

St Giles Church

# Newsletter

*Lives being changed by the power of Jesus one person at a time*



Vicar: Revd Josh Thorne

Sunday 21st December 2025



## Pray With Us

Meet us on Zoom  
Week day mornings  
8.30-9am

Thursday evening  
8-9pm  
ID: 886 0781 8293  
p/w: prayer321

Saturday 31st Jan  
2.30-4.30pm  
Church Centre

## Sunday 21st December

MORNING WORSHIP  
4th Sunday of Advent

**10am:** Josh Thorne | Peter Angus

Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25  
Theme: Advent

**7pm:** Ruth Alexander | Josh Thorne  
**Carols by Candlelight Service**

**Mid-week Holy Communion service**  
resumes on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## What's on at St Giles in January?

Please check the calendar on our [website](#) for full details

Open Dining Room Fridays

Worship Workshop, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am  
Church building

Pray with Us, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2.30pm  
Church Centre

**For pastoral emergencies over the Christmas break, please phone the office 01604 628623 and follow the instructions on the answerphone.**



Scan the QR code to watch the children's nativity story and share with others.

Often in a period just preceding a movement of God, the stream of power and blessing has been unusually low. The people of God and the works of God have been "in great affliction and reproach", despised or ignored by those around them. In response to the prayers of a burdened remnant, God has been quietly heaping the flood. - Arthur Wallis In the day of Thy Power



**CHRISTMAS WEEK**  
**Carols by Candlelight\***  
 Sun 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm

**Children's Carol Service**  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup>, 3.30pm

**Late Night Communion Service**  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup>, 11.30pm

**Christmas Day Service\***  
 Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am

*\*will also be livestreamed. Click [here](#)*

**PICK UP A LEAFLET IN CHURCH**

All our Christmas services are on ChurchSuite  
 and our website:  
[www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](http://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk)

## Merry Christmas to our Church Family!

The Staff at St Giles Church would like to wish everyone at St Giles a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

**May you experience the love of Jesus afresh during this special season.**

A lovely story called "The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas" can be found [here](#). Enjoy!

## CHRISTMAS APPEALS



**Thank you!**

For giving so generously to our Christmas appeal this year. It will be a blessing to many!

**Calling all budding musicians!** A morning session for all the musicians within the church, both current and potential. This will be a space where we can play together, grow together, and maybe even be stretched creatively.

This will be held on **Saturday January 24th 9am-12.30pm**. Please get it on your calendar ASAP and book your place on [ChurchSuite](#). We are hoping to provide creche facilities.

It would be great for as many of us to be involved as possible especially younger musicians/singers. More information to follow in the New Year.

In the meantime, speak to Stephen Hewitson.

### Sunday 28th December

MORNING WORSHIP with Holy Communion  
 (all-age)

10am: Alison Steele | Nicola Aylett

Reading: John 1: 1-14

Theme: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

THERE IS NO EVENING SERVICE

### Online services on Christmas Day

**St Giles Church, 10am**

Click [here](#)

**Church of England**

<https://youtu.be/uq6Y4pOtAkE>

**Holy Trinity Brompton, 11am**

<https://htb.org/christmas>

### Church Office Hours

Monday: 1-3pm

Tues - Fri: 10-3pm

**Office Closed: 24<sup>th</sup> Dec-5<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Staff days off

Josh: Saturday

Beth: Saturday

Ruth: Saturday

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*You may be interested in...*

The Bereavement Journey Course, starting 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, Central Vineyard Church.

Enquiries can be made [here](#).

**News sheet/announcement deadline:** All items must be with the church office by the preceding Tuesday at the latest and will be included for a maximum of 3 weeks (if possible) at the discretion of the church office.

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Livestream: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLqKU\\_357NAwFRcQveKyVQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLqKU_357NAwFRcQveKyVQ)

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