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*Parish of Pontefract
St Giles with St Mary*



December/January 2022

The Parish Church of St. Giles with St Mary's,
Pontefract



COME AND JOIN US FOR

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, 18 DECEMBER—4.30PM

CRIB SERVICE FOR FAMILIES
SATURDAY, 24TH DECEMBER—4.30PM

MIDNIGHT MASS AND BLESSING OF THE
CRIB
SATURDAY, 24TH DECEMBER—11.00PM

The Vicar writes...

As this unique year of 2022 comes to a close in coming weeks, we invariably turn our gaze towards 2023. Like me, you will realise that there are quite a list of things to consider as we stand at the gate of the year.

We can easily gather the issues and topics which are legitimately the concern of many. The list includes the overwhelming issues that the government is called to address following COVID 19 and its wider impacts on the economy. There are concerns about those who will be forced to live in increasingly stretching financial circumstances. In healthcare, the unmatched dedication of NHS staff still seems insufficient amidst a back log of cases to catch up on. And then there is the prospect of people remaining cold in the winter owing to rising fuel costs. And no list is complete without questions about the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and other places in our world.

Through Advent, Christmas and the Epiphany season we sing well known hymns and carols. (A list of Christmas services can be found further on in this magazine. You will be made very welcome. Come and enjoy your favourite seasonal carol!) For centuries mid-winter songs were composed to keep national morale up or to instil a personal virtue. Soon they became songs that resonated with the world of that time and contained a clear Christian message.

Do you recognise this verse from one of one of the top ten still sung today?

*Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?'*

It's from the carol we know as Good King Wenceslas. It tells of the King of Bohemia (907- 935) who along with his attendant 'page' regularly helped those who were poor or disadvantaged. On one snowy cold night on a journey to give alms to a poor peasant, the page weakened: 'I can go no longer' he pleaded. The king battled on by encouraging his page to walk in his footsteps and his feet would be miraculously warmed! It would mean they could take food, drink and fuel to someone in need:

*Mark my footsteps, my good page
Tread you in them boldly
You shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.*

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The carol has facets of a fable of long ago...but it also strikes directly at the heart of today's world issues. It digs us sharply and reminds us that we are here to 'bless' others, whoever we are and with whatever little resource we can offer. The 'small acts of kindness' add up to a greater whole of goodwill.

*In his master's steps he trod,
where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
shall yourselves find blessing.*



Hearing of the forthcoming pilgrimage brought back so many memories of when I went in 2011. I bought the carved depiction of The Last Supper in Bethlehem. On my return I took it to school to show my pupils. Some months later, when singing Christmas carols I reminded them that the 'little town' was a real place I had visited. Next morning a mum popped in and told me her toddler had said, 'Mrs. Bellamy knows all about baby Jesus being born, she was there.'

Sometimes I felt very old!

Joyce Bellamy.



ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Wednesday (9.30am) and Friday Mass (10.30am) see weekly diary.

Sunday, 27th November (Advent Sunday)

9.00am *Holy Communion at St Mary's*

10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

12.00pm-6.00pm Light Up Pontefract – St Giles Café will be open

Sunday, 4th December (Second Sunday of Advent)

9.00am **No Service** at St Mary's

10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.00pm *Advent Service for all ages at St Mary's—all welcome*

4.00pm Masonic Carol Service at St Giles

Sunday, 11th December (Third Sunday of Advent)

9.00am *Holy Communion at St Mary's*

10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Sunday, 18th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9.00am *Morning Worship at St Mary's*

10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.30pm A service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December

4.30pm Crib Service at St Giles

5.00pm *Lessons and carols at St Mary's*

11.00pm Midnight Mass and Blessing of the Crib at St Giles

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December

9.00am *Holy Communion at St Mary's*

10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Sunday, 1st January 2022 (Second Sunday of Christmas)

09.00am **No service** at St Mary's

10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Sunday, 8th January (The Epiphany)

9.00am *Holy Communion at St Mary's*

10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles



God in the Arts

The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at the cartoon for 'The Mackintosh Madonna', which normally hangs in the British Museum.

Preparing the Way

This month's drawing is 'The Virgin and Child' by Raphael (1483-1520). Raphael was a talented artist from a very early age, but this drawing belongs to a time when he was in Rome from 1510-12. The finished painting is known as the Mackintosh Madonna, after its last owner.



This drawing, or cartoon, was the first stage in creating that work: it is in black chalk with heightening marks of white. When an artist made an initial drawing like this, he would then prick the cartoon with holes and then sprinkle charcoal powder over the drawing to reproduce the design on the canvas below. The pinholes on this drawing are still clearly visible. Sadly the final painting has been damaged through time, but here in the cartoon we see that first stage: a sensitive and balanced picture of mother and child: Mary warm and caring, Jesus laughing and alive.

During Advent we think of the preparations God made for the birth of the Saviour. We celebrate God's work of creation and how He chose a people for His own. Within that people He looked for a holy remnant and then finally a loving heart in the assent of Mary to be the mother of our Lord. These preparatory steps were as vital for our salvation as the artist moving from idea to sketch to the finished work.

Each stage is important; each stage a revelation of life and love. Vasari wrote of Raphael that in his paintings 'the flesh palpitates, the breath comes and goes, every organ lives, and life pulsates everywhere.' Even this preliminary drawing displays that life and vitality. It is a life we celebrate at Christmas in the birth of a child who turns to us, as he does in this work, as a sign of joy and love.



Dates to remember

(All events at St Giles', unless otherwise noted.)

- Thursday 1st December: **Advent in Narnia** (All Saints):6:45-7:45pm
(For all dates & times, please see pp22/23)
- Friday 2nd December: **Organ Recital:** 1pm
- Saturday 3rd December: **Children's Society Christmas Stall:** 9am-12noon
Men's Fellowship Breakfast: (See p6)
- Sunday 4th December: **Messy Church:** 2:45pm (St Mary's)
All-Age Advent Service: 4pm (St Mary's)
Masonic Carol Service: 4pm
- Monday 5th December: **Mothers' Union Advent Service:** 1:30pm
- Saturday 10th December: **Christmas Draw**
- Monday 12th December: **Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch:** 12noon
- Sunday 18th December: A Service of **Nine Lessons & Carols:** 4:30pm
- Christmas Eve: **Crib Service:** 4:30pm
Lessons & Carols: 5.30pm (St Mary's)
Midnight Mass & Blessing of Crib: 11:00pm
- Friday 6th January : **Organ Recital:** 1pm

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS STALL

The Christmas stall will be held outside church on

Saturday 3rd December 9.00am to 12 noon.

The stall will include a variety of items with a Christmas theme including gifts (jewellery, glassware, toiletries, stationery, etc.), homemade preserves and cakes (mince pies, etc.) and Christmas decorations.



There will also be a tombola of Christmas gifts. Donations of suitable items or gifts for tombola/stall will be very welcome. Please bring to church at any time clearly marked **“Children’s Society”**

If you can help on the stall at any time during the morning please contact Bill & Angela Bradley (tel. 01977 613643)

All proceeds for The Children’s Society.

Pontefract & District Appeals Committee

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Please join me, Tony Williams, at the
Pontefract Magistrates Courthouse Café at

10.00am on Saturday, 3rd December 2022

If possible, please let me know if you can make it by telephoning on 07919412797 or sending an email to tonyw2439@sky.com

Failing that, just turn up, I'd love to see you there.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

As last year, we would like to have a display board on which you can put one card to everyone and use any savings from the purchase of cards to make a donation to church funds. The board will be available from **Advent Sunday**.

David Leigh will happily receive any donations either by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Or scan the QR code on the front page. Thank you for your support.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

Bank: Virgin Money, 81 Carlton Street, Castleford, WF10 1BW

Sort Code: 05-06-71 **Account Number:** 16172795



Some thoughts to ponder at this 'giving' and family time of the year...

Our children await Christmas presents like politicians getting election returns - *M Cox*

Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor. - *Anon*

A part of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve. - *J Joubert*

The word 'alms' has no singular, as if to teach us that a solitary act of charity scarcely deserves the name. - *Anon*

He who is not liberal with what he has, does but deceive himself when he thinks he would be liberal if he had more. - *W S Plumer*

Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian - *G K Chesterton*

Kindness is a hard thing to give away. It keeps coming back to the giver. - *Ralph Scott*

Silence: the art of conversation most appreciated when the Christmas Day feature film is on... - *W Hazlitt paraphrased*

All happy families resemble one another; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. - *Leo Tolstoy*





You may wonder why it is that this logo appears, sometimes quite frequently, in our magazine. A word or two of explanation:-

Parish Pump is a very useful online resource for people like me, who have pages to fill in an otherwise sometimes fairly sparsely populated magazine. It offers not only interesting articles, like the one on page 4 about

Raphäel's *The Virgin and Child*, but also graphics, cartoons and puzzles, all very useful when there are empty pages to fill.

Why though the empty pages? We are lucky to have a small number of regular contributors, whose articles are always welcome, shining a light on some of the many aspects of our church community. Some months there are plenty of such items to add interest for you, the reader; other months they are fewer in number, which is when the Parish Pump comes into play.

Could we simply reduce the number of pages? Would you, the reader, really be happy with pages full of dates and posters, with little of interest to read?

I wonder how you feel about the magazine as a whole? It appears more or less each month, but only very rarely do I receive any feedback about its content. Is it possible that you might be able to contribute something yourself? Would it not be so much better if the magazine reflected our lives as members of St Giles' or St Mary's, rather than relying on generic content from a website?

Your thoughts, your ideas, your stories and your questions are always welcome.

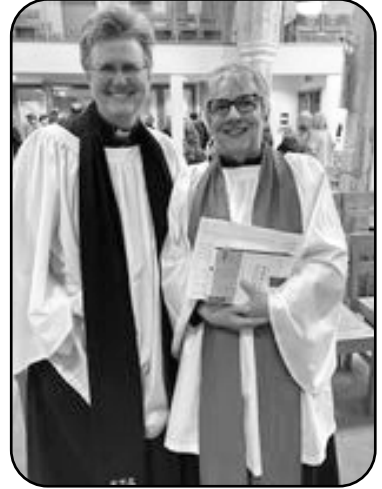
Happy Christmas and all best wishes for the New Year to all our readers.



A note from our Lay Minister ...

Well, it finally arrived. It was beginning to feel like it never would, but on Sunday 6 November, Cath, Geoff and myself were finally licensed as Lay Ministers. The three of us, along with Linda who was licensed in Kirklees two weeks earlier, have formed a tight support group over the past four years of study at the Leeds School of Ministry.

Support is something that has certainly helped during this time of study and my first tentative steps at standing up and preaching. The support and encouragement I have received from everyone at St Giles' and St Mary's has been amazing, enabling me to grow, and I hope to begin to flourish in my ministry.



I would like to thank you for all the cards, messages of encouragement, and prayers I have received. I am very much looking forward to continuing my journey with all of you and all the challenges and joy that will bring. I hope that we will be able to grow and flourish together in the love of God. I would ask that you will continue to pray for me, as I will continue to pray for all of you.

Love in Christ,

Jill

(More photographs of Jill's very special occasion on the inside back cover.)

MOTHERS' UNION

Monday 5th December: **Advent Service**

We meet in Church at 1:30pm. Mince pies and cake to follow.

Monday 12th December: **CHRISTMAS LUNCH!**

Meet in the café at 12 noon.

Mothers' UNION 

NEW CONTACTLESS GIVING DEVICE



Our new contactless giving device (similar to the above but with personalised images) will be arriving in church from early November. We are delighted to say that the church was awarded a grant from the Church of England to cover the cost of purchase (over £1,000).

Please see the poster on page 25 for information about how to use this new device.




The Benefice of Pontefract
Parish of St Giles with St Mary's



**WE ARE PROVIDING A
WARM WELCOME
TO THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER**



Providing a Warm Welcome in partnership with Stewardship 

Beginning on Thursday, 17th November, come and join us
each

Wednesday, 12.30pm—2.00pm, Lunch with Us, when hot food
will be available.

Any donations would be most gratefully received.

Thursday, 12.00pm—2.00pm, for tea / coffee / cuppa soup /
cakes / biscuits

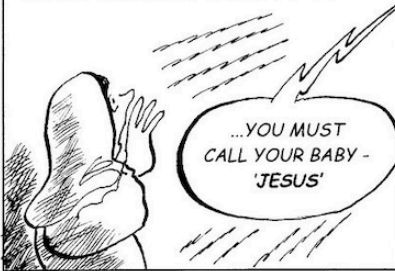
The First Christmas



JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE VERY SPECIAL BABY



MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE BY THE CENSUS.



BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL... THE ONLY SHELTER THEY COULD FIND WAS A STABLE...



...WHICH IS WHERE THE BABY JESUS WAS BORN.

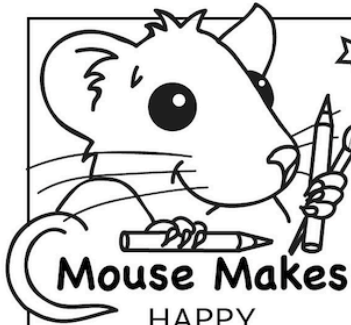


SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY. AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAS BEEN BORN.



THEY WERE THRILLED TO SEE THE MOST WONDERFUL GIFT IN THE WORLD!





Mouse Makes

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Read the Christmas story in **Luke 2:1-21**.

Answer the questions, colour the picture and colour one star each day until Christmas.

Where was Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph and Mary there?

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?
What did Mary dress her baby in?

Why were the shepherds afraid?

What good news did the angel tell?

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What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?

Who appeared praising God, what did they say?



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INN • SHEPHERDS • FLOCK • NIGHT • LORD • GLORY • GOOD NEWS • JOY • DAY
SAVIOUR • CHRIST • SIGN • BABY • GOD • PEACE • ANGELS • GO • SEE • TOLD • PRAISE

FUNDRAISING

Given St Giles' current finances, it is imperative that attention be given to raising much needed funds.

I am aware individuals and small groups continue to 'battle on' raising money.

As a congregation, giving is part of our Christian service, but we need to tap into the community and around us and encourage their participation in forthcoming initiatives.

Therefore, I ask you thoughtfully to consider joining a proposed fundraising group to develop ideas and bring them to fruition.

I wish this to be a positive, forward looking group!

Please contact myself (Fr Rod) or Pam Mercer for further details, either in person or via email or telephone. My details are on the front cover. For Pam, please email or phone via the parish office (stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)

Yours prayerfully

Fr Rod



Fundraising for St Giles Church

Over £42m has been raised for good causes through the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. The site helps good causes across the UK to raise FREE funds through online shopping. Over 2 million supporters are raising money for 180,000 charities and good causes.

One of the good causes registered on the site is the **St Giles Community Project** which was established at the time of the start of the internal alterations carried out in 2011 – 13 since when it has raised £594.71 by just 17 members of the congregation who have used the site occasionally when online shopping. From now on all the funds raised will be transferred to the St Giles PCC account to help its current fundraising programme.

If you are shopping on line for Christmas presents or indeed anything at all, please remember to initially use the following website to raise donations for the church.

To register go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgilescp/> which will take you to St Giles Community Project Pontefract.

- Click on **Sign up** and support this cause which will take you to the next page.
- Click **Continue with Email** where you can enter your name, address and email address and a password.
- Click **Create** my account.
- The next page gives you the choice to **Add the Donation Reminder** (recommended). If you close to click this you go onto the **easyfundraising** Donation Reminder page.
- Click [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) which you will find immediately below this heading and you are now all set up to go shopping.

Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to St Giles church. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

REMEMBER - Firstly go to the easyfundraising website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgilescp/> whenever you shop online and St Giles will receive a % of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or the church.

Happy Shopping!



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Carleton Theatre Group

If anyone wishes to join us, with a view to considering acting or helping backstage, etc, please phone

Ruth Connor on 01977 792100, or
Brenda Smith (01977 700052).

If you would like something posted on our social media platforms, please email: stgmsocialmedia@gmail.com

To keep in touch with the latest news from the Parish, please visit our websites:

www.stgilespontefract.org.uk and www.stgilescentrepontefract.org.uk



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December 2 nd	Ivan Linford
December 16 th	NCP
January 6 th 2023	Sean Montgomery
February 3 rd	Marc Murray
March 3 rd	Paul Dewhurst
April 14 th	David Baker
April 21 st	NCP
May 5 th	John Dunford
June 2 nd	Scott Senogles
July 7 th	Sean Montgomery

Friday Admission £5 per recital

(includes tea/coffee served from 12.30pm before the recital)

INTRODUCING MESSY CHURCH AT ST MARY'S – AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

From January, we will be running a monthly 'Messy Church' on Sunday afternoons at St Mary's Church. This is an exciting opportunity to reach out to our community, and especially to young families. If you are



at all curious to learn more, or might want to get involved, do come along to an open meeting at **2:45pm on Sunday 4th December.**

This will be followed by our **All-Age Advent Service** at **4.00pm**, with the option of staying for pizza. If you would like to learn more, speak to Fr Sam.

CHRISTMAS DRAW 2022

The traditional Christmas Draw will be held on
Saturday 10th December

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to sell books of tickets to raise funds for the church at this difficult time – see or ring Bill and Angela Bradley 01977 613643.

In previous years many people also offered a prize and if anyone would like to do so this year again, please see or ring Bill and Angela who are co-ordinating the Draw.

Please note all prizes should be new and purchased within sell-by or use-by dates.

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE!

Bishop Tony Robinson has invited all congregations to join him in celebrating the 20th anniversary of his consecration as a Bishop. He will be celebrating a Eucharist on

Tuesday, 6th December at 7.00pm
at St Luke's Church, Grimethorpe

If you would like to join him, please would you pass your name to the Parish Office in order that numbers for catering purposes can be forwarded to the Bishop's Office.

'The Greatest Gift': An Advent Celebration



St Mary's Church, Chequerfield



Sunday 4th December, 4pm
in St Mary's Community Centre

An event for people of all ages, exploring the Christmas story.
We all love getting presents on Christmas morning – in this celebration we discover the greatest gift of all, the gift of the baby Jesus.

Children very welcome (please bring a grown up)!

An informal service with storytelling, singing, crafts and other activities, followed by free shared food (pizza!).

Doors open at 4pm, with a service from 4:15pm

**If you would like to come, please email
stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com,
or contact Revd Sam Fletcher on 07938 517350**



Pontefract Benefice Advent Course



Advent in Narnia

**Wednesday Mornings at
St Giles'**

10:15am-11am

and

**Thursday Evenings at
All Saints**

6:45pm – 8pm



St Giles': 30 November, 7, 14, 21 December

All Saints: 1, 8, 15, 22 December

Advent in Narnia

Advent, the season of reflection will soon be here, and we invite you to put some dates in your diaries to take some time out; to stop, reflect and refresh yourselves in scripture and prayer.

This year our short study course **Advent in Narnia** will run across the Benefice, with four sessions on Wednesday mornings from 10:15 to 11am at St Giles' and four Thursday evenings from 6:45pm to 7:45pm at All Saints.

You will all be familiar with C.S. Lewis' book *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, which the course is based on. If you would like to refresh your memory before the start of the course, you are invited to come and watch the film at All Saints. The film will be shown the week before Advent on Thursday 24 November. Please arrive for coffee and tea at 6:45pm for a 7pm start. There might even be Turkish Delight!

Dates for your diaries are as follows:

St Giles.: Wednesday (mornings) 30 November, 7 December, 14 December, 21 December.

All Saints: Thursday (evenings) 1 December, 8 December, 15 December, 22 December.

Sign-up sheets will be placed in All Saints and St Giles' at the end of October.

We do hope you will be able to join us.



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Sunday Services

For service times please visit our website and view the latest Newsletter

<http://www.stgilespontefract.org/weekly-notices-2/>

Baptisms, Weddings, Banns: Please telephone or email the Parish Office for further details.
Please check the calendar on St Giles' website or the Order of Service for any alterations.

Reader (Hon)

David Brooks 798599

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