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ST GILES'

with ST MARY'S

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SUNDAY, 24th MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles inc. reading of the Passion

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

For additional services during Holy Week, please see over.

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

Friday, 29th March: 10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

31st MARCH 2024—EASTER DAY

8.00am—Holy Communion (BCP) at St Giles'

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Wednesday, 3rd April: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 5th April: 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.

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

Fr Ian and Mikaela would like to say thank you to everyone for the warm welcome that we have received, as well as the many cards and greetings of welcome. We are very excited to be back and looking forward to what God has in store for us all as we build this new amazing benefice together.

Please keep us in your prayers, as we will be keeping you in ours for the journey ahead of us. God Bless.



On Monday, 8th April, we meet in Church at 1.30pm. Our guest speaker is Mr David Jones who will give his talk on 'Being a Mayor for a year'. Tea & biscuits will follow.

As always, everyone is very welcome.

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, Fr. Sam 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](#).

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, 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)

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



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.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you very much for your kind donations towards the Easter Flowers.

The Flower Team

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 or Vivienne at 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, (brucedalglish0@gmail.com) and Vivienne Smales (stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com), or simply hand them to a churchwarden.

The **deadline** for the **May/June** edition is **Sunday, 21st April**. Any items received after this date will be included in the July 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.



**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

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

Please refer to page 2 of these notices for additional Holy Week Services.

Monday 25 March 2024		
19:00	Bell Ringing AGM	The Cafe
Tuesday 26 March		
13:00	Peer Support Group	St Oswald
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 27 March		
09:00	Chocolate Tomobola	Outside
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
10:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00—12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
12:00	Foodbank Pilot Money Advice Drop-In	St Hilda
12:30—14:00	Lunch with Us	The Café
Thursday 28 March		
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 29 March		
10:00	Family Stations of the Cross inc. refreshments	The Church
Saturday 30 March		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
Sunday 31 March		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church