

General Data Protection Regulation

We are gearing up to GDPR and **we need you to opt-in now!** Consent forms can be completed near 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 16th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Café
	7.00pm	Girls Cell Group
Tues 17th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
	7.00pm	Be. at the Zepato Lounge
Wed 18th	10.00am	'Together' English Language Group
	7.00pm	Bell Ringing practice
	7.00pm	Mixed Cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students: Life Groups
Thur 19th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
Sat 21st	9.30am	Bishop's Bible Day
	10.30 am	Saturday for Seniors
	2.00pm	Safeguarding Training

Sunday 22nd April

10am	Worship Together
	Called to Wait
	Reading: Luke 24: 36-53
	Led by: Jo Smith
	Speaker: Beth Cressey
3pm	Hymns of Praise
7pm	Evening Worship
	Called to Wait
	Reading: Luke 24: 36-53
	Led by Steve Kelly
	Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones
7pm	Youth Zone

Staff days off this week...

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

FISH: Friendship International Students and Hosts invite you to an Evening of Celebration and Prayer for the work of FISH (including our AGM) on Friday 27 April, 7.30pm at St Giles Church Centre, St Giles Terrace, Northampton, NN1 2BN. We welcome current supporters and anyone interested to learn more about our work with international students in Northampton. For further information, please email: northamptonfish@gmail.com

Nat White Licensing - Sat 28th April at 3pm

For those of you who know Nat White, she would like to offer an open invitation to her friends at St Giles to attend her licensing on Saturday 28th April at 3pm at All Saints Church, Braunston. Pete and Nat will be moving to Braunston this month and Nat will be taking up the post of team Vicar for Braunston.

Contact us:

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



Our Vicar writes...

"Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." John 21v25

We are so blessed to have the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus. Each gospel contains precious 'God-breathed' words, carefully collected and authenticated. They were written, says John, *that we might believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. See John 20v31.*

Although it doesn't have the same authority as Scripture, the story of Jesus is still being written. Imagine if it were all written down and collected together now! Let's thank God for our part in His story and for His work which continues in our lives today.

Steve

Sunday 15th April

10am	Worship Together with Holy Communion
	Called Back
	Reading: John 21: 12-25
	Led by Jonny Dade and Tim Walker
	Speaker: Roger Woods
7pm	Evening Worship
	Called Back
	Reading: John 21: 12-25
	Led by Tim Smith
	Speaker: Jonny Dade
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 on the information desk and if you haven't already picked up a copy of the Annual Report please do so..

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 (updated) is displayed on the noticeboard .

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)

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).

Sunday April 22nd – Ruth and Izaias will be in Church and we will be interviewing them in the morning service. Dave and Jo Smith are hosting an "open house" between 3.30 – 5pm for anyone who wants to come and meet with Ruth and Izaias and hear more about their work in Brazil. Please phone Dave and Jo for more details.

Joining In...

Save the dates...

Sat 28th April - Wellbeing Conference

Sun 29th April - APCM

Sat 12th May - Church Spring Clean

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.

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



Alpha is starting soon

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

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.

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.

Lent Project- Final call

This appeal is now closing, now is your last chance to give. A big thankyou to all who have donated, we will publish the final amount in due course

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Anna & Jonathan Holmberg
- ⇒ Stepping Stones
- ⇒ Those who are suffering with stress and mental health problems.

Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:

- ⇒ Duncan Halliday and his family - the funeral of his brother Ian is on Monday 16th.
- ⇒ Ellie Theobald's mum, Lesley Salter, who is in hospital following surgery.
- ⇒ Beryl Baxter.
- ⇒ Alyth Allen.
- ⇒ Nathan Fearnley, friend of Krissy Cressey, who is in hospital.
- ⇒ David Cline.
- ⇒ Brian and Hilary.
- ⇒ 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

For Israel & the Middle East

FATHER of GLORY and unbreakable COVENANT we, who recognise 2 of the most important events in all prophetic history - rebirth as a Jewish Nation and control over Jerusalem back in Jewish hands - welcome and celebrate the start of Israel's 70th Anniversary on 18th April. Your Word of Prophecy remains as sure as ever! Amen!

Reminder for home group leaders: that we are meeting in the church centre on **Monday 23rd April** at 7.30pm.

POPup! Bible Study is restarting on 2nd May at 12.30 and we will be looking at Colossians 4: 2-18.