

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.



What's on this week ...

Mon 9th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Café
	7.30pm	Exec Meeting
Tues 10th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
	7.00pm	Youth Music Practice
Wed 11th	2.30pm	Senior Fellowship
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students: Church Centre
Thur 12th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
Sat 14th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast

Sunday 15th April

10am	Worship Together with Holy Communion Called Back Reading: John 21: 12-25 Led by Jonny Dade Speaker: Roger Woods
7pm	Evening Worship Called Back Reading: John 21: 12-25 Led by Tim Smith Speaker: Jonny Dade
7pm	Youth Zone

Staff days off this week...

Steve & Maggie are off Wed 11th-Tues 17th
Jonny is on holiday until 10th April and off Saturday
Tim is off Friday
Diana is off Friday and Saturday
Serena is on holiday from 11th-27th April

Church Office hours this week:

Mon	1.00pm	-	3.00pm
Tues	10.00am	-	3.00pm
Wed	Office closed		
Thurs- 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.

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>

Thank you!

Carole Dexter, Sally Humpries and their families, would like to say a big thank you to their St Giles Church family, for all the love, prayers and kindness they have received during this sad time. Derek's funeral will take place on Thursday 12th April, at 11am at the Counties Crem.

Carole Dexter

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Our Vicar writes...

Please be patient...

Over the last few months, you may have got fed up hearing about GDPR, consent forms, contact details...and **Safeguarding**, C0, C1, C2, C3, DBS checks...today you'll see a notice about PCC nomination forms, the APCM, electoral roll etc etc etc.

What's it all about and what does it have to do with church? It can feel like an intrusion, unnecessary red-tape, a waste of time, an invasion of privacy. It can feel like the church is becoming just like the world and obsessing about the wrong things.

Please be patient!

We want to be *an exemplary church*, doing things in ways that are above board, accountable and trustworthy. None of it is done lightly or simply to tie us up. And we haven't lost sight of our vision, what church is about and the Lord Jesus on whom we are to fix our eyes, the One who lived and died and rose again to bring us new life.

Paul writes in Ephesians 4, *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

Steve on behalf of the PCC

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

Growing Up...

Annual Meeting

Sunday 29th April, 10am at the morning service. All are encouraged to come along. For part of the meeting there will be a time for questions on church matters. If you have a question, please submit it to Steve and the Church Wardens by 20th April by emailing: (office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk) Copies of the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting are available at the information desk. **The 2017 Annual Report is available today.**

An apology sheet is available on the information desk if you are unable to attend the meeting.

The **electoral roll** is now closed until after the Annual Meeting and a current list will be displayed on the noticeboard near the information desk from next Sunday- **if you do not want your address included on this list, please contact Helen in the office by Thursday 12th April** (office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

PCC Vacancies

We have 6 PCC rep vacancies (5 for a 3-year term and 1 for a 1-year term) to be filled at our annual church meeting. There are nomination forms on the information desk, along with an information leaflet about Trusteeship for PCC members and a paper about the role and function of St Giles' PCC. Nominees must be on the St Giles' electoral roll and a baptised member of the church. Those nominated are asked to provide a photo and a short paragraph of 100 words about themselves - to be emailed to the church office by 9am on Wednesday 25th April (office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

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. If you can help out with hospitality please let Helen know (office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk).

Joining In...

Save the dates...

Sat 12th May - Church Spring Clean

Sat 28th April - Wellbeing Conference

Sun 29th April - APCM

Sat 2nd June - Bible School starts

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

Sun 24th June - Tim's Ordination at Peterboro' cathedral

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



Lent is over!!

If you still intend to give to our Lent appeal for new homes for displaced Christians in Bangladesh, please note this fund will soon be closed. You can give in church or online- click on "banner" on church website.

Alpha is starting soon

We are going to be running Alpha again on Thursday evenings at 7pm from 26th April in a local pub. For more information please see Tim or email alpha@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend along.

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.

Be. at the Pub

An invitation for ALL women to share time together in a relaxed way - on Tuesday 17th April at The Zapato Lounge on the Market Square. Meet at 7pm at the Church Centre car park or just turn up whenever you like at the pub for conversation, drink and/or food.

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Gill & Peter Vriend
- ⇒ Eve
- ⇒ Chaplains working in the NHS, police and armed forces.

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

Your Iraqi Christian community, Lord - every one now left alive, known to You ... we have heard of some of their decimating sufferings, inflicted by IS. So we plead that this people group not be extinguished, but given protection, advocacy, and humanitarian aid in their great need.

Ruth and Izaias we look forward to welcoming our missionary partners. Ruth and Izaias, who will be worshipping with us on Sunday 22nd April.

Come for Soup today...

At 5.30pm in the church centre today. All welcome - please let Helen or Natalie know if you plan to join us.

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!