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ST GILES'

with ST MARY'S

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SUNDAY, 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

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

12th MAY 2024—THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am—Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

12.15pm—Baptism service at St Giles

Wednesday, 15th May: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 17th 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.

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

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



Following a call for three volunteers to step forward and lead St Giles in gaining accreditation to the above scheme, we extend a huge thank you to our new ECO Church team (Sonia Atkin, Ann Harris and David Roydhouse).

Please pray for them as they continue their journey.

Already, they have achieved the Bronze Award on behalf of St Giles and are now working towards the Silver Award.

CONFIRMATION COURSE

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

It is hoped to start a course in August.

Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

WEEKLY NOTICES—PUBLICATION DEADLINE

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

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.



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.

Our next monthly **food collection** will be this **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

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



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) and Vivienne Smales

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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
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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.



SPONSOR AN ORDER OF SERVICE

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.

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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

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RSVP Tel: 01765 603462

E: judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk





**Wakefield
Cathedral**

Spring Study Sessions: **Hard to Believe**

Believing in the Christian faith isn't always easy.

We may struggle with believing ourselves, or if we do believe find it hard when others have difficult questions. Whether you are struggling with believing yourself and / or talking with others who find it hard, these three introductory talks by Canon Philip will explore some of the common problems people have with Christianity. You can come to some or all, ask questions or just listen, and you'll be very welcome!

Three Wednesdays in May at Wakefield Cathedral:

08 May Darwin and Dawkins: Faith and Science

15 May Disaster: Faith and Suffering

22 May Da Vinci Code: Faith and History

17:30 (Optional) Choral Evensong

18:30 Tea and coffee

19:00-20:00 Talk and time for questions / discussion

20:00-20:10 (Optional) Night Prayer

For more information email 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

Monday 6 May		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 7 May		
13:00	Wellbeing Cafe	St Oswald
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
17:00—19:30	Future Self Programme	St Oswald
19:00	PCC Meeting	The Church
Wednesday 8 May		
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 9 May		
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 10 May		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
Saturday 11 May		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
09:00	RNLI Stall	Outside
Sunday 12 May		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church
12:15	Baptism Service	The Church