

## New Wifi and telephone installation

Please be aware of any possible disruption with the telephone service at the church office next week as work is being carried out to install a new Wifi and telephone system. For **pastoral emergencies**, if you are unable to contact the office, please use the emergency contact number 07391 839741.

## What's on this week ...

Mon 22nd	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 23rd	9.30pm	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
Wed 24th	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	2.30pm	Senior Fellowship
	7.00pm	Mixed cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults and Students Life Groups
Thurs 25th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Full Lunch
	7.00pm	Alpha Launch
Fri 26th	1.15pm	Ladies Bible Study Group
Sat 27th	10.30am	Saturday for Seniors (until 12noon)
	3.00pm	Bell ringers AGM & Service

## Sunday 28th January

10am	Worship Together
	A Thriving Church
	Reading: Romans 12: 1-8
	Led by Steve Kelly and Jo Smith
	Speaker: Maggie Kelly
3pm	Hymns of Praise
7pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion
	A Thriving Church
	Reading: Romans 12: 1-8
	Led by Diana Rees-Jones
	Speaker: Steve Kelly
7pm	Youth Zone

## Staff days off this week...

Steve is unavailable Monday and off Friday  
Jonny is unavailable Tues 23rd-Mon 29th  
Tim is off Saturday  
Diana is off Wed 24th- Friday 26th  
Maggie is working Mon, Wed and Thurs (am)

## 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.

**Holocaust** The University of Northampton marks the remembering with a keynote lecture on Wednesday 24th January, 1.30 - 3.30 on Park Campus in the Grendon Lecture theatre. Admission is free.

**Many thanks** for all the prayers said for John during his operation in August & recovery at home.

*John & Maureen Andrew*

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

The Bishop's 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/mission/mission>.

## Contact us:

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## Our Vicar writes...

Nicky Gumbel writes: *Every time you have told someone about Jesus and the gospel, you have 'planted' a seed in their heart. Not every seed you plant will bear fruit, as we see in the parable of the sower. Some seed never takes root. Other seed produces only temporary results. We can be drawn away from God by 'trouble' or 'the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth'.*

*Yet if the seed grows well, this parable shows us that you can have a huge impact. 'The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams'*

(Mt 13v23 MSG).

You can get involved with Alpha by **praying** for the course, by **asking** someone along or by **coming** yourself. If the whole church engages in one of these things, we'll see a great harvest and many lives will be changed!

*Steve*



## Sunday 21st January

10am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	An Exemplary Church
	Reading: Titus 2: 1-15
	Led by Steve Kelly and Jo Smith
	Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones
4pm	Family Church
7pm	Evening Worship
	An Exemplary Church
	Reading: Titus 2: 1-15
	Led by Steve Kelly
	Speaker: Maggie Kelly
7pm	Youth Zone

## Growing Up...

### Alpha is starting on Thursday!



Alpha is being launched this **Thursday** at 7pm. Please follow up on any friends you have invited and confirm numbers with Tim Smith: [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 see/contact Jane Coverdale. Thank you!

### Family Church gathering - TODAY at 4pm in the church centre

Please bring food to share as we spend time together looking ahead at the coming year. See Jo for more details.

### Children & Families shared lunch -

**Sun Feb 4th** 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)

### Pastoral Prayer Training Day - Sat 3rd Feb

We are hosting a training day for Pastoral prayer in St Giles Church on Saturday 3rd February from 9.30am - 4.30pm. The guest speakers are Rev. Philip and Pauline Thomas who are very experienced in prayer ministry. For further details please look at the New Wine website (under training) and book with Revd Natasha Brady at [stmaryschurchoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:stmaryschurchoffice@btinternet.com) Tel: 01933 311029. There is a fee of £7.50 per head payable to St Mary's church. Any queries, please speak to Denise Bridgens on 07766 830416.

## Joining In...

### 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 can book online - [www.ridinglights.org/fitq](http://www.ridinglights.org/fitq) or call 01904 613000.

### Electoral Roll

If you are not already on our Electoral Roll and you have been worshipping at St Giles for six months or more, you will have the opportunity to complete an application form from next Sunday. Forms will be found on the information desk. Please leave completed forms in the Office pigeonhole (near the organ) by Sunday 18th March. Being on St Giles' electoral roll enables you to stand for any PCC vacancies and take part in any vote at the annual meeting on 29th April.

### Saturday for Seniors in the Church Centre

Fun times together for those over 70!

**Jan 27th, Feb 24th** mornings only, 10.30am to 12 noon.

**March 24th** whole day, 10.30am to 3.30pm please complete an application form for this.

There are some flyers on the information desk for further details.

### 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 need to 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).

## Spreading Out...

## Giving Away...

## Prayer Points...

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

- ⇒ Ann Fursdon
- ⇒ The Manna House
- ⇒ NAYC (Northants Association of Youth Clubs)

### 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.
- ⇒ 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

LORD of lifeless bones, [Ezekiel 37] Lord of the Shoah/ Holocaust, [1940s] Lord of Resurrection [Passover++] Breath, Spirit, reveal Your Power now: keeping Israel in the Land You gave her millennia ago. Lord, bring Your holy change amongst Palestinians also!

### Newcomers Lunch - 11th February

There is a newcomers' lunch in the church 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. Alternatively, you may like to email the church office: [office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)