

What's on this week ...

Mon 19th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Café
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.00pm	Just Girls (check with Louise W)
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 20th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
Wed 21st	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	12.30pm	POP up! Bible Study in the centre
	1.30pm	Contemplation for Lent in church
	7.00pm	Mixed Cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students: Social
Thur 22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Full Lunch
	7.00pm	Alpha Wk 8 Final Celebration
Sat 24th	9.30am	Church Spring Cleaning
	10.30am	Saturday for Seniors

Sunday 25th March

Palm Sunday

10am	Worship Together Called by God Reading: Acts 9: 1-19 Led by Helen Lidbetter Speaker: Alison Steele
3pm	Hymns of Praise
7pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion Called by God Reading: Acts 9: 1-19 Led by Diana Rees-Jones Speaker: Haydon Spenceley
7pm	Youth Zone

Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday
Jonny is off Saturday
Tim is off Friday
Diana is off Friday and Saturday
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.

Crèche room - after service use

Please be aware that after the service only **children accompanied by their parents** can use the crèche room.

New Wine Summer Conference, 5th-11th August 2018 - Early bird deadline 3rd April

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. **The Early Bird deadline is 3rd April.** For more information visit: united.new-wine.org or contact the office on 01604 628623.

Notices for 2-week News Sheet

If you have a notice to go in the news sheet for Sun 25th March/Sun 1st April, please notify Helen in the church office by Tuesday 20th (am) at the latest. The next news sheet will cover both these dates. Thank you!

Contact us:

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Our Vicar writes...

Authority

When you see a police man or woman standing on the road in front of you, with their hand held up, it's an instruction to stop. They may not even say a word. But you obey their directive and you stop.



It's not because of their **physical strength**. They could not physically stop your car if you carried on moving. It's not because **you're afraid** of them. They haven't done or said anything to make you feel frightened.

You pull up and stop because you recognise the **position of authority** which they have. They represent **the police force** and they have been given authority by the police to direct and manage the traffic. They are empowered to enforce **the law of the land**. And if you disobey, they can bring the weight of the law upon you through the judicial system.

The **spiritual authority** we have been given doesn't depend on *our strength*, it's not about *how loud we shout*. It's knowing **the One we serve** and exercising the authority **He has given to us**. Let's be open to understanding more about this authority as we hear about it today.

Sunday 18th March

We offer a very warm welcome to The Venerable Richard Ormston who will be speaking to us this evening.

10am **Morning Worship with Holy Communion**
Authority from God
Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20, Acts 3: 1-16
Led by Maggie Kelly
Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones

Please note there is **no Play & Praise** today

7pm **Evening Worship**
Authority from God
Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20, Acts 3: 1-16
Led by Steve Kelly
Speaker: Richard Ormston

7pm **Youth Zone**

Growing Up...

Lunch with Ann Fursdon

A warm welcome to Ann Fursdon who is worshipping with us this morning. There is a bring and share lunch after the service this morning at 12.30pm (ish) in the church centre.

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

Meeting for an hour this **Tuesday 20th March, 7.30pm** at Louise Whaites home. Please speak to or contact Jo (jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk) or Louise for further details.

Good Friday-Tear Fund lunch (30th March)

We will again be offering a soup and cheese lunch between 12pm and 1.20pm. No charge for the lunch but you are invited to make a donation for the work of Tear Fund.

Creative table

I find it helpful to draw and write when I am listening to a sermon. I find my bible journaling helps me focus on what God wants me to learn. I am going to base myself at a table every other Sunday evening so you can come and try this form of active listening if you would like. Some basic materials will be provided. *Krissy Cressey*

Come for Soup! Sun 8th April at 5.30pm

For the young through to the not so young, come and join us for some soup and a chat before the evening service on Sunday 8th April at 5.30pm in the church centre. An opportunity to get to know others that we may not get chance to see/meet during our services. Please sign up at the information desk.

Church spring cleaning day!

Saturday 24th March 9.30-1pm. All help gratefully received to spruce up our church and churchyard in time for Easter. Refreshments and goodies will be provided. Please sign up at the information desk. Thank you!

Electoral Roll - last day to sign up Sunday 18th March

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.

Joining In...

Save the dates...

Sat 2nd June - Bible School starts

Sat 9th June - Be women@stgiles
Retreat Day at Launde Abbey

Sun 1st July - Jonny & Anna's last Sunday with us. There will be a Leaving Lunch after the morning service.

Wed 29th August - Jonny Dade's Licensing (eve)



In Time with God - Could be right for you!

Here is a year book to satisfy your inner prompting to seek more scriptural depth. The biblical new year (Exodus 12 v 1 and 2) starts on 17th March; just 14 days before Passover. See information desk.

A New Journey - Richard and Frances

Thank you all so much for the love, gifts, messages and prayers given over the last few days, weeks and months. We will miss you all. We have arrived safely and have been welcomed by our friend Tivadar (means: friend of God). Our contact information is still the same, but we do have a blog - ricardoandblossom.weebly.com

Sound desk volunteers

Over the next few weeks we begin the installation of the new sound desk. As part of this there will be training opportunities with professional sound engineers. If you would like to serve the church in this way it would be a good time to join the team. Please email the church office if you are interested: office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

Worship Team's Training Event next Sunday 3pm-5pm in the Church Centre

This is for everyone involved in this ministry from musicians, to singers, to technicians to the projection team. Speak to Jonny for more information.

Soul Survivor - Sat 18th-22nd August

If you haven't already done so please submit the Parental Consent Form and a deposit of £40 to the church office if your son or daughter is planning on joining us for Soul Survivor. **The deadline is 27th April** in order to qualify for the early bird reduction. Any queries, please speak to Jonny Dade or Andy Blackford.

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Alf and Hilary Cooper
- ⇒ CPAS
- ⇒ Teachers and those working in schools

Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:

- ⇒ David Cline.
 - ⇒ Brian and Hilary who are unwell.
 - ⇒ May, friend of Anna Roberts, and her family whose father went missing recently.
 - ⇒ Chris (past Alpha guest) in need of heart surgery
 - ⇒ Paul Caves.
 - ⇒ Little Phoebe who is bravely battling new signs of neuroblastoma.
 - ⇒ Verna, following a foot operation.
 - ⇒ For Lisa White's recovery from surgery.
 - ⇒ Duncan Halliday's brother, Ian, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.
 - ⇒ Val Archer
 - ⇒ June (Sue Jefferson's mum) recovering from major surgery and has started chemotherapy treatment.
 - ⇒ Fiona Shepherd.
 - ⇒ 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

Merciful Father, we pray that You become known to/by refugee children through the visits of Arabic staff from SAT-7, to hold Story-telling workshops. Father, in such a safe place enable each child to think freely and discover themselves to be no longer a victim, but truly affirmed.

Thank you from Christina!

Thank you to everyone who supported my bake sale. You helped me raise £213.98 and I am now well on the way to reaching my target to go to Nepal in April. Thank you so much - it meant a lot. I look forward to sharing my projects with you!

News sheet deadline: All items must be with the church office by 9am on Thursday of each week. Items received after this deadline may not make it into the news sheet!