



# The Benefice of Pontefract Parish of St Giles with St Mary's



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**Public services will be live-streamed on Facebook on  
Sunday, 18th April at 10.15am, Wednesday, 21st April at 9.30am and  
Sunday, 25th April at 10.15am.**

**Compline at 8.00pm on Thursdays will be live streamed**

Please note that all social distancing measures are still in place during public worship: **sanitising hands** on entry and exit; **maintaining a 2m distance** from people you do not live with; **wearing a face covering in church**; **avoiding socialising** in or out of church.

**SUNDAY, 18th APRIL 2021  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**TODAY WE WELCOME BISHOP TONY ROBINSON,  
BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD,  
AS OUR PRESIDENT AND PREACHER.**

There will be a special **BCP Evensong this afternoon, Sunday 18th April at 4.00pm**, in church in memory of **His Late Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**.

This service will **NOT** be online, but is open to all.

However, **BOOKING** is required please.



Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to host a Book of Condolence. However, the Church of England has facilitated an online Book of Condolence, which can be accessed by following the link below.

[https://www.churchofengland.org/  
remembering-his-royal-highness-  
prince-philip](https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip)

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

### **St Giles, Sunday 25th April following the morning service**

At the APCM meeting, in order to prevent people remaining too long in church after the service, we will only deal with what is legally necessary. The Annual Report and Agenda will be available on our website, and has also been sent via email to those who would normally receive correspondence in this manner. Paper copies are available today to collect. If we run out please ask and a copy will be sent.

If you have any questions concerning the contents of the report, which covers the church's life from January—December 2020, then please email them ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)) or phone in (01977 790448) by 24th April. A written response will be made and then circulated.

At these meetings, churchwardens are elected for the coming year, together with members of the Parochial Church Councils and representatives to the Deanery Synod. **Nomination forms for all of these roles are available in church, by following the links below, from our website or by email from Vivienne Smales, our administrator—[stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)**

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

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

St Giles' PCC needs to elect **four** new members for St Giles and **two** members for St Mary's representation on St Giles' PCC.

We still have two vacancies for **Deanery Synod**. Please ask for a form or download [here](#) if you would like to fill a vacancy. Deanery Synod meets three times a year, you do not need to take up the PCC ex-officio place if you do not wish.

**All nomination forms should be sent to the parish office or handed to Canon June by Wednesday, 21st April.**

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to these roles, and speak to Canon June if you have any questions.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU INTEND TO BE PRESENT SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT WE DON'T EXCEED CAPACITY. WE WILL TRY TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION SHOULD THAT OCCUR.**

## **BOOKING FOR SUNDAY SERVICES**

We are now reaching our maximum permitted number for public worship at St Giles. Until we are fully out of lockdown (hopefully 21<sup>st</sup> June) we would ask you to book in for each Sunday service. This can be done by phoning the parish office, emailing ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)) or advising the churchwardens each week for the following week.

## **PRIVATE PRAYER AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

St Giles' will be open for private prayer and the lighting of candles each Wednesday from 10.00am—11.30am



## **DAILY READINGS THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: Psalm 96 & Ephesians 1.1-14

Evening: Psalm 61 & Luke 1.1-25

### **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: Psalm 98 & Ephesians 1.15 to end

Evening: Psalm 71 & Luke 1.26-38

### **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Morning: Psalm 105 & Ephesians 2.1-10

Evening: Psalm 72 & Luke 1.39-56

### **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Morning: Psalm 136 & Ephesians 2.11 to end

Evening: Psalm 73 & Luke 1.57 to end

### **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Morning: Psalms 5, 146 & Ephesians 6.10-20

### **George, patron of England**

Evening: Psalms 3, 11 & John 15.1-8

### **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: Psalm 110 & Ephesians 3.14 to end

Evening: Psalm 27 & Luke 2.21-40

## **URGENT APPEAL**

If anyone has any carrier bags that they can spare, please could you bring them into church as soon as possible. We are desperately short of them in the Food Share and Pantry Club.

With grateful thanks, Ann Harris

### **Caring for each other....**

As we endure the third lockdown, let us think of our friends and acquaintances. If you haven't seen or heard from someone for a while, try and find out how they are or let us know and we will try to 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 con-



### **SPONSOR A SERVICE SHEET**

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. Either write your dedication in the diary in Reception or email to [stgmnotices@gmx.com](mailto:stgmnotices@gmx.com) or [stgileschurchPontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchPontefract@gmail.com) .

David Leigh will happily receive any sponsorship contributions.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council,

Bank: Yorkshire Bank, 25 Ropergate, Pontefract WF8 1LQ

Sort Code: 05-06-71      Account Number: 16172795

### **THE PARISH MAGAZINE**

If you would like to contribute to the May magazine, please send your article to both Bruce Dalgleish, Editor ([brucedalgleish0@gmail.com](mailto:brucedalgleish0@gmail.com)) and Vivienne Smales ([stgileschurchPontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchPontefract@gmail.com)) just in case either is on holiday.

The deadline for receipt of articles this month is **Sunday, 25th April 2021**. Also, if you would like to submit photos or details about any upcoming events that you would like posted on social media, send to:

[stgmsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:stgmsocialmedia@gmail.com)

## PUBLICATION DEADLINE

**Deadline for Notices and Prayer List, Tuesday, 20th April.**

**Items must be received by 3:00p.m.**

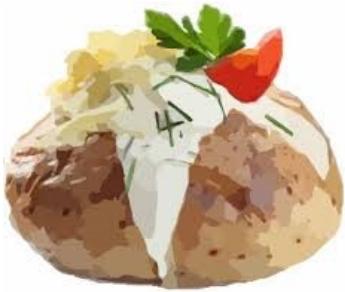
Please e-mail Vivienne Smales at [stgilescurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgilescurchpontefract@gmail.com)

## LUNCH WITH US

Lunch with Us continues to offer a takeaway service on

**Wednesdays, 12.00pm—1.00pm**

Thank you to all the volunteers for making this possible.



If you would like something posted on our social media platforms, please email:

[stgmsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:stgmsocialmedia@gmail.com)

To keep in touch with the latest news from the Parish, please visit our websites:

[www.stgilespontefract.org.uk](http://www.stgilespontefract.org.uk)

[www.stgilescentrepontefract.org.uk](http://www.stgilescentrepontefract.org.uk)

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Twitter: @CofEPontefract

Instagram: stgilespontefract



We look forward to hearing from you.



**Wakefield  
District**

## **A WEEKLY DROP IN ADVICE SESSION AT ST GILES CHURCH, MARKET PLACE, PONTEFRACT**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**10am-12pm**

**Free and confidential information and advice on-**

**Welfare Benefits & Universal Credit-** Entitlement, challenging decisions, help with forms...

**Work-** Redundancy, pay, terms and conditions, dismissals...

**Consumer-** Faulty goods, problems with services, holidays, building work...

**Housing-** Landlord and tenant disputes, disrepair, evictions...

**Family-** Ending a relationship, looking after people, death...

**And much more!**

**At the weekly drop in session our adviser will assess how best to assist you**

**and will arrange further appointments (telephone or in person) if necessary, including referrals to our own Citizens Advice team of**

- **Debt advisers**
- **Fuel advisers**
- **Universal Credit Help to claim advisers**

**We are a good place to start as we can also signpost you to more appropriate local or national organisations for specialist help if required.**

**Citizens Advice Wakefield District is a registered charity. Although part of the national Citizens Advice network we are independent and run locally for the residents of Wakefield District.**

**Telephone: 0800 144 8848 or visit: [wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk](http://wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk)**

# Stroke awareness workshop

NHS

South West  
Yorkshire Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

FACE

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SPEECH

TIME

- Would you know what signs to look for if you thought someone was having a stroke?
- Have you suffered a stroke yourself, or do you care for someone who has?
- Would you like to learn more about living a healthy lifestyle and how you can help prevent a stroke?
- If you are a health care professional, would you like to increase your stroke knowledge and skills?

Join our informative and interactive workshop to learn more about what a stroke is, along with other information about diet, blood pressure and local support groups.

The workshop will be hosted by a professionally registered nursing sister with experience of caring for patients following a stroke, along with a person who has lived experience of stroke.

To book a place visit  
[www.wakefieldrecoverycollege.nhs.uk](http://www.wakefieldrecoverycollege.nhs.uk)  
or call 01924 316946

**Tuesday 13 July 2021  
10am – 12pm  
St. Giles' Centre, St. Giles'  
Church, Market Place,  
Pontefract, WF8 1AT**

If you require a copy of this information in any other format or language please contact your healthcare worker at the Trust.

