

*Parish of Pontefract  
St Giles with St Mary*



*May/June 2023*

The Benefice of Pontefract  
Parishes of St Giles with St Mary's and All Saints

**CORONATION SERVICE**  
**Sunday, 7th May 2023 at 4.00pm**  
**at St Giles' Church**

A service will be held to commemorate the  
Coronation of King Charles III.

Sermon to be given by  
The Very Reverend George Nairn-Briggs,  
Dean Emeritus of Wakefield,  
Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.

All are welcome and refreshments will be available after  
the service



Photograph courtesy of Hugo Burnand



This May, we mark a historic moment as – for the first time in nearly seventy years – a new monarch is crowned in our nation. Such occasions are steeped in centuries-old traditions and symbols. Yet of all the various glistening objects used in the Coronation service, the most ancient is not a crown or a sword or a sceptre, but a spoon. Most of the regalia is no more than 350 years old, since the crown jewels were destroyed after the execution of Charles I, and recreated under Charles II in 1660-1. What survived of the medieval regalia, however, was the 12<sup>th</sup> century ‘coronation spoon’, which is designated for holding the chrism oil—consecrated in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem— into which our Archbishop dips his fingers before anointing the new King. The anointing is untelevised, hidden from the glare of public attention, but it is arguably the most symbolically-charged moment in the proceedings.

The anointing of monarchs evokes a tradition stretching back at least as far as ancient Israel. In 1 Samuel 10, we read of Samuel anointing the Saul the first king of Israel:

Samuel took a phial of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him; he said, ‘The Lord has anointed you ruler over his people Israel.’

The tradition continues with the anointing of David and Solomon, such that anointing is often closely connected with royalty (as it is also often connected with priesthood, and with healing). It’s for this reason that Jesus is called (in Hebrew) ‘the Messiah’ or (in Greek) ‘the Christ’, both of which mean ‘the Anointed One’. It’s a title that refers to Jesus’ status as a king in the line of King David, the one anointed by God to rule over a new kingdom. But of course Jesus provides a very different image of what an ‘anointed’ life looks like – not a ruler dressed in finery, but a saviour in a crown of thorns, a friend of the oppressed and the misunderstood. ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me’, he says, ‘because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor’.

Christians are all called to live an ‘anointed’ life, with the New Testament telling us that we have all received an anointing (2 Corinthians 1:21; 1 John 2:20). We anoint candidates at baptism, and we pray that they ‘may daily be renewed by [God’s] anointing Spirit’. This reflects the fact that every one of us has a high and unique calling and purpose. All who love and follow Jesus

have a share in a 'royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9), and are a promised a 'crown of life' (James 1:12). Jesus will welcome those who follow him to share in his own reign: 'if we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him;' (2 Timothy 2:11-12). Every Christian is royal!

As King Charles is anointed at his Coronation, perhaps we might be reminded during this time of our own anointing, both the smudge of oil traced on our foreheads at baptism and the Spirit that renews us daily. May we recognise ourselves as the royal, anointed people of God, and so commit ourselves to follow the way the King of kings, the one who came not to be served, but to serve.

Fr Sam



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

(to be confirmed)

We meet in Church at 1.30pm.

Our speaker is our very own Bruce Dalgleish,\*

who will reflect on

**19th Century News**

Tea and biscuits to follow

Everyone is always welcome.

# Dates to remember

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



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May: **Organ Recital:** 1pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May: **Coronation of HM the King  
and HM the Queen Consort**

St Giles' Bellringers: **Ring for the King** 10am  
see p4

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May: **A special service** commemorating the  
Coronation of King Charles III: 4pm

**Food donations for No 6**  
see p15 for details

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May: **The Childrens' Society Collection Day**  
see p15 for details

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May: **Ascension Day**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: **Mothers' Union: 19<sup>th</sup> Century News** 1.30pm  
Refreshments after the service.

The deadline for submissions to the July/August magazine is  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**



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18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear friends

The Vicar and PCC of St Giles' Church, Pontefract would be delighted if you would join us for a Service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 4.00pm in church.

We are very much looking forward to the Service. The sermon will be given by The Very Reverend George Nairn-Briggs, Dean Emeritus of Wakefield, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.

Your presence personally or as members of a group who represent your civic/community/ church organisation or local business will make the event all the more special. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

An invitation is attached with a request that you reply if possible by no later than 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Please do indicate in your reply how many you hope will be present.

Yours sincerely

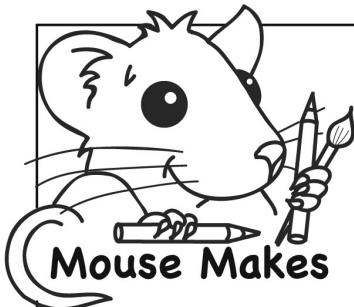
Canon June Lawson, Vicar of St Giles with St Mary's.



On Coronation morning at 10.00am, the St Giles' bellringers will ring for an hour two specially composed compositions: The Coronation March, and the Orb and Sceptre.

We are delighted that there will be new ringers forming part of the band who have come on board as part of the 'Ring for the King' scheme.

This also means that St Giles' will appear on the bell board that goes to the palace.



Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?



READ  
Acts 1 4-17

\_\_\_\_\_ to be Jesus' witnesses.  
Acts 1:8

Find the answers in the word search

What did Jesus hid from the Apostles?

a \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?

Acts 1:12

Who appeared to the Apostles?

Two \_\_\_\_\_ and what were they dressed in? \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?

At the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
Mark 16:19

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## THE STONE OF SCONE

The Stone of Scone is also known as the Stone of Destiny, but is often referred to in England as the 'Coronation Stone'.

The stone is an oblong block of red sandstone which measures, in inches, 26 x 16.7 x 10.5, (66 x 42 x 27cm) with an approximate weight of 355 pounds (737 kilos). There is a roughly incised cross on one surface and an iron ring at each end. The stone was used for centuries during the coronation of Scottish monarchs.

Historically the stone was kept in Scotland, at the now ruined Scone Abbey, near Perth. It was seized as spoils of war by the army of Edward I, during the invasion of Scotland in 1296, and was taken to Westminster Abbey. There it has been, ever since, an essential component during the coronation of our monarchs, who used to sit upon the stone during the coronation service. Later, in the 17th century, a wooden platform was added to make the Coronation Chair.

In 1328, by the Treaty of Northampton between Scotland and England, it was agreed that the stone would be returned to Scotland. Riots in London against its removal prevented the stone's return, hence it remained in England for six centuries.

During World War II there was concern that any bombing of the area might damage the coronation chair and the stone. The chair was relocated for the duration of the war to Gloucester cathedral, while the stone was moved to a remote part of Westminster Abbey and hidden behind lead coffins in a burial vault.

In July 1996 the stone was returned to Scotland, after centuries in England. It was decided that it would be kept in Edinburgh castle, and agreed that the stone would only ever leave Scotland again for the coronation of monarchs in Westminster Abbey.

Karen Glynn



## GOD SAVE THE KING

God save our gracious King.

For two decades and three monarchs, these the words I used to sing.

Shadowy figures, heads etched on stamps and coins and such,

Grainy newspaper pictures that didn't show us much:

King George V and Queen Mary, remote, and seemingly so old;

Edward VIII, dashing, brave and bold:

The Establishment didn't care for his choice of queen,

He chose heart over crown, and thence was rarely seen;

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, for the nation they brought joy;

Princess Elizabeth was the Heir, and she was not a boy.

For seventy glorious years , GOD SAVE THE QUEEN, I'd sing,

Then in 2022 Charles III became our king.

This lovely man, environmentalist, caring, kind and friendly,

The supporter of our Hospice, which was why he talked with me.

King Charles and Queen Camilla, let the nation now rejoice,

United Kingdom together, we sing with heart and voice.

## GOD SAVE THE KING

Written by Joyce Bellamy. age 93, who sat all night in the rain in June 1952

to watch the procession for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

## Giles 3:16 Our Easter Diary

26/3/23 Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. People put cloaks on the road & palm leaves & shout, 'Hallelujah!'

2/4/23 we draw a line to track the happy (Palm Sunday), sad (Good Friday) happy (Easter Day) events in Holy Week. The children represent God & the people, as the people do bad things they move further away from God. God first sends Noah but the people don't listen, then Moses but they still don't listen. He thinks who can I send that they will listen to, he sends Jesus who puts one hand on God and one hand on the people, standing in the form of a cross to show Jesus had to die for the people to be saved.

9/4 Easter, we told the story of the first Easter story & made Easter cards.

16/4 We asked the children to hide, as Jesus's disciples hid after his crucifixion & we had to find them. We spoke of Thomas doubting the other disciples had seen Jesus & he said he would believe if he put his hands in the wounds of Jesus' hands & feet. The children drew around their hands & feet.

23/4 Jesus meets his disciples at the Sea of Galilee, the children made a boat & were out fishing all night but didn't catch a single fish. There was a man on the shore who told them to throw their net to the right hand side which they did & the net was bursting with fish. Peter realised who it was & swam to shore, Jesus was cooking fish & warming bread which they all ate for breakfast. Jesus asked Peter to do a special job for him, to teach others about him once he returned to his Father in heaven.

Steph



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**CARING FOR EACH OTHER....**

If you haven't seen someone for a while, please either try and find out how they are or let us know and we will try and make contact. Please also ask the person if they would like to go on the service prayer list (using their full name or just first name). A note to us giving a contact number or address of the person concerned often helps.

# Important - please read this!

## **Church Evacuation Plan**

Following the planned evacuation of the church during a Sunday service in April it's worth noting a few points which will enable us to improve this procedure.

Firstly may I say thank you for your cooperation during the event. It may be helpful for you to know that this is an annual event required by law. It is designed to clear the church quickly and safely not only in the event of a fire breaking out in church but for any event that could cause us harm.

Our fire alarm is connected to a monitoring service which will take action to call the emergency services should the need arise. Again, this is a mandatory requirement of the church insurers.

What should happen during an evacuation of the church? In the event that the alarm is sounded or an announcement is made, you should make your way to the nearest exit unless told otherwise. Keep calm and quiet and listen to the instructions that will be given by the warden or the sides persons. Please do not delay the evacuation by stopping to pick up personal possessions. It is good practice to know where the three exits are situated in church and if you are in any doubt please ask when you are next in church.

On leaving it is extremely important to move away from the building. This is not only for your safety but also to allow unimpeded access for the emergency services. If you are leaving church via either exit on the south side (Market Place) please assemble outside the Market Hall. If you are leaving on the north side (Library) please assemble outside the museum opposite the exit. You should only return into church when it is safe to do so and permission has been given by the emergency services or a warden.

Once again can I thank you for your cooperation and for taking the time to read this guidance.

**Peter Lavine** on behalf of the Fabric, Health and Safety Committee.



## Coronation Quiche Recipe

A deep quiche with a crisp, light pastry case and delicate flavours of Spinach, Broad Beans and fresh Tarragon. Eat hot or cold with a green salad and boiled new potatoes - perfect for a Coronation Big Lunch!

x1 20cm Flan Tin

Serves 6

Ingredients:-

### Pastry

- 125g plain flour
- Pinch of salt
- 25g cold butter, diced
- 25g lard
- 2 tablespoons milk
  
- Or 1 x 250g block of ready-made shortcrust pastry

### Filling

- 125ml milk
- 175ml double cream
- 2 medium eggs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon,

- Salt and pepper
- 100g grated cheddar cheese,
- 180g cooked spinach, lightly chopped
- 60g cooked broad beans or soya beans

## Method

1. To make the pastry...
  - 1 Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl; add the fats and rub the mixture together using your finger tips until you get a sandy, breadcrumb like texture.
  2. Add the milk a little at a time and bring the ingredients together into a dough.
  3. Cover and allow to rest in the fridge for 30-45 minutes
2. Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the pastry to a circle a little larger than the top of the tin and approximately 5mm thick.
3. Line the tin with the pastry, taking care not to have any holes or the mixture could leak. Cover and rest for a further 30 minutes in the fridge.
4. Preheat the oven to 190°C.
5. Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes, before removing the greaseproof paper and baking beans.
6. Reduce the oven temperature to 160°C.
7. Beat together the milk, cream, eggs, herbs and seasoning.
8. Scatter 1/2 of the grated cheese in the blind-baked base, top with the chopped spinach and beans and herbs, then pour over the liquid mixture.
9. If required gently give the mixture a delicate stir to ensure the filling is evenly dispersed but be careful not to damage the pastry case.
10. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Place into the oven and bake for 20-25 minutes until set and lightly golden.

# SPRING COMETH

*Spring cometh all in white  
Crowned with milk-white May  
In fleecy flocks of light  
O'er heaven the white clouds stray.*

*R Bridges*



Spring comes in white and yellow, as we found out when we visited the Isle of Man. The countryside was beautiful, a mass of yellow on all the gorse hedges, in full bloom with a strong perfume of coconut.

This got me thinking about hedges. They date largely from the 18th Century, used as dividers because it was cheaper to grow them than to build walls and fences. Hawthorn was generally planted where cattle needed to be penned in. In many areas a mixture of hawthorn, blackthorn and hazel was popular.

A hedge is a home and a highway to birds, mammals reptiles, insects and plants. It could be called a small tree, being bushy, with a dense, spreading crown and tangled branches with sharp prickles. In April its white blossom appears along with the leaves; in autumn we see the bushes covered in haws - the ripe, red berries.

The pagan inhabitants of Britain regarded the 'haegthorn' as a magical plant belonging to the woodland gods. On May Day morning its foliage was collected with dew still on its leaves and used to decorate doors and windows to bring good luck.

The hawthorn, in common with several other prickly plants, was claimed to be the wood used to make Christ's crown of thorns. Joseph of Arimathea is said to have visited England after placing Jesus in the tomb. On his travels he struck his hawthorn staff into the ground. It took root and continued to grow through out the centuries. Unfortunately it was considered an idolatrous image and was cut down by Puritan soldiers. However, cuttings taken from the original bush continue to thrive and are said to bloom at Christmas, in honour of Christ's birth.

Back to the gorse bushes. Generally the shrub can be seen in bloom all year round. '*When gorse is out of bloom, kissing is out of fashion.*' It is a member of the pea family, also known as furze, or in Scotland as whin. In Scotland, young shoots used to be crushed in whinmills and fed to cattle. Whinbark is still used for a yellow dye in the manufacture of tartan cloth.

It is said that Linnaeus, the Swedish botanist, was so overcome by the sight of flowering gorse on Putney Heath in 1736, that he fell on his knees and thanked God for its loveliness. Having seen the gorse on our Manx visit, I can understand how Linnaeus felt.



## **FOOD DONATIONS TO No. 6, ST GILES' FOOD SHARE**

Thank you for your continued support and donations to No 6. We are now offering Holiday Food Share at each half-term in addition to the main school holidays. Just under 40 families were nominated for the pre-Easter delivery which could not have taken place without our dedicated team of drivers. Now we're back to packing our weekly Pantry parcels and starting to cumulate stock for the half-term holiday deliveries at the end of next month.

The next scheduled monthly collection on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May** will feed into this scheme. We try to 'ring the changes' so we'd like to provide items for a curry meal - a bag of rice, curry sauce and tinned curry. However, we continue to need basic foodstuffs for breakfasts and lunches including cereals, jam, soup, baked beans/spaghetti rings and sandwich spreads along with boxes of 2 or 6 foil-wrapped 40 everyday teabags.

Donations of any other items will, of course, be gratefully received and add variety to our parcels. Thank you.

### **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

The annual street collection/flag day will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Pontefract town centre. If you can help for half-hour or more during the day please contact Bill Bradley tel. 01977 613643 and/or sign your name on the list in reception.

Many thanks.

**Pontefract Appeals Committee**



### **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOME BOXES**

"Bringing-in Day" is being held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May between 9.00am and 12.00noon.

Alternatively please bring boxes to church anytime during May. Please contact me if you do not currently have a Children's Society Box and would like to have one in your home or workplace.

**Angela Bradley – Tel. 01977 613643.**

## What does the Bible say about dogs? What roles did they play in the New Testament?



Throughout the ancient Near East and Mediterranean, domesticated dogs served as companions, hunting dogs, sheep dogs, and guard dogs. Dogs filled similar roles in the Bible (e.g., Job 30:1; Isaiah 56:10–11). Although dogs sometimes appear in negative contexts in the Bible, such as in insults, they are not listed as ritually “unclean” animals. Strong clarifies that at least by the second century B.C.E., Jews viewed dogs positively:

If the dog was ever considered ritually unclean<sup>1</sup> by the Israelites, it had shed this taboo by the time of the second-century B.C.E. Book of Tobit. When the author narrates Tobias setting off on a long journey, he depicts Tobias’s pet dog exiting the Jewish home to tag along on the adventure, presumably as a companion and co-guardian<sup>2</sup> with the angel Raphael (Tobit 6:2; 11:4).

In the Greco-Roman world, dogs frequently sat underneath tables<sup>3</sup> and ate scraps of food that fell to the ground. The sixth-century B.C.E. Eurytios Krater depicts a scene with table dogs. Also in the New Testament, the Syro-phoenician woman talks about table dogs: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table” (Matthew 15:27, NRSV).

Dogs also filled the interesting role of physician in the Greco-Roman world. Strong explains how this developed:

Ancient authors noted, for example, that the dog knows that it should elevate an injured leg, following what Hippocrates prescribed. Alongside other evidence, the ancient observer saw that the dog knows what plants to eat as medicine to induce vomiting<sup>4</sup> if it has eaten something that upsets its stomach, that the dog knows to remove foreign bodies, such as thorns, and that the dog knows to lick its wounds to ensure that they remain clean,

understanding that clean wounds heal more quickly.

In the role of physician of the animal kingdom, dogs appear in the cult of Asclepius, the Greek god of medicine. Sacred dogs, living in the god's temples, would lick visitors' wounds. Their tongues reputedly soothed and healed.<sup>5</sup>

This understanding of dogs as physicians proves important for the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19–31. In the parable, dogs lick the wounds of Lazarus. Viewing the dogs as healers, we can see this was a benevolent action. Strong explains that this corrects a previous interpretation of the dogs as malevolent<sup>6</sup> characters: “The function of the dogs licking Lazarus has traditionally been understood by scholars to be a signal of extreme misery. Lazarus must be so disabled that he cannot drive away these ‘unclean’ dogs who are making a meal of him, so the old interpretation goes. But, as we can see now, this act would have been perceived by a first-century audience as a sign of sympathy from the dogs, who have been caring after Lazarus as though his nurses.”

We also see from the parable that Lazarus wishes to eat the scraps from the rich man's table—like a table dog. However, the rich man denies him even this<sup>7</sup>.

Thus, the diverse roles of the dog as companion, table dog, guard dog, sheep dog, hunter<sup>8</sup>, and physician inform our understanding of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. To learn more about dogs in the world of the New Testament, see Justin David Strong's article “[From Pets to Physicians: Dogs in the Biblical World](#)” published in the May/June 2019 issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review*.

From an article by Megan Sauter: <https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org>

Razzie says:-

1. How dere they?
2. Ov corse
3. Wot me?
4. I eatz wyuld garlik.
5. I kises hoomum and hoodad beter.
6. See 1
7. Meanie!
8. Sheeps no, but squizzers ...

(Razzie is a 2.5 year old Border Terrier who looks after Bruce and Trish and takes them for walks. He is a proud member of the #btposse and has 1,230 followers on Twitter. Ed.)

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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

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Brenda Smith (01977 700052).

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

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

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# **CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA**

The Chocolate Tombola held on Saturday 8th April raised £161.00.

The stall, which was postponed from the previous Wednesday, was held in bright, sunny weather. Thanks for all the contributions that made this event such a success.

Missions Committee

# **Lent Appeal - Church Army**

This year's Lent Appeal in aid of Church Army raised £208.00.

A big thank you to all who contributed.

Missions Committee



## Pontefract Probus Club

If you want to make new friends, enjoy a chat at a regular coffee morning twice a month then consider Pontefract Probus Club, which was started over 50 years ago. Members reside in Pontefract, Castleford and surrounding area.

Pontefract Probus Club hold two meetings per month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Carleton Grange Community Centre. Starts 10.00a.m. for coffee, and 10.30 a.m. for a meeting which is mainly consists of interesting talks given by professional speakers on a wide variety of subjects like local history, geography, industry and many other events and people. All for the price of a coffee.

Probus Clubs are clubs for male and female retired or semi-retired people from all walks of life. We are a non-political, non-sectarian and non-profit, autonomous club.

### **CONTACT US for more information**

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Organ Recitals 2023  
**Fridays at 1.00pm**  
(unless otherwise stated)

Come and join us on the following dates:

May 5<sup>th</sup>

John Dunford

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Scott Senogles

July 7<sup>th</sup>

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## **CITIZENS ADVICE, WAKEFIELD DISTRICT ST. GILES' ADVICE OUTREACH SERVICE**

The National Lottery grant has enabled us to continue to offer a service that has been in operation for a number of years but which was expanded in 2020 in response to the needs of residents during the pandemic and which is now being increasingly used due to the consequences of the cost of living crisis.

The service is offered to local residents of the Pontefract area in a partnership between St. Giles' and Citizens Advice Wakefield District (CAWD). The service offers a weekly presence of a fully qualified Adviser of CAWD who is able to deliver a morning 'drop in' where no appointment is necessary. The adviser is then available to deliver booked full appointment advice in one-to-one's on the premises with clients covering a wide variety of issues. In the past year direct recorded financial benefits for residents achieved via this service are £25,827. There is a rising trend of demand and recent increases in all costs of living will lead to increased demand in the next year.

The main issues dealt with by the outreach Adviser at St. Giles include: benefits (especially PIPs and UC), housing, employment, legal and help in accessing charitable support or food parcels. In the past 12-months the service has seen 142 new clients in addition to existing service users and dealt with 226 issues, including 50 PIPs issues. The service especially benefits elderly or disabled residents. 50% of the clients are aged over 60 and 47% report a disability or long-term health issue. The service is advertised by both partner organisations via social media, leaflets, on our websites and via third sector information sharing. There is also a close working relationship with the local food banks and other services such as the local social prescribing service which all result in referrals directly to the advice service.

By being established and by having an open door 'drop in', all members of the community are able to access help. This may be direct advice from CAWD or via the adviser it could be access to other vital services such as food bank parcels, the St Giles' Food Pantry Club or local welfare vouchers. The links CAWD has with the social prescribing service enable referral into services to help cope with isolation, mental health problems or physical health issues. We are able to learn from the case records of the service what issues are most impacting on local residents and to help (via such bodies as the local Residents Recovery Board) shape other local services to better address needs of local people and to provide holistic wrap round support.

The St. Giles' and Citizens Advice Wakefield District partnership wish to thank National Lottery players for enabling this vital service to continue.





**Citizens Advice Wakefield District continue to offer a full range of advice and help during the lockdown period.**

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**Citizens Advice Wakefield District is a registered charity. Although part of the national Citizens Advice network we are independent and run locally for the residents of Wakefield District.**



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Fr Michael Taylor (Honorary Priest)  
Fr Rod Walker

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### Sunday Services

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

<http://www.stgilespontefract.org/weekly-notice-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.**

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Barbara Sessford 699058

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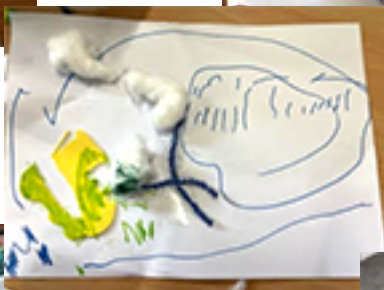
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Giles 3:16 Easter Diary. See pp6-7

