



THE BENEFICE of PONTEFRACT

ST GILES'

with ST MARY'S

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SUNDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.00pm—Messy Church at St Mary's

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, 21st February: 9.30am Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 23rd February: 10.00am Stations of the Cross at St Giles

10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

25th FEBRUARY 2024—THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

12.15pm—Baptism Service at St Giles

Wednesday, 28th February: 9.30am Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 1st March: 10.00am Stations of the Cross at St Giles

10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

SPECIAL SERVICES TO EASTER 2024

Wednesday (9.30am) and Friday Mass (10.30am) at St Giles.
Lent Course (10:30 - 11:15am, Wednesdays): 14th February, 20th March
Stations of the Cross (10.00am, Fridays): 16th February - 15th March
All at St Giles unless otherwise indicated.

Sunday, 3rd March (Third Sunday of Lent)

9.00am—Morning Worship (*St Mary's*)

10.15am—Sung Eucharist

4.00pm—Choral Evensong

Sunday, 10th March (Mothering Sunday—Fourth Sunday of Lent)

9.00am—Holy Communion (*St Mary's*)

10.15am—Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 13th – Collation Service for Revd Ian Bullock

7.30pm - Joint Benefice Service (incl. All Saints, Carleton and East Hardwick)

Sunday, 17th March (Passion Sunday)

10.15am—Sung Eucharist

4.00pm—Messy Church (*St Mary's*)

Friday, 22nd March

11.15am - Stations of the Cross (seated), with art and poetry

Sunday, 24th March (Palm Sunday)

9.00am—Holy Communion (*St Mary's*)

10.15am—Sung Eucharist, including a reading of the Passion

Monday, 25 March (Monday of Holy Week)

10.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm - Compline (*St Mary's*)

Tuesday, 26th March (Tuesday of Holy Week)

8.45am - Morning Prayer

10.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm - Compline (*All Saints*)

Wednesday, 27th March (Wednesday of Holy Week)

8.45am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Said Mass

7.00pm - Sung Compline

Thursday, 28th March (Maundy Thursday)

8.45am - Morning Prayer

(11.00am Chrism Mass at Bradford Cathedral)

7.30pm - Eucharist of the Lord's Supper (with Foot washing, then Vigil until 12.00pm)

Friday, 29th March (Good Friday)

10.00am-11.00am - Family Stations of the Cross inc refreshments

12.00pm - procession then 12.15pm Ecumenical Service around the Buttercross

2.00pm - Watch by the Cross

7.00pm - Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday, 30th March (Easter Eve)

Sunday, 31st March (Easter Day)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.00am - Holy Communion (St Mary's)

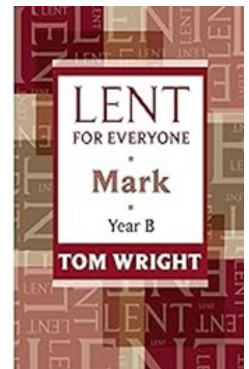
10.15am - Sung Eucharist



BENEFICE OF PONTEFRAC T LENT 2024

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

The next session will be on **Wednesday (21st February)** at 10:30-11:15am, and each Wednesday until Holy Week (20th March) 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. All welcome.

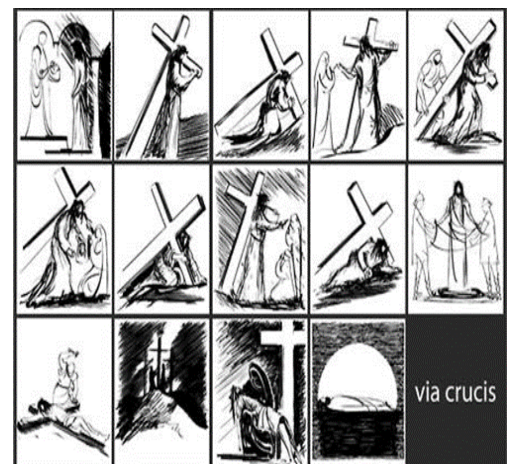
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

The next service will be at **10:00am**, prior to the Friday Mass, on **Friday 23rd February (until Friday 15th March)**.

There will also be a 'seated' Stations of the Cross service with poetry and artwork on **Friday, 22nd 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) 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.

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

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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 or Vivienne at stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com.** David Leigh will happily receive any sponsorship contributions. Thank you.

THANK YOU

The tombola stall held last Wednesday raised £70.00 for Church funds.
Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Pat & Marjorie

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 13th February** – beginning at **10.00am** for approximately one hour. If you have any questions, you can email Paula at pridley@aireandcaldercircuit.org.uk.



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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

(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
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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



OTHER EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE



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



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.

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 19 February 2024		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 20 February		
14:00	No.6 Meeting	St Hilda
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 21 February		
09:30	Said Mass	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
Thursday 22 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
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Friday 23 February		
10:00	Stations of the Cross	The Church
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
Saturday 24 February		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
Sunday 25 February		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church
12:15	Baptism Service	The Church