

Lent Project Update

We have received further donations for this wonderful project and the total is now **£10,026.84** which will provide new homes for the Santal Christians in Bangladesh.

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 on rogerphampson@gmail.com.

What's on this week ...

Tues 29th	9.30am	Prayer meeting in the centre
	7.30pm	The Hub, Church Centre
Wed 30th	12.30pm	POP up! Bible Study Mal 2:10-16
	7.30pm	Young Adults & Students: Social
Thur 31st	11.00am	Holy Communion - in the centre
	12.15pm	Simple lunch
	7.00pm	Alpha Wk 6 "Does God heal today?"
Fri 1st	6.00pm	Youth Football
Sat 2nd	9.30am	Bible School in the Church Centre

Sunday 3rd June

10am	Morning Worship with Family Communion Be Accountable James 5: 7-20 Led by: Steve Kelly Speaker: Jonny Dade
7pm	Joint Celebration Be Accountable Reading: James 5: 7-20 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Matt Summerfield
7pm	Youth Zone

Staff days off this week...

Steve is off Friday
Jonny is not available 29th May- 2nd June
Tim is off Friday
Diana is not available from 21st-28th and is off Friday and Saturday
Maggie is working Wed, Thurs am
Jo Smith is on sabbatical from 21st May-20th June

Church Office hours this week:

OFFICE CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

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.

All Saints Church of England Primary School

has a vacancy on their Governing Body for a 'Foundation Governor'. Governors come from all walks of life and bring a range of valuable skills to the group of governors. This is an opportunity to serve the community and continue to build on our relationship with this strategic church school. If you are interested please contact Diana Rees-Jones.

The poor will always be with you... a

theological approach to poverty today by the Rt Revd Philip North (Anglican Bishop of Burnley) on Thursday 7th June, 7pm at Northampton Catholic Cathedral. All welcome. Free entry but donations welcome.

Sponsored Walk and Slim! Please see the notice-board on how you can support Ruth & Izaias raise money for the building of the Community Centre in Cariré Brazil .

Contact us:

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e: enquiries@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk
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Our Vicar writes...

"You did not choose me, but I chose you..."

It's a wonderful feeling when someone chooses you! Being selected for a team, being given a special assignment, being asked on a date, being offered a job. I still remember the morning Rev Mike Booker rang me and told me I had been chosen as the next vicar of St Giles... a precious memory.

But most of us have also experienced rejection, being overlooked. It leaves an imprint, a painful memory.

"I chose you..." these words are spoken by Jesus to His disciples. They were unqualified and unexpected candidates. But they were on the team. When God asks you to do something, He knows your limitations, your inadequacies. Yet He still chooses you. You're on the team.

Chosen for what? It's an *incredible assignment* and He offers *incredible resources*.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." John 15v16

Will you accept His assignment today?

Sunday 27th May

10am	Worship Together Be Chosen Reading: Mark 1:16-20, Mark 2:13-17 Led by: Krissy and Beth Cressey Speaker: Maggie Kelly
3pm	Hymns of Praise Be Chosen - Reading: John 15:5-17
7pm	Evening Worship with Holy Communion Be Chosen Reading: Mark 1:16-20, Mark 2:13-17 Led by Steve Kelly Speaker: Maggie Kelly

Growing Up...

Prayer, Praise and Action in Northampton

Join us on Monday
4th June, 7.30pm
at St Giles church
when we will be
hosting the next
Prayer and Praise



event. It will be an evening of praise, worship, prayer and intercession. During the evening we will also be launching **10,000 hours**. Please think about how you can get involved in this. Check out Facebook for more details or speak to Cameron or Natalie.

Jonny and Anna's Leaving Lunch!

The time is (sadly) drawing near to Jonny and Anna's departure from St Giles church and their last Sunday with us is on 1st July. After the morning service we will be having a 'bring and share' leavers lunch in the Church Centre. Please make a note in your diary so we can give them both a good send off and enjoy a time of fellowship together. More information will follow nearer the time.

Collection - we will be having a collection for Jonny and Anna during this morning's service. If you wish to contribute, please put your donation in a marked envelope ('Jonny & Anna's collection') and place in one of the offering boxes. There are envelopes available if you need one.

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!

Men @ St Giles' Saturday 9th June 2018

Full English breakfast in the Church Centre followed by a talk by Gerard Parsons entitled "*A ministry of multiplication: living a Barnabas lifestyle*". Gerard will be looking at how we are the fruit of discipleship and that we should be discipling others in our own right as we pass on our knowledge of God to future generations. Starts at 8am until 9.45am (prompt finish).

Joining In...

Save the dates...

Month of June - 10,000 hours

Sat 2nd June - Bible School starts

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)



Summer Bible School starting this Saturday!



St Giles' Bible School is running a six week course starting on Sat 2nd June at 9.30am in the Church Centre, studying the Gospel of Mark followed by a Basic Theology

Course. Please pick up a leaflet from the information desk. **If you are new to the Bible School and plan to come could you please go to our website and register:** www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk. Thank you.

Live Life 123 @ The Hub "Be Chosen"

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 in the Church Centre from 7.30pm.

e: assistantminister@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk to book or sign up at the Information desk.

Northampton in Bloom!

If you want to be involved in this year's Northampton in Bloom, please let the office know (01604 628623). On 2nd June from 10.30am a team will be 'shoeplanting' and it would be good if we, at St Giles, could support this and be part of the launch.



Spreading Out...

Giving Away...

Prayer Points...

We are asked to pray especially this week for:

- ⇒ Ruth and Izaias
- ⇒ The Peterborough Diocese
- ⇒ Town centre churches

Those who are unwell or bereaved, especially:

- ⇒ Grace Clark, Lois's sister, who has been diagnosed with secondary cancer.
- ⇒ Bob Alderman's sister, Margaret, who passed away this week.
- ⇒ Cat Nichol's colleague, Sam, who is in hospital.
- ⇒ David Bailey, friend of Angela Garrod, who has terminal oesophageal cancer.
- ⇒ Clare Biddiscombe's mum who is in a care home.
- ⇒ 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

Restoration for Israel is on its way, nearer now than formerly. Oh, Lord, have Your way, shedding Your light in our hearts to walk in Your opportunities, agree with Your Word, and expect You to fulfil Your Unchanging Covenant, because Your every Promise is utterly dependable.

Scout Group

Could you get involved in helping our Scout group? We are looking for female leaders/helpers to join our Scout group of 10-14 year olds, meetings are held on Wednesday evenings. We also have opportunities for leaders in our Cub section (8-10 year olds), meetings are held on Thursday evenings. Please speak to Mark and Sine Cookman for further details.