a heart operation in Oxford.
- ⇒ Alle Dekenah's daughter, Emma, for full recovery from a spiral fracture to her leg.
- ⇒ Simon Challoner for continued recovery at home.
- ⇒ Peggy Brewer who is poorly.
- ⇒ Yoke and her daughter Gabrielle.
- ⇒ Tim Walker suffering with vertigo.
- ⇒ Deva Bailey and family (Carole & Keith Lewis and Alison Mather): for God's best plan.
- ⇒ 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 Iraqi Christian community, Lord - every one now left alive, known to You ... we have heard of some of their decimating sufferings, inflicted by IS. So we plead that this people group not be extinguished, but given protections, advocacy, and humanitarian aid in their great need.

### Riding Lights event for the whole church at St Giles on February 4<sup>th</sup>

"Faith in the Questions" is a one act play followed by a question and answer session with a panel of professional scientists who are also Christians. Hywel Rees-Jones is arranging the visit and **would appreciate help from a small number of volunteers to publicise and organise the event.** If you are interested then please contact Hywel.