

Care Home Services - April

Cheaney Court - Friday 20th April at 11AM

Marlow House - Friday 27th April at 11am.

Praying for healing - an opportunity for some teaching and training!

We'd love more people at St Giles to be confident in praying for others, and asking God's spirit to bring healing and transformation. Anyone can do this, but it's good to get a bit of training. If you'd like to explore it more there is a morning that will help equip you on Saturday 28th April 9.30-1pm, at Christ the King Kettering. Full details at: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/prayer-ministry-training-day-kettering>. If you'd like to go do book a place, and let Hannah know she knows you've done it!

Pastoral Appeal

Around Christmas, our Pastoral team successfully helped a young family in temporary accommodation in Desborough. We have received a really positive response from this family.

They have now been finally offered permanent accommodation in Kettering, and need help with furniture and decorating, particularly a single bed. If anyone knows someone, or a charity, that may be able to help, please let us know.

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**ST GILES CHURCH,
DESBOROUGH**

NOTICES

15th April 2018

**A community rooted in Christ
sharing God's love with all**

This Week

8.30am Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion

Next Week

8.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Mini Church

10am Holy Communion

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion

Benefice Service

29th April @ Braybrooke Church

Followed by a shared lunch in the Village Hall in Braybrooke

Please do put this in your diaries and come along

Prayer Journals

Please take an envelope which contains all of the printed materials (from the back of church)

Return the finished journals to the back of church by the end of April at the latest

It was always your will that Israel should find, in Jesus Christ, the one who would bring them home, lost sheep returning to the Shepherd who is their King. And to that fold would come others, from every nation upon earth, as prophets had foretold, including those gathered here today to honour your name. Gracious God, we praise you for the promise of Scripture, the depth of your love and our Saviour, Jesus Christ Amen

Let prayer be the centre of all we do



IMPORTANT DATE

Tuesday 17th April 9.30am

Church Prayer Meeting. Community Centre.

One of church targets this year, to help us to fulfil our vision, is to meet together as a community to pray monthly. Please do come along to the first of these prayer meetings and discover new ways to pray that work for you and help us become more rooted in Christ.

Being a disciple of Jesus part 2– be like Jesus (April).

Luke 6:39-40, 2 Cor 3:18

We're continuing this month with our discipleship series – here is a summary of Hannah's sermon for part 2.

Sermon summary – we are all being formed by something. What is forming you? Are you becoming more like Jesus? To help prioritise that we need to take account of the following (do discuss in your house groups and commit to practices and intentions together for the next month):

- Counter the stories we believe with biblical teaching. Good teaching undermines stories you believe that aren't true. How might you do that? How about prioritising Sunday worship and in particular this new sermon series. Can you develop a new practice of bible reading?
- Counter our habits with practicing the way of Jesus. This has to be lifelong. The practices of Jesus do something to us - change our hearts and longings. But we need to do this training in the context of community. Are you engaging with the practices in this series? Have you joined a house group so you can be part of the journey with others?
- Counter our relationships with community. Community does exposure and encouragement. Brings out best and worst but also loves. Have you joined a house group?
- Counter our environment with the Holy Spirit – keep practicing being with Jesus. Spending time abiding in his presence daily.