



THE BENEFICE of PONTEFRACT

**ST GILES'**

with ST MARY'S

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## **SUNDAY, 11th FEBRUARY 2024** **THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles. Fr Sam is at All Saints this morning.

### **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, 14th February:** 9.30am Ash Wednesday Mass including the Imposition of Ashes

2.15pm Funeral Service (Janice Power RIP)

7.00pm—Ash Wednesday Mass including the Imposition of Ashes

**Friday, 16th February:** 10.00am Stations of the Cross at St Giles  
10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

### **NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES**

**18th FEBRUARY 2024—THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.00pm—Messy Church at St Mary's

**Wednesday, 21st February:** 9.30am Said Mass

**Friday, 23rd February:** 10.00am Stations of the Cross at St Giles  
10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

# 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.



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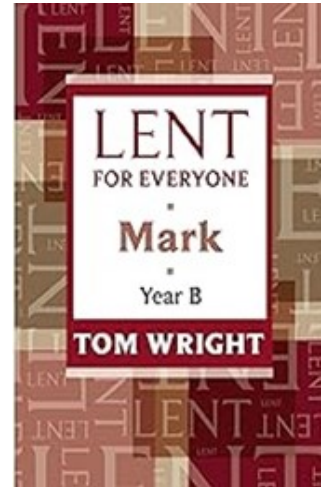


## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

### 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 (14<sup>th</sup> February)** through to the Wednesday in Holy Week (20<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> February) at **All Saints Vicarage**, 6:45pm for a 7.00pm start. All are welcome.

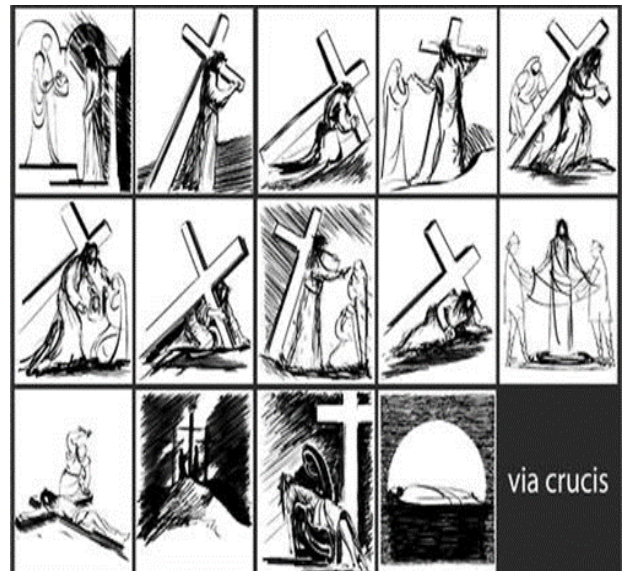
### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays during Lent, we will be holding morning services of **Stations of the Cross** at St Giles' Church.

These will be at **10:00am**, prior to the Friday Mass, from **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

There will also be a 'seated' Stations of the Cross service with poetry and artwork on **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.15am**, following the Friday Mass.

All are welcome.



## MISSIONS COMMITTEE LENT APPEAL

Our **Lent Appeal for 2024** is **The Leprosy Mission**.

There will be two alternative ways for you to make your donation.

One is by using the Treasurer's Box in the Reception area, marking your envelope 'Lent Appeal', the other is by bank transfer using the following details:

Account name: St. Giles' Parochial  
Church Council  
Sort code 05-06-71  
Account number 16172795



## 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](mailto:brucedalglish0@gmail.com)) and Vivienne Smales ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Our next monthly **food collection** will be **Sunday, 3rd March**. 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

## 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

Account Number: 16172795



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

## 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](mailto:stgmnotices@gmx.com) or Vivienne at [stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com).** David Leigh will happily receive any sponsorship contributions. Thank you.



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 website: [www.stgilespontefract.org.uk](http://www.stgilespontefract.org.uk)



## CHURCHES TOGETHER AT WILLOW PARK

Paula Ridley, from Pontefract Methodist Church, has shared an invitation to Christians in Pontefract to provide company and conversation for residents of Willow Park care home. Willow Park residents would welcome anyone willing to come and chat and / take part in the various activities available at the time. Simply meet in reception.

Second Tuesday of each month from **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – beginning at **10.00am** for approximately one hour. If you have any questions, you can email Paula at [pridley@aireandcaldercircuit.org.uk](mailto:pridley@aireandcaldercircuit.org.uk).



citizens  
advice

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

citizens  
advice

Email us via [www.wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bishop.tony@leeds.anglican.org)

### QUIET DAY

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org)



### CARERS RETREAT 2024

**Friday, 7 June, 4.00pm to Sunday, 9 June, 3.00pm, Parcevall Hall, BD23 6DG**

This retreat is especially for those who live with, or care for, loved ones who struggle with physical or mental health challenges. There will be space to rest and time to receive from God, and opportunities to learn from Scripture and other spiritual resources about compassion and love for those who care deeply for others. The retreat is led by Revd Henriette Howarth.

More details and booking information can be found [here](#).

For more information please contact:

[henriette.howarth@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:henriette.howarth@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

<b>Monday 12 February 2024</b>		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
<b>Tuesday 13 February</b>		
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
18:30	Beetle Drive	The Café
<b>Wednesday 14 February</b>		
09:30	Ash Wednesday Mass inc. the Imposition of Ashes	The Church
10:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00—12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
10:30—11:15	Lent Course	St Bede
12:00	Foodbank Pilot Money Advice Drop-In	St Hilda
12:30—13:30	Lunch with Us	The Café
14:15	Funeral in Church + Refreshments	The Church
19:00	Ash Wednesday Mass inc. the Imposition of Ashes	The Church
<b>Thursday 15 February</b>		
12:30—14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	St Oswald
12:30—14:30	Foodbank Pilot Money Advice 1:1	St Aidan
<b>Friday 16 February</b>		
10:00	Stations of the Cross	The Church
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
<b>Saturday 17 February</b>		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
<b>Sunday 18 February</b>		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church