

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).

What's on this week ...

Mon 5th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Cafe
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.00pm	Just Girls
	7.30pm	Exec Meeting
Tues 6th	9.30pm	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
Wed 7th	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	7.00pm	Mixed cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults and Students at the Church Centre
Thurs 8th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Full Lunch
	7.00pm	Alpha Week 2 'Why did Jesus die?'
Fri 9th	1.15pm	Ladies Bible Study Group
Sat 10th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast

Sunday 11th February

10am **Morning Worship**
Called by God
Reading: Exodus 3: 1-15
Led by Jonny Dade
Speaker: John Alderman, Simeon Trust

12.15pm Newcomers Lunch

7pm **Evening Worship**
Called by God
Reading: Exodus 3:1-15
Led by Maggie Kelly
Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones

7pm **Youth Zone**

Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday
Jonny is off Saturday
Tim is off Friday
Diana is off Friday
Maggie is working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (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.

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

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

St Giles car park

Please note that the car park is only for those who use the centre. If you need to use it for any other purpose, please contact the office first for permission. Please also avoid parking down the centre of the car park which can restrict the exit of other users parking in a designated space and, out of courtesy to neighbouring businesses, close the barrier following entry/exit. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Our Vicar writes...



At the start of 2018, we felt it was right to focus our Sunday teaching on the theme of **caring church, safer church, thriving church** and so on. A church that displays these qualities, where people *love God and love one another*, will be very attractive to others and will make an impact in our town.

In February and March, we begin a new teaching series where we will focus on topics such as our identity, our calling and our authority. We will be asking: **who are we?** And also **whose are we?** We cannot answer either question without reference to the other. Like the Psalmist we must first know that we are created, loved and cherished by the Lord of the universe – we are *'fearfully and wonderfully made.'*

We're also sharing news of our **Resource Church** vision today. The first edition of **view from the vicarage** gives more details of how we see this vision unfolding in the coming year. We invite you to join us on this next exciting step of the journey together.

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

Growing Up...

Joining In...

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Lent Project-coming soon

“Remember those who are ill treated as if you yourselves were suffering”. We will be helping provide new housing for a group of Christians in Bangladesh. Already living in poverty, they were brutally hounded from their homes which were then burnt down. Information will be e-mailed and in church.

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

Children & Families shared lunch TODAY! in the church centre after the morning service. Please bring food to share. Please see Jo for more details.

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) or Louise for further details.

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**.



Alpha - it's not too late to sign up!

This week will be the 2nd week of Alpha and we will be looking at 'Why did Jesus die?' We will be starting the evening with pudding and drinks at 7pm. For more information please speak to Diana or Tim.

Alpha pudding rota - rotas are available for collection from the pigeon holes.

Church on the Heath - Mental Health Awareness Training

Tuesday 6th Feb at 7.30pm A speaker linked to the MIND charity will be speaking on Mental Health. Held at Church on the Heath. (Welland Way NN5 7NB). If you would like to attend email/phone Rev Roger Woods: rogerwoodsinbox@gmail.com - 01604 599902.

women@stgiles - Of ALL ages! - BE at the

Pub, Thursday 15th February from 7pm at the Zapato Lounge on the market square - Meet in the centre car park to walk there together, or just turn up. It's a relaxing place - hot and cold drinks, puddings and tapas are available as well as meals. *Come and spend some time together!*

PLUS - **SAVE THE DATE** - BE Pizza Evening on Friday March 16th. More details to follow.

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 Jonathan Griggs know.

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Alf and Hilary Cooper
- ⇒ Eve
- ⇒ Those working in science and technology

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.
- ⇒ Beryl Baxter.
- ⇒ Little Phoebe, aged 3, still in hospital.
- ⇒ Grace Clark, Lois's sister, recovering from surgery to a shoulder replacement.
- ⇒ Peggy Brewer.
- ⇒ 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

Jehovah-Jireh are you, O Lord, our Provider Whose former Egyptian granaries are mirrored in Judea today. Fill Joseph's Storehouse with all the love, gifts, hope, necessities, compassion, tools, generosity, equipment - all that makes needy people smile again and renews their days.

Vera's Visit

Vera Zhuravleva, director of Scripture Union in St Petersburg will be visiting the U.K. in February/March. She is coming 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.