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**ST GILES'**

with ST MARY'S

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## **SUNDAY, 17th MARCH 2024**

### **FIFTH 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, 20th March:** 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Friday, 22nd March:** 10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

11.15am Stations of the Cross (seated) with art and poetry at St Giles

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

#### **24th MARCH 2024— PALM SUNDAY**

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

12.15pm—Baptism Service

**For Holy Week Services, please see following page**

**Wednesday, 27th March:** 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Friday, 29th March:** 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.

All at St Giles unless otherwise indicated.

#### 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

#### Sunday, 31st March (Easter Day)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.00am - *Holy Communion (St Mary's)*

10.15am - Sung Eucharist



## THANK YOU!

The Bric a Bac stall last week raised £80 and the woolie stall, over the last two weeks, raised £50. All proceeds go to Church funds. A big thank you to all who donated.

Pat & Marjorie

## HELP REQUIRED—WIKIPEDIA

St Giles' Church has an entry on Wikipedia, which requires updating. Does anyone know who created the page? If you do, please would you contact Jonathan Harris by email at [stgilesrepro@gmail.com](mailto:stgilesrepro@gmail.com) in order that he can discuss getting the page updated?

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING St Giles with St Mary's, Sunday 28th April 2024 following the morning service at St Giles

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting beginning with the Meeting of Parishioners for the election of **four** Churchwardens.

At the APCM we will need to elect **one** new PCC member for St Giles.

Please feel free to talk with Fr. Ian or any of the churchwardens about any of the vacancies. Forms will need to be completed and received ahead of the meeting and can be obtained from church or by following the appropriate links below.

Form for the Nomination of election of PCC member, click [here](#).

Form for the Nomination of Churchwarden, click [here](#).

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)



## RETURN OF THE CHRISTMAS DRAW!

We are in the early months of 2024 but there is some good news for you all to look forward to. The much loved St Giles' Christmas Draw will recommence this year. Further news will follow as the year moves forward. Further information is available from Karen Glynn and Barbara Sessford.

## 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



## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee will once again be holding our annual **CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA** stall outside church  
on ***Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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)

5 March 2024

## NOTICE

### Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme Benefices of Pontefract; and Carleton and East Hardwick

The Wakefield Area Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme for:

- *the union of the benefice of Pontefract and the benefice of Carleton and East Hardwick (their constituent parishes to remain distinct)*
- *the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice and for his parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Pontefract*
- *the transfer of the parsonage house of the benefice of Carleton and East Hardwick to the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes*
- *the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.*

A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at:

**St Giles Pontefract**

**All Saints Pontefract**

**St Mary Chequerfield**

**St Michael Carleton**

**St Stephen East Hardwick**

You may also access the draft Scheme on the Commissioners' website at [www.ccpastoral.org](http://www.ccpastoral.org) or obtain or inspect a copy during normal office hours by applying to me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.**

Anyone may make representations to the Church Commissioners **for** or **against** all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) in writing or by email to reach them no later than **Monday 15 April 2024**. **Please send your representation marked for the attention of Joanna Chandler-Clarke, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ (e-mail: Joanna.chandler-clarke@churchofengland.org).** If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1732 or e-mail them to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the

petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory – “the primary petitioner”.

- When making a representation, please also indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.
- If the Commissioners receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will be published on the Commissioners’ website if the matter needs to be considered by the Commissioners.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Mission and Pastoral Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to the Committee. Otherwise the case will be considered in private.
- When the Commissioners acknowledge representations they will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of the Committee’s meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners’ Mission and Pastoral Committee will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when it considers all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners’ staff and any points raised at the meeting.
- The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- If they so decide the Scheme should proceed, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.

Please see [www.ccpastoral.org](http://www.ccpastoral.org) for further information about the procedure.

Yours sincerely



Deborah Thorley  
Mission and Pastoral Secretary

## 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 this **Sunday, 7th April**.

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

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



## 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, ([brucedalgleish0@gmail.com](mailto:brucedalgleish0@gmail.com)) and Vivienne Smales ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)), or simply hand them to a churchwarden.

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

### 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 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).



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

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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  
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# Lent Groups 2024

Most of us struggle with praying and would like to feel better at it! So three short sessions this Lent will use different things in and around the cathedral building and services to help us focus on prayer together. Come to one or all!

## Wednesdays 06, 13, 20 March in the Cathedral

- 17:30 Choral Evensong (optional)
- 18:15 Tea / coffee
- 19:00 Talk
- 20:00 Evening ends with prayers

**06 March** Praying with the Labyrinth  
(Gillian Bunn)

**13 March** Praying with Art  
(The Dean)

**20 March** Praying with the Psalms  
(Canon Kathryn)

For more information email [admin@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:admin@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk) or call 01924 373923



# 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 18 March 2024</b>		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
<b>Tuesday 19 March</b>		
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
<b>Wednesday 20 March</b>		
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
09:30	Conexus Healthcare 1:1 sessions	St Bede
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
<b>Thursday 21 March</b>		
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
19:00	Pontefract Choral Society Rehearsals	The Church
<b>Friday 22 March</b>		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
11:15	Stations of the Cross (seated) - art & poetry	The Church
13:30	Visit by Halfpenny Lane School—Reception	The Church
<b>Saturday 23 March</b>		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
19:30	Pontefract Choral Society Spring Concert	The Church
<b>Sunday 24 March</b>		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church
12:15	Baptism Service	The Church