

## 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/news-and-events/events/details/1997>

## What's on this week ...

Mon 29th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Cafe
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.00pm	Just Girls are NOT meeting tonight
Tues 30th	9.30pm	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
Wed 31st	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	7.00pm	Mixed cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults and Students Outreach (meet at church centre)
Thurs 1st	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
	7.00pm	Alpha Week 1 'Who is Jesus?'
Fri 2nd	1.15pm	Ladies Bible Study Group
Sat 3rd	9.30am	Pastoral Prayer Training

## Sunday 4th February

10am	Morning Worship with Family Communion Known by God Reading: Genesis 1, Psalm 139 Led by Diana Rees-Jones Speaker: Simon Bridgens
7pm	Joint Celebration Riding Lights - Faith in the Questions 'Counting the Clouds'
6.30pm	Youth Deanery Service St Benedicts Church

### Staff days off this week...

Steve and Maggie are off Wednesday-Sunday  
Jonny is off Saturday  
Tim is off Friday  
Diana is off Friday

### 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.

## Welly Walk for all - Sun 11th Feb...

... at Rushden Lakes. Meet at 1.30pm by the Nene Water Centre by the lake. We will be walking through woods so good footwear is needed. Contact Pete Jefferson on 07800 976689 if you need more information.

**We thank God** for His amazing grace and healing and would like to thank all those who prayed for Emma who has suffered a spiral fracture to her leg.

*Alle & Marc Dekenah*

**Thank you** for praying for me. I feel much better. Blessings, love and peace to all.

*Peggy Brewer*

THANK YOU  
*Lord*

### Contact us:

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## Our Vicar writes...

You'll be aware that Chris Dommatt resigned recently and left the post of Youth Minister just before Christmas. The Youth Ministry is currently being very ably run by **Andy Blackford, Rachel White and Tracy Carpentieri** with support from the staff team, particularly **Jonny and Diana**. We're very grateful to them.

At the PCC on Monday evening, Steve gave an update about what will happen next. We are taking the opportunity to review ministry needs with children, families and youth before beginning the recruitment process. As part of this we'll be consulting parents, children and young people to get their views. And of course we'll consult leaders, paid and unpaid for their input. We will endeavour to keep the congregation updated with progress. In the meantime, please do pray for myself, Diana and Jo as we begin this important process.

*Psalm 145<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.*

*<sup>4</sup> One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.*

*<sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty and I will meditate on your wonderful works.*

Could you encourage a young person or one of their leaders this week?

## Sunday 28th January

10am	Worship Together A Thriving Church Reading: Romans 12: 1-8 Led by Jo Smith Speaker: Maggie Kelly
3pm	Hymns of Praise Known by God Psalm 139: 1-14
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

## Growing Up...

## Joining In...

## Spreading Out...

## Giving Away...



We had a great launch night last Thursday and will be starting this week looking at 'Who is Jesus?'. We will be starting the evening with pudding and drinks at 7pm. **It's not too late to sign up.** For more information, please speak to Diana or Tim.

**Alpha pudding rota** - thank you to all of you who have volunteered to make puddings for Alpha. The rota is available for collection from your pigeon hole.

### Children & Families shared lunch next

**Sunday** 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)

### An Opportunity to Pray for our Children, Families and Youth ministry.

Meeting for an hour on **Tuesday 20th February, 7.30pm** at Louise Whaites home. Please speak to Jo ([jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)) or Louise for further details.

### Men @ St Giles - Sat 10th February 2018

Full English breakfast at Church Centre followed by a talk by "Gasky" aka Paul Gask from *Christian Vision for Men* entitled *"Extreme Men"* about his time working in the counter terrorism arena - 8am -9.45am (prompt finish).

### Riding Lights - next Sunday evening!

In place of the usual evening service next Sunday, 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, please fill in an application form at the information desk and leave in the Office pigeonhole 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.

### 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)

### 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.

### Calling Bread Bakers

If there is 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.

## Prayer Points...

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

- ⇒ The Persecuted Church
- ⇒ Safe Families for Children
- ⇒ Those working in social work and probation services

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

- ⇒ June (Sue Jefferson's mum) recovering from major surgery and due to start chemotherapy in February.
- ⇒ Fiona Shepherd.
- ⇒ Little Phoebe, aged 3, still in hospital.
- ⇒ Grace Clark, Lois's sister, recovering from surgery to a shoulder replacement.
- ⇒ Peggy Brewer who is poorly.
- ⇒ Yoke and her daughter Gabrielle.
- ⇒ 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

How precious, LORD, is the sum of Your thoughts for Iranians who turn to You, amid all mistreatment. Thank you for those called to minister to them, secretly; for counsellors of SAT-7 who respond to contact from new or would-be believers who watch 'God and the Persecuted'.

### Vera's Visit

Vera Zhuravleva, director of Scripture Union in St Petersburg and one of our link mission partners, will be visiting the UK in February/March. She is coming first to Northampton and will be with us from Saturday, February 17th to Thursday, February 22nd.

Would you like to meet her or invite her to your group (day or evening) to find out more about her ministry and what it's like being a Christian in Russia these days? Please contact Judith Cooper.