

Important Notice

The Parish Office and church centre are having some much needed electrical work carried out from Tuesday to Friday this week. Phone lines and wifi will be down for most of this time. Please contact the clergy on their mobile phones if necessary. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Steve at the vicarage or on 07391 839741.

What's on this week ...

Mon 23rd	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Café
	7.00pm	Girls Cell Group
Tues 24th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
	7.00am	Youth Music Practise
Wed 25th	10.00am	'Together' English Language Group
	7.00pm	Mixed Cell group
	2.30pm	Senior Fellowship
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students: Outreach
Thur 26th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Full Lunch
Fri 27th	7.30pm	FISH AGM
Sat 28th	9.15am	Wellbeing Seminar

Sunday 29th April

10am	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Called to make disciples Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20 Led by: Steve Kelly Speaker: Jonny Dade
7pm	Joint Celebration Called to make disciples Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20 Led by Maggie Kelly Speaker: Steve Kelly
7pm	Youth Zone

Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday
Jonny is off Friday
Tim is off Friday
Diana is off Friday and Saturday
Maggie is working Monday, Tuesday, Thurs am
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

Elizabeth 20 mile Pink Ribbon Walk in aid of Breast Cancer Care charity at Blenheim Palace on Sat 12th May. The money raised will help provide care, information and support to the thousands of people living with, through and beyond a breast cancer diagnosis. To donate, please either give through her just-giving page where you can add gift aid, or else directly to Elizabeth.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elizabeth-allenby-page

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Our Vicar writes...

There are times in the gospels when Jesus gathers the disciples together and there are times when they are sent out. There are moments when they're exhausted from the demands of others and moments to get away and rest. There are times when Jesus says, "go!" and times when He says, "wait."

Part of this is about *timing, discernment, listening to His voice*. It can be about what we do **today** or about the present **season of life**. Jesus wants to draw us into a prayerful conversation where we are open to Him guiding us. *Waiting* is about depending on Him and trusting His timing.

But it's much more than this. Jesus said, "*Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.*" Acts 1v5

The Holy Spirit brings *reassurance, peace and the power* to live for Jesus! But He always waits to be invited into our lives. Let's welcome His presence today... and every day.

Steve

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 Called by Name John 20: 1-18
7pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion Called to Wait Reading: Luke 24: 36-53 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones
7pm	Youth Zone

Growing Up...

We welcome Ruth and Izaias who are visiting us today and we will be interviewing them during our morning service. Dave and Jo Smith are hosting an "open house" between 4- 5.30pm 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.

Annual Meeting next Sunday

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 - your nominations please!

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).

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

Meeting for an hour this Tuesday 24th April, 7.30pm at Louise Whaites home. Please speak to or contact Jo (jo@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk) or Louise for further details.

Joining In...

Save the dates...

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 this week!

We are going to be running Alpha again on Thursday evenings at 7pm from 26th April in The Good Loaf cafe. 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 - last opportunity!

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.

Wellbeing Conference this Saturday

Join us this **Saturday at 9.15am-12.30pm** in the church for our Wellbeing conference focussing on personal wellbeing and how we can support others. Our guest speaker is Dr Peter Harper. Refreshments will be provided.

We need your help! Saturday 12th May

Can you offer an hour or two to come and help spring clean our church and tidy up outside on Saturday morning? Helen will be armed with a clipboard and sign up sheet today. It would be great if you could lend a helping hand. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you!



Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Vera Zhuravleva
- ⇒ Church on the Heath
- ⇒ Those working in banking and finance.

Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:

- ⇒ 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.
 - ⇒ 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

By Your Spirit in us raising our desires to help meet the needs we hear of in creative ways, bless both those who get the aid and the providers as well. Stir us in light of Your words, Genesis 12:3, to bless your Land and its many poorer returned people, Jews, who've made Aliyah.

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 12.30pm and we will be looking at Colossians 4: 2-18.