

## St Giles Church News



### **Sunday 28th April 2024**

#### **Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

**Service 10am:** Peter Angus | Nicola Aylett

**Reading:** Ruth 4: 1-17

**Theme:** Ruth - Loving beyond imagination

**Service 7pm:** Cat Nichol | Beth Whaites

#### **Mid-week Holy Communion Service: Thursday 11am, Church Centre**

Pray With Us this week: Zoom meetings: 886 0781 8293 p/w: prayer321

*Every week-day morning at 8.30am and Thurs eve at 8pm*

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This Sunday we will be looking together at the final instalment of the story of Ruth. We will be thinking about the extraordinary far-reaching nature of God's redeeming love.

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**APCM 12th May** - you will have all received an email with further details about the APCM (also below), please do take time to read it and be praying about St Giles Church and all that God has in store for us during the next year as well as anyone you may wish to nominate for the PCC or Deanery Synod. **If you have any questions you would like to**

ask Josh or the Church Wardens, please submit them by Friday 3rd May to: [office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk) or drop into the Parish Office. Our [Annual Report 2023](#), is available with paper copies in church if preferred.

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**Prayer for Healing:** We are aware that many of us are struggling with health issues. We are therefore going to dedicate our next Saturday prayer session on the **27th April** to praying for healing and protection. We invite you, if you are poorly, either physically, mentally or spiritually, to come to the centre any time between 2.30 and 4.30pm and be prayed with. If you would like to stand in for anyone, please come along, or give details to Rachel White or Denise Bridgens: [dbridgens24@btinternet.com](mailto:dbridgens24@btinternet.com).

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**Would you like to take the next step in your faith journey?** We are looking at running one or two baptism / confirmation / first communion preparation courses after Pentecost with one or two baptism / first communion services towards the end of July. If this is something that you would be interested in or if you are not sure but you would like to find out more, please speak to Josh or Ruth if you are an adult or young adult, or to Beth if you are under 18 or a parent of an under 18 year old. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Please remember to bring your own cup (with a lid, if possible) for refreshments after the morning service. Thank you!

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To find out more about what's going on at St Giles go to Events on MyChurchSuite or [click here](#).

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CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** *Sunday 12th May, 10am.*

Our annual church meeting will form part of our morning service on **Sunday 12th May**. We have a number of vacancies for the **Parochial Church Council (PCC), Deanery Synod and Deputy Wardens**. Please talk to a PCC member or churchwarden to see what's involved. It will be great to have some new people taking up

these important roles in the life of our church.

There are nomination forms and role descriptions near the main (north) entrance in church. 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 and how they would represent the congregation - to be emailed to the [church office](#) by 9am by **Wednesday 8th May** at the latest.

COME ALL WHO ARE WEARY AND  
OUR LORD JESUS WILL GIVE YOU REST.



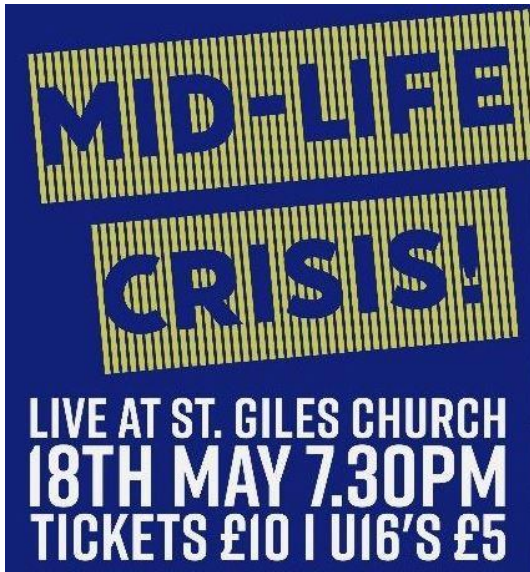
### **221 Divorce Support Group**

*Tues 14th May - 18th June*

The Women's Ministry is again hosting a 6 week 221 Divorce Support Group course for women who are divorced or whose long term relationship has ended and would like to be supported. This will be held in St Giles church centre from 7pm - 9pm.

**The course dates :** Tuesdays 14 May; 21 May; 28 May; 04 June; 11 June and 18 June.

As this is a support group, spaces are limited. Please sign up via [ChurchSuite](#) or ring the Parish office on 01604 628623.



**Midlife Crisis Concert**  
*Sat 18th May, 7.30pm*

Mid Life Crisis are playing a concert in St Giles on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm to raise money for the Lighthouse Trust, a local charity working in schools which is supported by St Giles Church.

Tickets £10 or £5 for under 16s. **Please scan the QR (click on image)** to buy tickets on Eventbrite or contact Duncan Halliday on 07870 999098 or [duncan\\_halliday3@hotmail.com](mailto:duncan_halliday3@hotmail.com)

Bring your own drinks and snacks.



**Help Needed!**

We would love to bring back Take-A-Break during the next two school holidays. Last year we saw an average of 50 people coming into church during the school holidays for crafts, games, activities, face painting and lots of cake.

Take-A-Break will be every Wednesday afternoon during school holidays, starting on 29th May from 12-3pm.

To run Take-A-Break we need a large team. There are numerous roles within this team.

For more information please contact Beth.  
([beth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:beth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk))





## Foodbank for Students

*Can you donate?*

FISH works with International Students at the UoN, supporting and giving friendship. We know that while International Students are here to study, there is a limit to how much they are able to work, which means they are in deeper need as prices rise. If you are able to help please donate dried goods and hygiene items and put in the labelled box in church. Thank you!



## Save the Date

*Sunday 19th May, Pentecost Sunday*

### You may be interested in...

**Job Vacancies** - Scripture Union have two vacancies [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

**Gospel Choir Concert** - Sat 27th April, 7.30pm at Park Avenue Methodist Church. More info [HERE](#)

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**Sunday 5th May 2024**  
**Morning Worship (all age)**  
Service 10am: Jo Smith and Beth Whaites | Karolin Richards  
**Reading:** Ruth 2:-6, 4:11-15  
**Theme:** The Loving God at Work

Service 7pm: Josh Richards | Ruth Alexander

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Prayer involves a learning process. Be free to question, to experiment, even to fail, because you are learning. Learn from testimonies, learn from other prayers, learn from Paul, learn from Jesus. However you do it, learn how to pray.

**There are many ways to give financially to St Giles. The preferred and most cost effective way to give is via the [Parish Giving Scheme](#). Details of all the options can be found [HERE](#). Please note, there is a small surcharge when giving via ChurchSuite.**

Contactless giving is now available in church

Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are livestreamed:  
<https://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/sunday-service-videos>

*(If you are unable to attend in person on the 1st Sunday of each month, please follow links to HTB, St Aldates, Oxford or All Souls, London for morning worship.)*



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