

St Giles Church News



Sunday 21st April 2024

Morning Worship

Service 10am: Ruth Alexander | Josh Thorne

Reading: Ruth 3: 1-18

Theme: Ruth - Loving through risk

Service 7pm: Nicola Aylett | Josh Thorne

Holy Communion will be served during the evening service

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

This Sunday we continue in our study of Ruth and 'Loving through risk' as we explore the passage Ruth 3:1-18.

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. Our [Annual Report 2023](#), is available with paper copies in church if preferred.

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.

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](#).



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.



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](#) or ring the Parish office to book a place by **4pm Friday**. Click on image to find out more!



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 for UoN
Churches of Northampton coming
together in prayer for students

25th April
7-8pm

Multi-Faith Centre, Waterside Campus



'They are like a tree planted by streams
of water which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither,
whatever they do prospers.'
Psalm 1v3

If you would like to attend, please email Ruth at
ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk

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



'Prayer is the great work of God'
- Oswald Chambers.

Prayer for UoN

Thursday 25th April, 7-8pm

Join others to pray for the students
and staff at the UoN on Thursday
25th.

Let Ruth know if you would like to
attend.

(ruth@stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

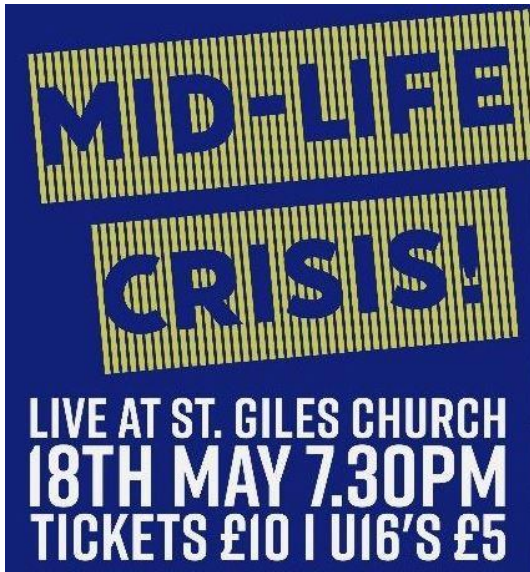
221 Divorce Support Group

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 18th 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. 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)



Save the Date

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

You may be interested in...

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

Injustice Who Cares? - Friday 19th April, 7pm at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. More info [HERE](#)

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

Sunday 28th April 2024
Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Service 10am: tbc | Nicola Aylett
Reading: Ruth 4: 1-17
Theme: Loving beyond imagination
Service 7pm: Ed Churchill | Beth Whaites

Real prayer is something we learn. The disciples, who had prayed all their lives, asked Jesus: Teach us how to pray. God, teach me how to pray today. (adapted from Richard Foster, Celebration of Discipline 1978)

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

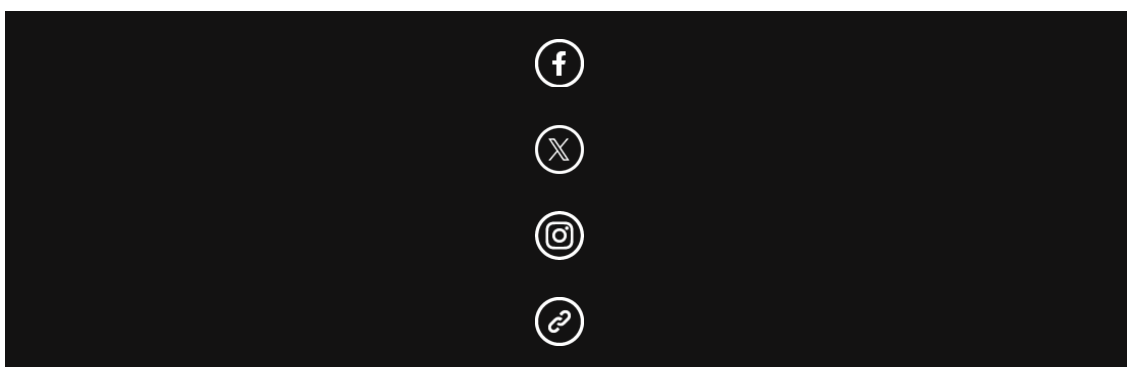
Apart from the first Sunday of each month, our morning services are livestreamed:
<https://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk/sunday-service-videos>

(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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