

Be. at the Pub - Wednesday 16th May from 7pm at the Wedgewood, Abington Street (only one minute from the centre car park) For ALL women - come and share an evening of relaxed conversation over a drink, proper food or pudding! We'd love to see you.

What's on this week ...

Tues 8th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
Wed 9th	10.00am	'Together' English Language Group
	12.30pm	POP up! Bible Study Malachi 1:1-5
	2.30pm	Senior Fellowship
	7.00pm	Mixed Cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students: Life Groups
Thur 10th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Full Lunch
	7.00pm	Alpha Wk 3 "How can I have faith?"
Fri 11th	6.00pm	Youth Football
Sat 12th	8.00am	Men's breakfast
	9.30am	Church Spring Clean

Sunday 13th May

10am	Morning Worship Your kingdom come, your will be done Reading: Acts 4:23-37 Led by: Maggie Kelly Speaker: Jonny Dade
7pm	Evening Worship Your kingdom come, your will be done Reading: Acts 4:23-37 Led by Jonny Dade Speaker: Tim Smith
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 Tuesday, Thurs am

Church Office hours this week:

OFFICE CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
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.

Thank you from Sue Jefferson...

Many thanks for all your prayers for my mum. She had stage 4 cancer which had spread. But her scan results this week were ALL CLEAR. **A wonderful answer to prayer.**

Jacqueline is running in the Leeds Half Marathon

on Sunday 13th May to fundraise for C2C Social Action (specifically for housing projects for homeless men and women). Donate online at Wonderful.org and search C2C Social Action where you will find Jacqueline's fund raising page. Thank you.

Prayer & Praise for Northampton

Monday 7th May 7.30-9.30pm at New Covenant Church & All Nations NN1 4AH.

Contact us:

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Our Vicar writes...

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name

There's so much packed into this opening phrase of the Lord's prayer. The pattern which Jesus gave to His disciples begins with an amazing statement about God. God is holy, pure, flawless and perfect in every way, in His character and actions. We approach Him with honour and reverence, recognising He is the Almighty, our Creator and our LORD.

And yet we can come to Him as Father. There's no need to be afraid, we're welcomed into His presence. We can come boldly and joyfully because we're His children. *Beloved children!*

"Yet to all who did receive him (Jesus), to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1v12

Prayer is an awesome privilege. Let's draw close to God today, let's come boldly, with confidence and full of faith.

Steve

Sunday 6th May

10am	Morning Service with Family Communion Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name Reading: Luke 11: 1-13 Led by: Steve Kelly Speaker: Alf Cooper
7pm	Joint Celebration with Holy Communion Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name Reading: Luke 11: 1-13 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Diana Rees-Jones
7pm	Youth Zone

Growing Up...

A warm welcome to Alf and Hilary Cooper

who are visiting us today and Alf will be speaking to us during the morning service. Welcome to you both!

After seven years of faithful service in supporting and leading the children's ministry at St Giles, Jo is taking a "mini sabbatical" from her role.

She will be taking four weeks off from May 21st – June 20th and will be able to rest and spend time with her family during a busy exam season. While she is away the network groups will continue to run, led by the team of network leaders. If you or any families need help with pastoral matters during this time, please contact Emma Brown on emma@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk or a member of the clergy. We want to thank Jo for all that she has done, 'above and beyond' over these last few years and we pray for her to be renewed and refreshed.

Cake Sale next Sunday

Charlotte and some of the Just Girls group are running a cake sale next Sunday to raise money for Jennifer and Jacqueline Weinkamp's trip to China in July. Money raised will be used to buy resources for the orphanages they will be working in. Please support this worthy cause!



Could God be calling you? We are looking to invest in our work with children and families as we recognise the opportunities we have to reach young lives with the good news of Jesus. Might God be calling you to this work? If so, we have some openings for **people to work particularly with our younger children**. It is an exciting and rewarding area of ministry, particularly as we look forward to welcoming a new Senior Youth and Children's Pastor this summer. If you'd like to *explore* what is involved please speak to Jo or Diana.

New Sound Desk - your patience please!

Please continue to be patient with the sound team over the next few weeks as they get used to using the new sound desk.

Service and Hospitality Rotas

The new summer rotas are now available and have been emailed to those of you who are involved. Please contact Helen 01604 628623 office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk, if you would also like a paper copy.

Joining In...

Save the dates...

Sat 12th May - Church Spring Clean

Sun 20th May - Newcomers' Lunch

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)



Newcomers Lunch Sunday 20th May

If you are fairly new to St Giles or haven't yet been able to attend one of our newcomers' lunch, please join us after the morning service on Sun 20th May. It is a great way to find out more about our church and get to know others. Please confirm with Helen in the office: 01604 628623 office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk.

Men @ St Giles - Sat 12th May 2018

Full English breakfast at the Church Centre followed by a talk by our very own Graham Aylett entitled "Our God - exalted among the nations". 8am-9.45am (prompt finish).

David Cline and his family have been very grateful for the prayers of the church family over the last few weeks. We are now able to offer some practical support by visiting him at home and by taking a meal round for him. Sine Cookman is co-ordinating a rota of people who would be happy to do this. Please contact Sine if you can help. 01604 250595 or by email mcookman@gmail.com. Thanks.

Be. Retreat Day - Don't miss out! For all women - Saturday 9th June at Launde Abbey. Invest in a day of space to spend time with God and each other. Pam Stocker will lead us on the theme of *Free to Flourish*. Places are filling up fast - book now online from the church website. Cost is £27, including coffee, lunch and tea - we will share transport. If you have already booked your place, payment is now due - see Serena or one of the Be. team

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Alf and Hilary Cooper
- ⇒ The Persecuted Church
- ⇒ FISH
- ⇒ Teachers and others working in schools, colleges and universities

Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:

- ⇒ Clare Biddiscombe's mum who is unwell in hospital.
- ⇒ Peter Angus who is unwell in hospital.
- ⇒ Beryl Baxter.
- ⇒ Alyth Allen.
- ⇒ David Cline.
- ⇒ Brian and Hilary.
- ⇒ 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

Jehovah-Jireh are you, O Lord, our Provider whose former Egyptian granaries are mirrored in Judea today. Fill Joseph's Storehouse with all the love, gifts, hope, necessities, compassion, tools, generosity, equipment - all that makes needy people smile again and renews their days.

Church Spring Clean Saturday 12th May

If you have volunteered to help out with the church spring clean on Saturday and have a long feather duster and gardening tools please bring them along. We will be starting the morning at 9.30 am with tea and toast! Men at Men's breakfast - this is a great way to burn off a few calories especially gardening!