



THE BENEFICE of PONTEFRACT

ST GILES'

with ST MARY'S

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SUNDAY, 7th APRIL 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am—Morning Worship at St Mary's
10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

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, 10th April: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 12th April: 10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

14th APRIL 2024—THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Wednesday, 17th April: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 19th April: 10.30am Said Mass at St Giles

CONFIRMATION COURSE

I have been asked about a confirmation course. So that I can gauge interest, if you are interested in getting confirmed, or would like to know more, please e-mail Fr Ian at fr.ian@cofe-pontefract.co.uk

Thank you.

CHURCH STALL

The stall last Saturday raised a total of **£100** for Church funds with the Bric a bac stall raising £57.00 and Woollies raising £43.00.

As always, thank you to all who donated or bought items, we couldn't do it without you.

Pat & Marjorie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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 this 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.

**MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011
DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME**

**BENEFICES OF PONTEFRACT; AND CARLETON AND
EAST HARDWICK**

A reminder that the closing date for anyone making 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 must 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).

**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.

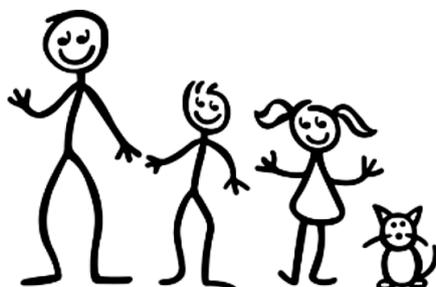
Please feel free to talk with Fr. Ian, Fr. Sam or any of the churchwardens about any of the vacancies. Forms will need to be completed and received ahead of the meeting and can be obtained from church or by following the appropriate links below.

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

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

BRIC-A-BRAC STALL and RAFFLE in support of No 6 SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL 2024, 9.00AM—2.00PM

Your support will help raise funds for the work of St Giles' Food Share through the Pantry Club and Holiday Food Share projects.



Caring for each other....

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.

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



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 month 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**

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Email us via www.wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk

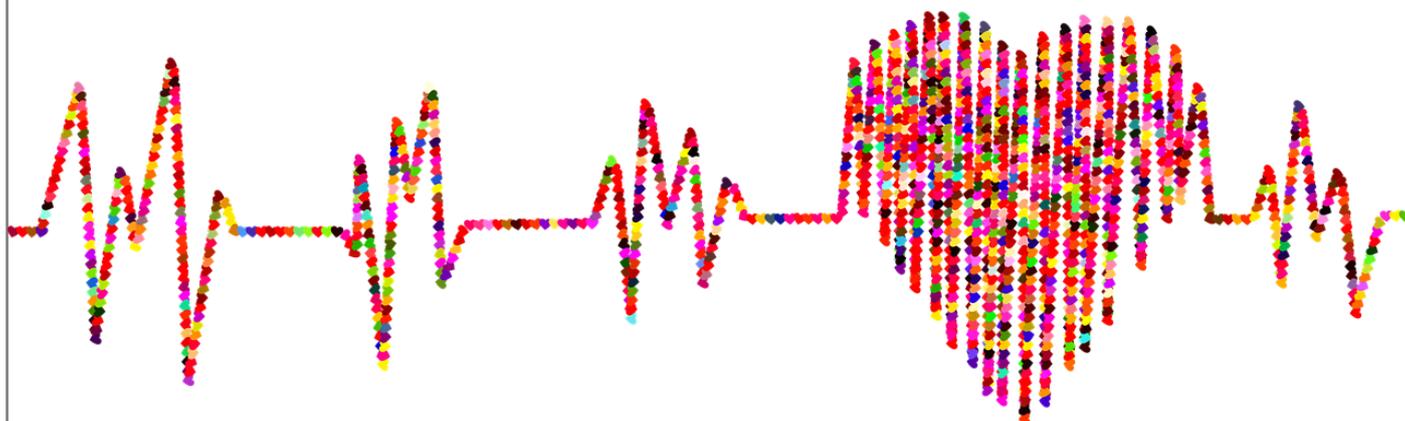
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(Universal Credit – Help to Claim) - Telephone 0800 144 8 444

(Consumer goods, services, digital, events, travel etc.) - Telephone 0808 223
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Daily devotions between Easter and Pentecost to mark diocesan 10th anniversary

First published on: 21st February 2024



As part of marking the 10th anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds, people will be able to receive an email devotion every day between Easter and Pentecost.

During the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost, people in the diocese and beyond can subscribe to receive a daily email with stories, reflections, prayers and more.

Each email will include a reflection written by different people from all across our diocese.

The Revd Canon Andrew Norman, Director of Ministry and Mission for the diocese, said: “As we journey through the Book of Acts, every reflection will be linked to one of the areas of focus in our Rhythm of Life initiative: encourage, share, create, pray, rest, celebrate, reflect.

“There will also be ideas for activities and links to good news stories.”

To sign up, click [here](#).

Inspired by the work of religious communities and a Bible verse from the Gospel of Matthew, the Rhythm of Life initiative offers an opportunity for Christians to re-align and keep Christ at the centre of our daily lives, through practical commitments, opportunities for mutual support and recommended resources.

For more on Rhythm of Life, click [here](#).

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 8 April		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 9 April		
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 10 April		
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 11 April		
10:30	Tiddlywinks	The Café
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 12 April		
09:15	Funeral in Church	The Church
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
Saturday 13 April		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
09:00	Fare Share Bric-A-Brac Stall	Outside
Sunday 14 April		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church