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**ST GILES'**

with ST MARY'S

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## **SUNDAY, 28th APRIL 2024**

### **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

*The APCM will take place following the 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, 1st May:** 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Friday, 3rd May:** 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

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

**5th MAY 2024—THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.00am—Morning Worship at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.00pm—Choral Evensong at St Giles

**Wednesday, 8th May:** 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Friday, 10th May:** 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

## IMPORTANT NEWS

### CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note the email address for St Giles Parish Office has changed, with immediate effect, to [stgiles.office@cofe-pontefract.co.uk](mailto:stgiles.office@cofe-pontefract.co.uk).

Can we ask you please to add it to your safe e-mail list, so as to not miss future emails. 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](mailto:jonathan.harris@cofe-pontefract.co.uk)

Please note that Jonathan will no longer be using [stgilesrepro@gmail.com](mailto:stgilesrepro@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)



## 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. Thank you to the one volunteer who has already stepped forward, we need just two more.

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.

## 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](mailto:fr.ian@cofe-pontefract.co.uk)

Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING St Giles with St Mary's, Sunday 28th April 2024 following this morning's 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](#).

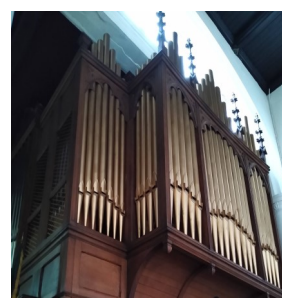
Form for the Nomination of Churchwarden, click [here](#).

## WEEKLY NOTICES—PUBLICATION DEADLINE

**3.00pm on Wednesday, 1st May 2024.** Please e-mail Vivienne Smales at [stgiles.office@cofe-pontefract.co.uk](mailto:stgiles.office@cofe-pontefract.co.uk) with any items that you would like included in the Notices.

## ORGAN RECITAL

The next Organ Recital will take place on **Friday, 3rd May at 1.00pm, featuring Paul Dewhurst** and not Ivan Linford as previously advertised. Admission is £5. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm, so we do hope you will be able to join us.



## NOTICE OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Giles' with St Mary's will take place on

**Tuesday, 7th May 2024** at 7.00pm in St Giles' Church.

## Mothers'UNION

Our next meeting is on **Monday, 13th May 2024 at 1.30pm**, when our speaker is Linda Atkins. She will be talking about fundraising for the Tiny Tickers charity.

As always, anyone is very welcome to attend and refreshments will follow the talk. Do come and join us.

## 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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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

## PARISH MAGAZINE

Thank you to everyone who submitted items for the next parish magazine, a double issue covering May and June. This will be available in the next week or so.

The deadline for the July / August magazine is **Sunday, 23rd June**. Please send any items you have to both Bruce Dagleish, Editor ([brucedagleish0@gmail.com](mailto:brucedagleish0@gmail.com)) and Vivienne Smales ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)) just in case either is on holiday.

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

Thank you.

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***Rivers of Life  
Celebrating 10 years of Rural Life  
in the Diocese of Leeds***

**Bishop Anna and Dean John, with the support of  
the Bishop of Leeds, invite you to  
Ripon Cathedral for a celebratory service to mark  
the Tenth Anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds**

**on Sunday, 12 May at 3.30pm**

**121212 Please be seated by 3.10pm**

RSVP Tel: 01765 603462

E: [judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk)



# 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 29 April</b>		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>		
13:00	Peer Support Group	St Oswald
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>		
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
10:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00—12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
10:00	Conexus Healthcare Group Sessions	St Bede
12:00	Foodbank Pilot Money Advice Drop-In	St Hilda
12:30—14:00	Lunch with Us	The Café
<b>Thursday 2 May</b>		
09:30	Centre Management Committee	St Oswald
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
<b>Friday 3 May</b>		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
13:00	Organ Recital with Ivan Linford	The Church
<b>Saturday 4 May</b>		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
09:00	Belfry Stall	Outside
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church
16:00	Choral Evensong	The Church