



THE BENEFICE of PONTEFRACT

ST GILES'

with ST MARY'S

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SUNDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 2024 **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles. Today we welcome Revd Canon
Derek Walmsley as our preacher.

12.15pm—Baptism Service

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, 28th February: 9.30am Said Mass at St Giles—Holy
Communion by Extension

Friday, 1st March: 10.00am Stations of the Cross at St Giles
10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

3rd March 2024—THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.00pm—Choral Evensong

Wednesday, 6th March: 9.30am Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 8th 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)

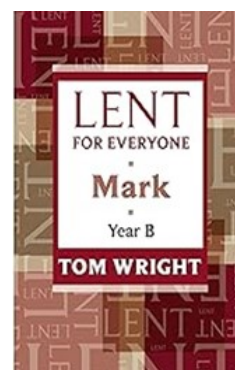
10.15am - Sung Eucharist



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 (28th 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.

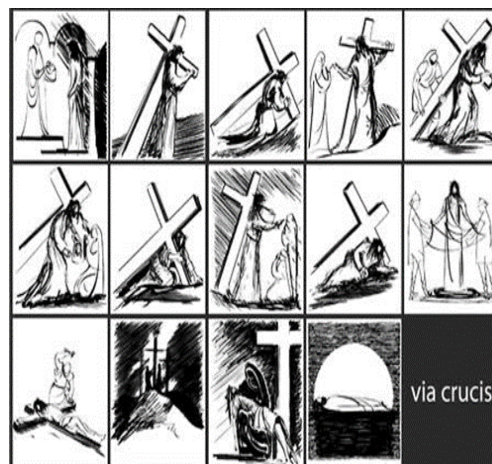
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 1st March (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



We meet again in Church at **1.30pm on Monday, 4th March** for our Lent service, 'Stations of the Cross', to be led by Fr Mark.

Everyone is always welcome.

Tea & biscuits to follow.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee will once again be holding our annual **CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA** stall outside church

on ***Wednesday, 27th March 2024***

starting at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at noon.

Donations of chocolate products and Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated and can be handed to Missions Committee members.



(Sheila Roydhouse, Barbara Lavine,
Hilary Plumbley and Edie Barber)

ARE YOU ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL?

If not, this is your opportunity to become a full voting member of the parish.

The electoral roll is being updated. The formal notice of revision is on the church notice board as required. If you need to check whether you are on the roll please contact the parish administrator, Vivienne Smales (stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com).

If your name is not on the roll, you are aged 16 or over and you would like to be included on the roll, please fill in a form obtainable from Bevil Edwards, Vivienne Smales or a church warden or by downloading the form here. Forms **must be returned no later than Sunday 7th April 2024**. Notes about the use of email addresses and other personal data are included on the application form.

If you are under 16 but your 16th birthday is before 7th April 2025 you can apply now and your name will be entered on the roll when you become 16.

If you have any questions please ask Bevil Edwards.

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

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 **April** edition is **Sunday, 17th March**. Any items received after this date will be included in the March magazine.

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

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.

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

(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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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

All are welcome to a service to mark the
World Day of Prayer 2024 on Friday 1st March, 2pm
at **Micklegate Methodist Church.**

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 26 February 2024		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 27 February		
13:00	Peer Support Group	The Cafe
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 28 February		
09:00	Conexus Healthcare 1:1 Sessions	St Oswald
09:30	Said Mass—Holy Communion by Extension	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 29 February		
09:30	Centre Management Committee	St Oswald
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 1 March		
10:00	Stations of the Cross	The Church
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
13:00	Organ Recital with Phil Higgins	The Church
Saturday 2 March		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
Sunday 3 March		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church
16:00	Choral Evensong	The Church