

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 ...

Mon 14th	9.30am	Staff Prayers and meeting
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Café
	7.00pm	Girls Cell Group
	7.00pm	Just Girls (check with Louise)
	7.30pm	Property Meeting
Tues 15th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
	10.00am	Toddle In
Wed 16th	10.00am	'Together' English Language Group
	12.30pm	POP up! Bible Study Malachi 1:6-14
	7.00pm	Mixed Cell group
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students: Church Centre
	7.00pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Thur 17th	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Simple Lunch
	7.00pm	Alpha Wk 4 "Why & how do I pray?"
Fri 18th	6.00pm	Youth Football

Sunday 20th May

10am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion Be Visionary Reading: Revelation: 21:1-5 Led by: Diana Rees-Jones Speaker: Steve Kelly
7pm	Evening Worship Be Visionary Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 Led by Maggie Kelly Speaker: Jonny Dade
7pm	Youth Zone

Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday
Jonny is off Saturday
Tim is not available from 14th-27th May
Diana is off Friday and Saturday
Maggie is working Mon, Wed, Thurs am

Church Office hours this week:

Mon	1.00pm	-	3.00pm
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.

Accommodation Request!

If you have a room available for a male student who will be in Northampton for a 12-week placement over the summer, please speak to Natalie Williams. Thank you!

Street and School Pastors

Street and School Pastors are now sending out a weekly update for prayer and information. If you would like an email copy please send an email request to Roger Hampson.

Great Get Together picnic

BOB (Buddies of Becketts Park) are organising a picnic in the park on Saturday 23rd June 12-3pm, with entertainment for the kids.

Contact us:

tel: 01604 628623 (admin and pastoral)
e: enquiries@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk
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Our Vicar writes...

Last week, **Alf Cooper** encouraged us to come to our Loving Father, to be bold in our praying and also to persevere. He told us that *we bring in the kingdom through prayer and faith. We access the kingdom for ourselves, then we access the kingdom for others. The disciples saw Jesus in prayer, intimate with the Father, dependent on Him... when Jesus prayed, the kingdom came.* It was a powerful message.

The disciples learned boldness in prayer and in our passage for today we read ... *"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4v31*

Their response to hardship and persecution was to call out to God in prayer. *"Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Acts 4v29-30*

Let's raise our sights, let's not be put off by difficulties, let's persevere and let's be bold and audacious in our praying too!!

Steve

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

Growing Up...

Lent Project - a fantastic achievement!

The sum raised for new homes for the Santal Christians in Bangladesh is **£9,847.64** (including Gift Aid). Thank you so much for your generous giving which will provide for 9 new units of housing.

#10,000 hours in June!

During the month of June we are participating in 10,000 hours as a church. For more information please see the flyer with the newsheet or speak to Cameron or Natalie. Check out Facebook for more details.

Cake Sale today!



Charlotte and some of the Just Girls group are running a cake sale today 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!

Live Life 123 @ The Hub

If you are not in a mid-week group come and join our mid-week community The Hub. We are following the Summer teaching series **Live Life 123**. Every Tuesday evening starting from 22nd May in the Church Centre from 7.30pm. e: assistantminister@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk to book or sign up at the Information desk.



Jonny's licencing details and invitation

Please put the date in your diary for Jonny's licencing on **Wednesday 29th August**, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church in High Wycombe. A coach will be available from Northampton at a cost of approximately £10 per ticket. Further details will follow soon, so watch this space!

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.

Joining In...

Save the dates...

Sun 20th May - Newcomers' Lunch

Month of June - 10,000 hours

Sat 2nd June - Bible School starts

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

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.

Sun 15th July - Youth Deanery Service at St Mary's

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



Newcomers Lunch Sunday next week!

It's not too late to join us - 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 next week. It is a great way to find out more about our church and get to know others. **Please sign up at the information desk and we will be in touch**, or contact Helen in the office: 01604 628623 office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk.

Be. Retreat Day Saturday 9th June at Launde Abbey- now full!

If you would like your name to go on a waiting list, please contact Serena in the office. If you have already signed up but not paid for your place, please pay Serena by Sunday 20th May to guarantee your place. Cost is £27, including coffee, lunch and tea.

Friday night youth football

St Giles have started a football group for youth which takes place every Friday from 6-7pm at Benham Sports Centre, Kings Park. £2 to play. Please confirm with Cameron if your son would like to take part or contact him for more information: cameron@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk.

Summer Bible School starting soon

St Giles' Bible School will be running a six week course in the summer from 2nd June studying the Gospel of Mark followed by a Basic Theology Course. Please pick up a leaflet from the information desk.

Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Alf and Hilary Cooper
- ⇒ C2C Social Action and The Good Loaf
- ⇒ Those leading NCC and NBC

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.
- ⇒ David Cline.
- ⇒ Little Phoebe who is bravely battling new signs of neuroblastoma.
- ⇒ 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

We do pray for children in Syria who get caught up in conflict that, whilst they need food aid amid the years of rubble and destruction, they also receive toys, Father. We plead that the love and education woven into Sat-7's programmes for such kids gladdens and encourages them.

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.

New Wine Summer Conference, August 5th

We hope to have a big group from St Giles at the New Wine summer conference (wk 2) at the Royal Bath & West Showground in Shepton Mallet this year and would love you to join us. For more information visit: united.new-wine.org or contact the office on 01604 628623.