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SUNDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.00am—Morning Worship at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.00pm—Choral Evensong at St Giles

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY

- This weekly leaflet contains details of next week's services, together with items of news and calendar dates. Please take it away with you.
- If you have a child and would like them to join the junior church, known as St Giles 3:16, please see the leader of the group. The children will re-join us later in the service.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 7th February—9.30am Holy Communion at St Giles

Friday, 9th February—10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

11th FEBRUARY 2024—THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Wednesday, 14th February—9.30am Holy Communion at St Giles

2.15pm Funeral Service

7.00pm Service for Ash Wednesday

Friday, 16th February—10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

PALM CROSSES

You may have noticed that Easter is very early this year (31st March). As Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February, could we please ask you to bring in your palm crosses by this **Sunday, 4th February**, so that they can be made into ash for Ash Wednesday.

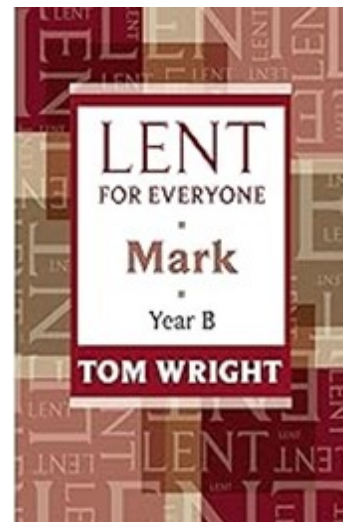


On **Monday, 5th February** we meet in Church at **1.30pm**, when our guest speaker is will be Anita (Lay Reader at All Saints). Refreshments will follow the talk and, as always, everyone is welcome to attend.

BENEFICE OF PONTEFRACT LENT 2024

This year there will be two complementary Lent courses taking place across the Benefice.

One will be taking place at **St Giles each Wednesday morning from Ash Wednesday (14th February)** through to the Wednesday in Holy Week (20th March) at 10:30-11:15am. Fr Sam and Jill will be leading a reflection on a set psalm from Tom Wright's book *Lent for Everyone: Mark*.



Alternatively, Fr Mark will be hosting a Lent course 'Lentern Psalms' each **Thursday evening** throughout Lent (commencing 15th February) at **All Saints Vicarage**, 6:45pm for a 7.00pm start.

BEETLE DRIVE

Tuesday, 13th February 2024
at 6.30pm
in the St Giles' Centre

The Missions Committee would like to invite young and old to them at another light-hearted evening of enjoyment in support of our fundraising efforts for 2024.

No skill required!

Tickets are available from Committee members (Sheila Roydhouse, Barbara Lavine, Hilary Plumbley and Edie Barber) or you can pay at the door.

£3.00 Adults £1.50 Children

Wine, soft drinks and assorted nibbles are included.
A raffle will be held during the interval.
Hot-dogs are available to order.



or



HEART WEEK 2024

To celebrate Heart Week 2024, Linda Atkins is holding an **“At Home”** on **Tuesday, 13th February between 11.00am and 5.00pm.**

Come along and join us and help raise funds for Tiny Tickers.

Tickets are £6 each and include Tea, Coffee and home made cakes.

Contact Linda on lindaroma2@btinternet.com or 07952 146569 for the address if you don't already know it.



Go Red for Heart Month 2024

This February, Go Red to raise money for lifesaving research and learn CPR for free in 15 minutes with RevivR.

THANK YOU to everyone for your support and encouragement during my recent illness. Your prayers, get well cards, messages, visits and telephone calls have been of great comfort to me during the last few weeks and for which I am very appreciative and thankful.

Bill

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 website: www.stgilespontefract.org.uk



PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Subscriptions for a printed copy of the parish magazine are now due at a cost of £10 - we hope you will continue to support the church through this publication. Please let David Leigh have your subscriptions as soon as possible, preferably in cash, by bank transfer or even by scanning the QR code—just let David know. If you receive a digital copy of the magazine by email, a donation would also be very welcome.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

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

Sort Code: 05-06-71

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1. Open your phone camera
2. Scan the QR code
3. Click the link displayed
4. Donate

FLOWER ROTA

The new flower rota is out for 2024. Please would you check this to ensure dates requested are correct, reporting any errors to the Flower Team.

Caring for each other....

In these difficult times, not all of us have been able to return to church. 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.

Do you have a memory, either happy or sad, that you would like to share with our congregation, a wedding anniversary; a birthday; the passing of a loved one. Please consider sponsoring our service sheet so that we can share this with you. **Write your dedication on a form located in Reception and hand to a church warden or email to stgmnotices@gmx.com or Vivienne at stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com.** David Leigh will happily receive any sponsorship contributions. Thank you.

Our next monthly **food collection** will be this **Sunday, 4th February.**

Food donations can be made directly at No. 6 The Circle (Mon/Fri mornings) and through St Giles' Church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tinned Tuna—Breakfast cereals
Jam—Baked Beans—Soup
Meat pastes—Cook-in sauces
Rice—Pasta— Noodles
Mash—Tinned veg
Tinned meat/pies
Tinned fruit—Rice pudding
Instant custard—Biscuits—Tea bags
Coffee—Long-life milk

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the December and January magazine. Please do keep your articles coming, we need them! Please send any items to both Bruce Dalglish, (brucedalglish0@gmail.com) and Vivienne Smales (stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com), or simply hand them to a churchwarden.

The **deadline** for the **March** edition is **Sunday, 18th February.** Any items received after this date will be included in the March magazine.



Citizens Advice Wakefield District
St Giles' Advice Outreach Service
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN ST GILES
10.00am—12.00pm



Email us via www.wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk

(Debt/Benefits/Housing/Employment/Family) - Telephone 03444 111 444

(Universal Credit – Help to Claim) - Telephone 0800 144 8 444

(Consumer goods, services, digital, events, travel etc.) - Telephone 0808 223 1133

OTHER EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE



HOLY LAND –

Sunday 11th February, 3.30pm, Choral Evensong at Wakefield Cathedral, followed by light refreshments. We are all disturbed by what is happening in the Holy Land, so please show your support and join in with the prayers for peace. There will also be an opportunity to hear about how we can support Christians in the Holy Land.

For more information email: bishop.tony@leeds.anglican.org



QUIET DAY

Saturday 9th March, 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield.

Speaker: The Right Reverend John Pritchard.

Please book in with Caroline Asquith:

caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org



This week at St Giles' Church and Centre

St Giles' Church is open to visitors and for private prayer / lighting of candles: Monday—Thursday: 10:00am—2:00pm,
Friday: 10:00am—12.00pm

Monday 5 February 2024		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 6 February		
09:00	Standing Committee	St Oswald
10:15	Visit by Halfpenny Lane School Y6	The Church
12:30	Wellbeing Café	The Cafe
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 7 February		
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
10:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00—12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
10:15	Visit by Halfpenny Lane School Y5	The Church
12:00	Foodbank Pilot Money Advice Drop-In	St Hilda
12:30—14:00	Lunch with Us	The Café
Thursday 8 February		
10:30	Tiddlywinks	The Cafe
12:30—14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	St Oswald
12:30—14:30	Foodbank Pilot Money Advice 1:1	St Aidan
13:00	Funeral in Church	The Church
Friday 9 February		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
Saturday 10 February		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
Sunday 11 February		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church