

What's on this week ...

Mon 26th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Café
	7.00pm	Older girls cell group
	7.00pm	Just Girls (check with Louise W)
Tues 27th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
Wed 28th	10.00am	'Together' English Language group
	12.30pm	POP up! Bible Study in the centre
	1.30pm	Contemplation for Lent in church
	2.30pm	Senior Fellowship
	7.00pm	Mixed Cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students: No meeting
Thur 29th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
	7.30pm	Maudy Thursday Service of Holy Communion and Prayer (in Church)
Fri 30th	11.00am	Good Friday Children's Service
	12.00 noon	Tear Fund Soup Lunch
	2.00pm	Good Friday Reflective Service
Tues 3rd	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
Thurs 5th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Full Lunch

Sunday 8th April

10am	Worship Together Called on a Journey Reading: Luke 24: 13-35 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Simon Bridgens
7pm	Evening Worship Called on a Journey Reading: Luke 24: 13-35 Led by Maggie Kelly Speaker: Tim Smith
7pm	Youth Zone

Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday 6th and Saturday 7th April
 Jonny is off Saturday 31st and on holiday 3rd-10th April
 Tim is off Saturday 31st and Friday 6th April
 Diana is off Saturday 31st and on holiday 2nd-7th April
 Maggie is working Monday (not 2nd), Tuesday, Thursday (am)

Church Office hours this week:

Mon	1.00pm	-	3.00pm
Tues- Fri	10.00am	-	3.00pm

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRI 30th and MON 2nd

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.

Bishop's Bible Day - Saturday 21st April

The Bishop's Bible Day has been rescheduled and is being held at Northampton High School on Saturday 21st April. 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>

Welly walk with the Jefferson Housegroup.

Sunday April 8th at Stanwick Lakes. Meet at 1pm by the play area with a picnic lunch. (There are car parking fees.)

Contact us:

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 e: enquiries@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk
 w: www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk
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Our Vicar writes...

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scoring its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12v2

As we walk through the Easter story once more, let's fix our eyes on Jesus: *Messiah, Saviour, Redeemer*, the one who died and bore our sin. And let's worship Him with joyful abandon for He is now raised and seated with God in glory in a place of glory and honour.

Steve

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

Easter Sunday 1st April

10am	Morning Worship with Family Communion Called by Name Reading: John 20: 1-18 Led by Diana Rees-Jones Speaker: Steve Kelly
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7pm	Joint Celebration with Holy Communion and Baptism Called by Name Reading: John 20: 1-18 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Cameron Benoy
7pm	Youth Zone

Growing Up...

Lent Project

If you are intending to give to our appeal for new homes for displaced Christians in Bangladesh, please make your donation soon. Information about this is available in church, where donations may be made, also on our website; click on the "banner" for details and link to online giving.

Alpha is starting soon

We are going to be running Alpha again on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Princess Alexandra Pub. For more information please see Tim or email alpha@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend along.

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.

Men @ St Giles - Saturday 14th April 2018

Full English breakfast at the Church Centre followed by a talk by our very own curate we share with "The Church on the Heath".....**Tim Smith**, entitled "*The Person of Peace*" about sharing our faith. Starts 8am - 9.45am (prompt finish).

Wellbeing Morning

On **Saturday 28th April** we plan to hold an event which will focus on personal wellbeing and supporting others. **Please save the date.** Our guest speaker is Dr Peter Harper.

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.

General Data Protection Regulation

We are gearing up to GDPR and **we need you to opt-in now!** Consent forms can be completed at the information desk over the next few weeks. Please sign up so we can keep in contact with you.

Joining In...

Save the dates...

Sun 29th April - APCM

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.



For ALL Women!

Our BE! *women@stgiles* Retreat Day this year will be at Launde Abbey on **Saturday 9th June**, led by Pam Stocker. This will be a day of blessing! We have just 35 places which we expect to fill. Tickets will be £27 and include morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. You can register now online on the church website or contact Serena at the office. We will be collecting money for tickets after Easter to guarantee your place. Do make the decision to come NOW - we will be car sharing and travelling together.

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.

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.

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*

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray for:

25th March: The Persecuted Church, The Manna House, The Unemployed

1st April: Ruth & Izaias, Safe Families, The worldwide church celebrating Easter

Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:

- ⇒ Duncan Halliday (and family) whose brother, Ian, has passed away.
- ⇒ Family and friends of Derek Dexter who has recently passed away.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Little Phoebe who is bravely battling new signs of neuroblastoma.
- ⇒ Verna, following a foot operation.
- ⇒ Val Archer
- ⇒ 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

Behold, says the psalm, how pleasant and good it is when brethren dwell in unity . . . we thank You for the annual gathering in Galilee of Jewish and Arab congregations celebrating their spiritual kinship, worshipping You in awakened delight. Truly through Yeshua You build unity.

Church spring cleaning day!

Due to very few helpers, the church spring clean has been postponed. **The new date is Saturday 12th May.**

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!