

The Benefice of Pontefract



A Patronal Festival on the Feast of St Giles

A United Benefice Service

3rd September 2023 10.15 a.m.

President & Preacher:- Archdeacon Peter Townley

We welcome you to this celebration of Benefice Mass
for the Feast of St Giles.

The setting for today's Mass is Addington

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own church are welcome to come and receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar carrying this order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the service if you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins, a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet reflection is kept during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

A bell is rung to begin our worship.

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The Gathering

Hymn ~ (197)

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

William Walsham How, Bishop of Wakefield,

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of introduction and welcome may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

In a dark and disfigured world we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect for the Feast of St Giles

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
by whose grace Giles, kindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Romans 12. 9-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

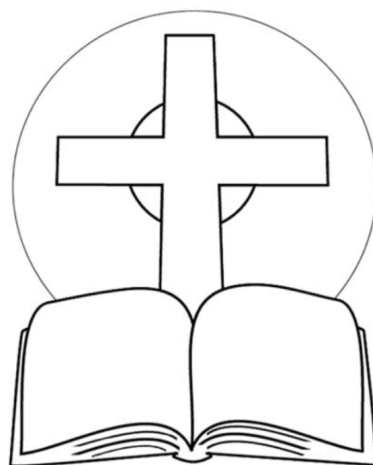
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia



Gospel Reading

Matthew 16. 21-28

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Renewal of Baptism Vows

Please stand

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask you these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

The priest will now sprinkle water on the congregation as an outward sign of the renewed promises. You may like to make the sign of the cross as the water is sprinkled.

After the sprinkling we pray together.

We pray together.

Almighty God,

**we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.**

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

**when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

A Prayer for the Benefice

Faithful God,

**During this vacancy, fill us with vision and joy
and keep us faithful in prayer, word and worship.**

Guard and grow our church as we serve you together.

Help us to share responsibility, grow in faith,

love one another, care for those in need,

reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors.

Sustain those in interim leadership; give wisdom

to those involved in the process of appointing

our new Vicar, and prepare the heart of the right person.

Ever-living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**may we see your kingdom come here in Pontefract,
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6.10, 18

Let us pray to almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Brenda; Richard; Alex; Catriona; Bob; Mark & Joe; Janet Hickling; Linda Mumford; Richard Fletcher; Janis Gallagher; Mary Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; David Murray; Owen Murray; Ellen Adamosky; Margaret Kidger; Rhys Williams; Angela Hyomes; Pat Steele; Christine Campbell; Sally Brown; Oliver Harrop; Flora Brook.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Barry Pinfield; Tom Godridge; Kebir Berry.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Joan Godridge; Denis Alan Law; Ellen May Hemstock; Kenneth Cook; Eliza Longsdale Lemmon.

At the end: Merciful Father
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23;3.13

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Hymn ~ The Hymn of St. Giles

**Shining bright in realms celestial
stands there one for whom we raise,
with our hearts to Heaven uplifted
song of joyfulness and praise.
Blessed Giles, our saint and patron,
make us faithful all our days.**

**Thou didst't leave the teeming city
all its worldly pomp and show,
for the forest's calm seclusion,
there thy Saviour's will to know.
May we too, in inner stillness,
feel the Spirit's grace outflow.**

**Thou didst't joy in God's creation,
men and beasts thy blessing knew;
in thy cave a hind did find thee
when her hunters close pursued.
Noble Giles! Thy hand, in shielding,
by the arrow was pierced through.**

**Then the royal hunter called thee:
'Leave, blest monk, thy lonely home;
head thy brethren, rule and guide them
from an abbot's lordly throne.'
So may we, when Jesus calls us,
follow Him and Him alone.**

**As we strive to be God's people,
travelling on our pilgrim way,
through our doubts and tribulations
aid our efforts as we pray;
that we may become more nearly
like our Saviour day by day.**

Attrib: Unknown

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please be seated.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with Giles
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.

Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.

In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing

Sanctus & Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary, St Giles and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion:

**Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.**

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The clergy and people receive communion.

Organ Voluntary

Hymn

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.**

**I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

You alone are my strength...

**You're my Friend and You're my Brother,
even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength...**

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Hymn (208)

**In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
For the saints who before us have found their reward;
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.**

**In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
He called them away from our worship below;
But not till His love, at the font and the altar,
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.**

**These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
And still they were seeking the city of God.**

**Sing praise then, for all who here sought and here found him.
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;
They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them
Where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.**

William Draper (1855-1933)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Giles
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Notices are given

The Blessing

Please stand

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn (272)

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in Thee.**

**All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us
strength to serve Thee, hour by hour:
none can move us from Thy presence
while we trust Thy love and pow'r.**

**All for Jesus! At Thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive Thee
in the holy sacrament.**

**All for Jesus! Thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! Thou hast died,
all for Jesus! Thou art with us;
all for Jesus glorified!**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in Thee.**

William John Sparrow-Simpson

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The clergy and people depart.

Organ Voluntary

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