

St Giles Church News



Sunday 31st March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Service 10am: Ruth Alexander | Josh Thorne

Reading: John 20: 1-18

Theme: Our Lord is Risen!

Service 7pm: There is NO evening service

The morning service will be livestreamed

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.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY. For any pastoral emergencies please contact the church office (01604 628623) and you will be directed to a member of the clergy.

A reminder to you all that we have a **Good Friday Family Service at 11am** and **An Hour at the Cross at 2pm** in church. On **Easter Sunday** we look forward to celebrating our Risen Lord, together - Don't forget the clocks move forward 1 hour!

Our **Prayer Diary** for April is now available [HERE](#). There are a few copies on the leaflet stand in church if you prefer a paper copy. Let's keep praying for the needs outlined in this valuable resource.

****NEW Teaching Series**** Next Sunday we will be starting a 6-week series on the book of Ruth - Drawing on a Deeper Love. You can find the weekly themes and Bible passages [HERE](#). If you are a homegroup leader there is a resource book in the church office that you may wish to use for your weekly meetings.

Women's Knit and Natter (with tea and toast) will be meeting on 3rd April at Debbie Goodwin's flat. Please contact her (number on ChurchSuite) or the office if you wish to attend. Usual arrangements will resume on 10th April. **The Wellbeing Cafe** will not be running on 1st April but will resume on 8th April.

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

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



Games Night

Friday 19th April, 7-9pm

We are hosting our second St Giles' Men vs Women Games Night filled with fun, competition and fellowship in church.

It will be great if you are able to attend and team up with your fellow men/women and compete in a series of 'minute-to-win-it' games to see who will be crowned champions!

Please bring and share food (and bring your own drinks).

Sign up via ChurchSuite (click on image) or ring the Parish office to book a place.



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!



24-7 Prayer Weekend

Fri 19th April - Sun 21st April

Northampton churches are holding a virtual 24-7 prayer weekend from 6.00pm **Friday 19 April** to 6.00pm **Sunday 21 April 2024**. Sign up at [THIS LINK](#) for your slot (if another person is there, rejoice that we are praying with another person from another church)

24-7 Prayer GB have declared 2024 a year of prayer for the nations of the world. We are taking our place. 'Prayer is the great work of God' - *Oswald Chambers*.



Sunday Service Rotas

If you currently serve on a team, you should have received an email detailing the rota/s you are on for the next term (April-July) - some rotas will be sent out next week. If you are not serving in any capacity and would like to, we would love to hear from you. It's a great way to get to know others and feel involved in the life of our church. Please get in touch with Helen (office@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk or 01604 628623). Thank you!



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)



Save the Date

Sunday 12th May - APCM
(Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

You may be interested in...

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

Sunday 7th April 2024
Morning Worship (All age)
Service 10am: Josh Thorne | Craig Macpherson
Reading: Ruth 1:1-22
Theme: Loving in Terrible Times
Service 7pm: Cat Nichol | Ed Churchill

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing” (Martin Luther @1500)

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.youtube.com/channel/UCVLqKU_357NAwRCqveKyVQ/live

(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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