

## 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 15th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Cafe
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.00pm	Just Girls
Tues 16th	9.30pm	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
	7.00pm	Ready for Retirement course
Wed 17th	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	7.00pm	Mixed cell group
	7.00pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30pm	Young Adults and Students in the church centre
Thurs 18th	9.30am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
Fri 19th	1.15pm	Ladies Bible Study Group
Sat 20th	9.30am	ManWalk (Wharf Inn, Welford)
	9.30am	Alpha Training Day

## Sunday 21st January

10am	<b>Morning Worship with Holy Communion</b> An Exemplary Church Reading: Titus 2: 1-15 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones
4pm	<b>Family Church</b>
7pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> An Exemplary Church Reading: Titus 2: 1-15 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Maggie Kelly

### Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday  
Jonny is off Saturday & Sunday (21st)  
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.

## New Wine Summer Conference, 5th-11th August 2018

We hope to have a big group from St Giles at the New Wine summer conference (week 2) at the Royal Bath & West Showground in Shepton Mallet this year and would love you to join us. A number of the staff team will be going this year. For more information visit: [united.new-wine.org](http://united.new-wine.org) or contact the office on 01604 628623.

## Bishop's Bible Day - Saturday 3rd March

The Bishops Bible Day is being held at Northampton High School. If you would like to go **you need to book a place and choose your workshops**. To book/find out more, please contact Sally Crossley on 01604 887049 or check the website for details: <http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/news-and-events/events/details/1997>

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## Our curate writes...

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."* Proverbs 3:5

The Lord has really challenged me to make 2018 a year where I seek to live by faith. The writer of Proverbs encourages us to trust God *with everything and for everything*. The Message translation says: *"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own."*

*Will we be a people whose lives and decisions are characterised by faith?*

This week we held interviews for the new role of **Ministry Trainee with Students & Young Adults** – an exciting post which includes a 12hr per week secondment to F.I.S.H. to minister with international students at Northampton University. I was really inspired by the stories of two of the applicants who had both felt prompted by God to give up well paid jobs and to seek His will for the next steps.

I am delighted to announce that following both a prayerful and rigorous process, the post has been offered to Natalie Williams. Natalie will formally take up the position in the coming weeks and we're really excited to welcome her onto the team. Do pray for Natalie and for the wider ministry of St Giles and FISH to students and young people in Northampton.

*Will you be open to living by faith and trusting God from the bottom of your heart in 2018?*

Jonny

## 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

## Growing Up...

### 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>

### Newcomers Lunch - 11th February

There is a newcomers' lunch in the centre on Sunday 11th February after the morning service. If you are new to St Giles, this is an opportunity to discuss ways of becoming more involved in our church community. Please complete a 'New to St Giles' form at the information desk if you haven't already done so and would like to receive an invitation.

### Children & families shared lunch - Sun 4th Feb

in the church centre after the morning service. Please bring food to share. Contact Jo for more details [jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

### Family Church gathering - January 21st -

4pm in the church centre. Please bring food to share we spend time together looking ahead at the coming year Contact Jo for more details [jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

### Calling Bread Bakers

Would anyone who would like to be involved in the baking of the communion bread, which I feel should be from the congregation to the congregation, let me know. [jonathan.griggs1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jonathan.griggs1@ntlworld.com)

## Joining In...

### 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: [tjm@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:tjm@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)



### Calling all pudding makers!

Can you provide a dessert for Alpha? Please sign up at the information desk or see/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!

### Riding Lights - Faith in the Questions

In place of the usual evening service on Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Riding Lights (the long established Christian theatre company) will be visiting St Giles to perform a new one-act play "Counting the Clouds". The 50 minute play will be followed by an interval and then the second part of the evening will involve a panel of three scientists who will be answering questions about Science and the Christian Faith. This is an excellent opportunity to invite along friends and colleagues especially those who believe that Science and Faith are incompatible. There is no charge but **to be guaranteed a seat you need to book online** – [www.ridinglights.org/fitq](http://www.ridinglights.org/fitq).

## Spreading Out...

## Giving Away...

## Prayer Points...

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

- ⇒ Vera Zhuravleva
- ⇒ C2C Social Action and the Good Loaf
- ⇒ Those leading NCC and NBC

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

- ⇒ Little Phoebe, aged 3, still in hospital.
- ⇒ Grace Clark, Lois's sister, recovering from surgery to a shoulder replacement.
- ⇒ Beryl Baxter who is in hospital.
- ⇒ Alle Dekenah's daughter, Emma, for full recovery from a spiral fracture to her leg.
- ⇒ 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

By Your Spirit in us raising our desires to help meet the needs we hear of in creative ways, bless both those who get the aid and the providers as well. Stir us in light of Your words, Genesis 12:3, to bless your Land and its many poorer returned people, Jews, who've made Aliyah.

### 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.