

## What's on this week ...

Mon 12th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Cafe
Tues 13th	9.30pm	Prayer meeting in the centre
	7.30pm	Youth & Young adults
		Pancake Party (no music practice)
		Youth & Young Adults
Wed 14th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	2.30pm	Senior Fellowship
Thurs 15th	9.20am	Precept Study (Harriet Faulkner)
	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
	7.00pm	Alpha Week 3 'How can I have faith?'
Sat 17th	11.00am	Bell Ringing Practice

## Sunday 18th February

10am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Carried by God Reading: Psalm 42: 1-11 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Maggie Kelly <i>Vera Zhuravleva will be visiting us today</i>
3pm	Hymns of Praise
4pm	Play and Praise (Family Church)
7pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> Carried by God Reading: Psalm 42: 1-11 Led by Tim Smith Speaker: Steve Kelly
7pm	Youth Zone

### Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday  
Jonny is on holiday 14th-18th Feb  
Tim is off Saturday  
Diana is on holiday 15th-21st Feb  
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.

### Marriage Course starting in April

At the Kairos Centre, Grange Park. For more information, please see our church noticeboard or contact Grange Park Church email: [agpc709519@gmail.com](mailto:agpc709519@gmail.com)  
Tel: 01604 709519.

### 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**.

### St Giles car park

Please would you kindly avoid using the car park on Thursday evenings whilst Alpha is running so that we have sufficient spaces for our guests. Thank you!

### Contact us:

tel: 01604 628623 (admin and pastoral)  
e: [enquiries@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)  
w: [www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](http://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)  
fb: [stgilesnorthampton](https://www.facebook.com/stgilesnorthampton)



## Our Vicar writes...

Our Monday the Wellbeing Café draws on a model developed by **Renew Wellbeing\***. Their Director, Ruth Rice wrote to me recently.

*Dear Steve. Just wanted to write and let you know how amazing your Wellbeing café team are. Denise is leading such a great committed bunch. They are exemplary. Makes my job so easy. I train, equip and support teams all over the nation. It's a new charity so there are only 9 cafes at present but this is growing all the time. I do believe your church could play a significant role in this. I would love to talk more with you about how St Giles could become a resourcing church within this new movement for mental and emotional wellbeing that God seems to be blessing...*

*So thank you so much for trusting me to work with your wonderful family worker and her team. Long may the partnership continue!! Every blessing, Ruth*

It's a great ministry which is growing. It's also a great example of the way in which our **Resource Church vision** is unfolding so please do read the leaflet we've prepared. I hope to share more stories in the coming weeks.



\* Find out more at <http://www.renewwellbeing.org.uk/>

## Sunday 11th February

10am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Called by God Reading: Exodus 3: 1-15 Led by Jonny Dade Speaker: John Alderman, The Simeon Trust
7pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> Called by God Reading: Exodus 3:1-15 Led by Maggie Kelly Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones
7pm	Youth Zone

## Growing Up...

### The Simeon Trust

We offer a very warm welcome to John Alderman from The Simeon Trust who will be speaking to us this morning.

### Vera's visit February 17th - 22nd

Vera Zhuravleva, our mission partner in Russia, will be with us in the morning service and at Hymns of Praise next Sunday. She will be visiting house groups during the evenings but if you would like to meet her at another time please contact Judith Cooper.

### Lent Project-Rebuilding A Community

"Remember those who are ill- treated as if you yourselves were suffering". Nearly 6,000 Christians in Bangladesh, already living in poverty, were brutally hounded from their homes which were then burnt down, and have been living in makeshift tents. We will be helping provide new housing on secure church owned land. Information will be e-mailed to everyone on the mailing list, and otherwise available in church. Giving can be manual in church or on line at [www.give.net/StGilesBarnabasProject](http://www.give.net/StGilesBarnabasProject).

### 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 today - cancelled

Please note that the Newcomers' lunch today has been cancelled. Our next scheduled lunch will be held in May. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

### Alpha - please pray

This week will be the 3rd week of Alpha and we will be looking at 'How can I have faith?' We will be starting the evening with pudding and drinks at 7pm. Please pray for the guests and the leaders.

### Resource Church leaflet & View from the Vicarage

If you haven't already done so, please collect a copy of our Resource Church leaflet and View from the Vicarage newsletter.

## Joining In...

### POP up! Bible Study Taster

Come along to our POP up! Bible Study Taster on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 12.30-1pm** in the Church Centre (prompt start). Bring and eat your lunch while we look at Colossians 1: 1-14. We would love to see you.



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

**Pub.** Please note this has been cancelled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

SAVE THE DATE - BE Pizza Evening on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

More details to follow.

### 'Play and Praise'

What was known as Family Church last year has changed slightly to encourage families with small children to be able to meet for informal fellowship over tea and to have time to 'Play and Praise' together. It will continue to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4pm in the Parish Centre. So we will be meeting next week on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Do come along and pass the invitation to families with young children and please bring some food to share.

### Crèche room - after service use

Please be aware that after the service **only children accompanied by their parents** can use the crèche room and we would appreciate your help in putting any toys away after use. Thank you for your cooperation!



### 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.

## Spreading Out...

## Giving Away...

### Prayer Points...

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

- ⇒ Ruth and Izaias
- ⇒ Stepping Stones
- ⇒ Those working in medical care
- ⇒ The Simeon Trust

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

- ⇒ Verna, following a foot operation last week.
- ⇒ For Lisa White's surgery to go ahead on Monday
- ⇒ Duncan Halliday's brother who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.
- ⇒ Jane Coverdale and her family whose father passed away last week.
- ⇒ Sheila Angus's niece, Victoria (14 yrs)
- ⇒ Val Archer
- ⇒ June (Sue Jefferson's mum) recovering from major surgery and has started chemotherapy treatment.
- ⇒ Fiona Shepherd.
- ⇒ Beryl Baxter.
- ⇒ Little Phoebe, who is now home from hospital. Please continue to pray as she battles with Neuroblastoma.
- ⇒ Grace Clark, Lois's sister, recovering from surgery to a shoulder replacement.
- ⇒ Peggy Brewer.
- ⇒ Yoke and her daughter Gabrielle.
- ⇒ 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

We do pray for children in Syria who get caught up in conflict that, whilst they need food aid amid the years of rubble and destruction, they also receive toys, Father. We plead that the love and education woven into Sat-7's programmes for such children gladdens and encourages them.