



THE BENEFICE of PONTEFRACT

ST GILES'

with ST MARY'S

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SUNDAY, 14th APRIL 2024 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am—Holy Communion 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, 17th April: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

21st APRIL 2024—THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.00pm—Messy Church at St Mary's

Wednesday, 14th April: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 16th 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.

If you would like something posted on our social media platforms, please email Jonathan Harris at his new email address:

jonathan.harris@cofe-pontefract.co.uk

Please note that Jonathan will no longer be using stgilesrepro@gmail.com



To keep in touch with the latest news from the Parish, please visit our website:
www.stgilespontefract.org.uk



WE NEED YOU!!!!



As we continue to develop the church, we are in need of a team of three (or so) people who can take an active part in helping St Giles to receive its accreditation.

This is a vital step in the life of the church as we continue to look for ways to become Net Zero, and be as ecologically efficient as we can be. In tandem to this work Fr Ian, Peter Lavine and another team is working on gaining the permission to install solar panels on the church, which is no small undertaking!

So, if you are able to be part of ECO Church team, please speak to Fr Ian or Peter Lavine. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011 DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME

BENEFICES OF PONTEFRACT, 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).

Scheme details are available to view in the Café area.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual street collection will be held on **Saturday, 27th April** in Pontefract town centre.

If you can help for half-hour or more during the day please contact Bill Bradley tel. 01977 613643 and/or sign your name on the list in reception. Many thanks.

Pontefract Appeals Committee

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOME BOXES

“Bringing-in Day” is being held on **Saturday 27th April** between 9.00am and 12.00noon.

Alternatively please bring boxes to church anytime during April and May. Please contact me if you do not currently have a Children's Society Box and would like to have one in your home or workplace.

Angela Bradley – Tel. 01977 613643.



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 **four** representatives for a three year term, **one** representative for a one year term.

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](#).

 Fashion Show

High Street Clothing

at Affordable Prices

Organised By

Mothers' UNION 

7.00pm, Thursday, 30th May 2024

at St Giles' Church, Pontefract

**In aid of St Giles' Church and
St Giles' Mothers' Union charities.**

Admission £5.00

Refreshments and Raffle available

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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.

Our next monthly **food collection** will be on **Sunday, 5th May**.

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

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**Citizens Advice Wakefield District
St Giles' Advice Outreach Service**

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WEDNESDAYS 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

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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.



Caring for each other....

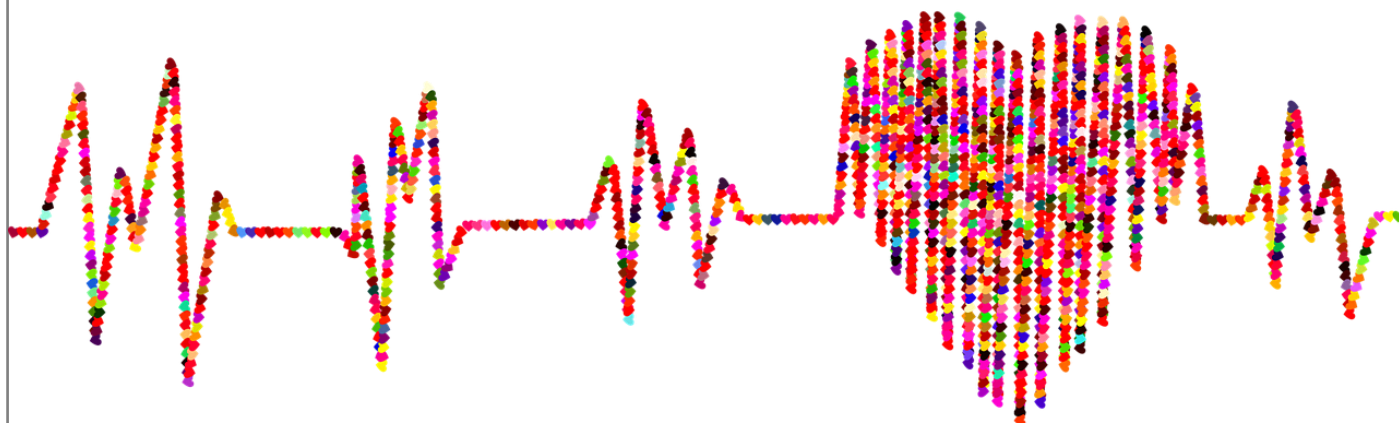
If you haven't seen someone for a while, please either try and find out how they are or let us know and we will try and make contact. Please also ask the person if they would like to go on the service prayer list (using their full name or just first name). A note to us giving a contact number or address 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.

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 15 April		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 16 April		
09:30	Standing Committee	St Oswald
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 17 April		
09:30	Conexus Healthcare 1:1 Sessions	St Bede
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
10:00—11:30	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00—12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
12:00	Wedding	The Church
12:00	Foodbank Pilot Money Advice Drop-In	St Hilda
13:00—14:30	Lunch with Us	The Café
Thursday 18 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 19 April		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
Saturday 20 April		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
09:00—12:00	Linda's Bric-A-Brac Stall	Outside
Sunday 21 April		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church