



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



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SUNDAY, 15TH AUGUST 2021 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SERVICE at 10.15am

**Public services will be live-streamed from St Giles on Facebook
Sunday, 15th August at 10.15am and Sunday, 22nd August at
10.15am.**

Compline will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday evenings.

**Please note, Wednesday Mass will not be livestreamed on
Wednesday 18th August.**

Theotokos—a Sonnet to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Malcolm Guite

You bore for me the One who came to bless
And bear for all and make the broken whole.
You heard His call and in your open 'yes'
You spoke aloud for every living soul.
Oh gracious Lady, child of your own child,
Whose mother-love still calls the child in me,
Call me again, for I am lost, and wild
Waves surround me now. On this dark sea
Shine as a star and call me to the shore.
Open the door that all my sins would close
And hold me in your garden. Let me share
The prayer that folds the petals of the Rose.
Enfold me too in Love's last mystery
And bring me to the One you bore for me.

**Canon June will be on annual leave from 6th-20th August.
In her absence, please contact either Fr Sam Fletcher or Fr Rod
Walker (details above) or contact the Parish Office.**

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

On 19th July we reached step 4 of the Government's roadmap. This step removes all legal restrictions on social contact and places greater responsibility on individuals and organisations to make local decisions regarding the continued wearing of masks and social contact with others. Even with these permissions, many organisations are, in coming weeks, still asking people to wear face masks and whilst reducing social distancing are still providing for its continuance in some form to ensure that people feel safe and comfortable. We know that many of the restrictions we undertake are not for our own benefit but for the benefit of others. *These decisions will be reviewed later in August, or sooner if needed, for the start of September.*

- Those who use the track & trace app will be encouraged to continue to check in, but we will **no longer** require everyone to sign in and book for services.
- We strongly advise that people continue to wear face masks for worship.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged.
- Doors will continue to be left open to improve ventilation.
- We will invite people to choose their own seats, but advise leaving two seats space between different groups who are seated on the same row. The gaps between rows will be reduced. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the café area and balcony should that prove necessary.
- We will slowly introduce limited congregational singing, whilst asking people to remain masked to sing.
- We will not, at this point, be making any changes to how we currently share the peace.
- The priest will continue to hand sanitise and wear a face covering when distributing communion.
- We will continue following a one-way system for communion and moving around church.
- We will retain only taking communion in one kind until we can return to the common cup safely.
- The collection will remain as a basket placed near the north door
- The live streaming of services will be continued in the short term.
- We will hope to return to refreshments after services and on Saturdays, no later than the beginning of September.
- Any church groups seeking to resume meeting in church ahead of September need to speak with the vicar and wardens for advice on risk assessing the activity.

DAILY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, 16th	Morning:	Psalms 80, 82 Proverbs 8.1-21 Mark 5.1-20
	Evening:	Psalm 85 Acts 6
Tuesday, 17th	Morning:	Psalms 87, 89.1-18 Proverbs 8.22 to end Mark 5.21-34
	Evening:	Psalm 89.19 to end Acts 7.1-16
Wednesday, 18th <i>1st EP of Mary Magdalene</i>	Morning:	Psalm 119.105-128 Proverbs 9 Mark 5.35 to end
	Evening:	Psalm 91 Acts 7.17-43
Thursday, 19th	Morning:	Psalms 90, 92 Proverbs 10.1-12 Mark 6.1-13
	Evening:	Psalm 94 Acts 7.44-53
Friday, 20th	Morning:	Psalms 88 (95) Proverbs 11.1-12 Mark 6.14-29
	Evening:	Psalm 102 Acts 7.54-8.3
Saturday, 21st	Morning:	Psalms 96, 97, 100 Proverbs 12.10 to end Mark 6.30-44
	Evening:	Psalm 104 Acts 8.4-25

PRIVATE PRAYER AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

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



St Mary's Church, Chequerfield



The next Sunday Mass at St Mary's will take place on

Sunday, 22nd August 2021 at 9.00am

All welcome!



THE PARISH MAGAZINE

The August Magazine is available to view here.

If you would like to contribute to the September magazine, please send your article to both Bruce Dalglish, Editor (brucedalglish0@gmail.com) and Vivienne Smales (stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com) just in case either is on holiday.

The deadline for receipt of articles this month is **Sunday, 22nd August 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



We are seeking volunteers to assist with refreshments on Saturdays in church, beginning at the start of September. In times past, people have offered for a particular Saturday because it has been the choir Saturday, Missions or 5th Sunday St Mary's etc. What we would like to encourage is people saying what Saturdays in the month they might be available and then the teams can be put together. So, not necessarily just choir members doing the monthly choir refreshments Saturday or just St Mary's members on the fifth Sunday.

Open Church will also be resuming. If you are able to help with this, please let Barbara Sessford know, or leave a message in the Parish Office.

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 or stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com

David Leigh will happily receive any sponsorship contributions.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

Bank: Virgin Money, 81 Carlton Street, Castleford, WF10 1BW

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

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

**Deadline for Notices and Prayer List,
Tuesday, 17th August 2021 by 3:00p.m.**

Email Vivienne at stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com

Wakefield Recovery and Wellbeing College

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[The Supporter Newsletter 13.08.2021](#) — a weekly roundup for users

Gaia is coming to Wakefield

Wakefield Cathedral, Northgate, WF1 1HG

Opening Times:

Fri 20 August	10:00-16:00	Thu 26 August	10:00-13:00 & 16:00-20:00
Sat 21 August	10:00-16:00	Fri 27 August	10:00-16:00
Sun 22 August	13:00-16:00	Sat 28 August	12:00-20:00
Mon 23 August	10:00-16:00	Sun 29 August	13:00-18:00
Tue 24 August	10:00-16:00	Mon 30 August	10:00-16:00
Wed 25 August	10:00-16:00		

To find out more please visit wakefieldcathedral.org.uk/gaia

Admission will be managed on a first-come, first-served and queuing system.

Gaia Events Programme

All events listed below take place at Wakefield Cathedral and require pre-booking via wakefieldcathedral.org.uk/gaia

Friday 20 August 19:00
"Protecting our Planet"
Discussion Panel
Cost: FREE

Sunday 22 August 19:00
West Yorkshire Rock Choir
Concert
Cost: £5pp

Monday 23 August 11:00
Story-Telling under Gaia
Cost: FREE

Wednesday 25 August 11:00
Story-Telling under Gaia
Cost: FREE

Wednesday 25 August 19:00
Cathedral Choir Music Concert
Cost: £5pp

Thursday 26 August 13:15
Family Film - *Happy Feet* (PG)
Cost: FREE

Friday 27 August 19:00
Eat Up Stand Up for our Planet
Cost: Free (donation)

Saturday 28 August 10:00
Messy Cathedral
Cost: Free

Sunday 29 August 19:00
Pilates under the Planet
Cost: £5pp

'INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY' COURSE RUNNING IN THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Introduction to Theology 12 session course offers an opportunity to reflect upon the Christian faith and deepen your own personal journey. It's a good first step if you would like to develop your theological reflection, study skills, and/or begin to engage with the sources of Christian theology in a more academic way.

You will study alongside others in a supportive learning community with a knowledgeable and encouraging tutor.

Mirfield

The Mirfield course will begin in September 2021 and will run across four monthly Sunday study days between September – December. More information regarding the course and dates can be found at the link below.

To register please visit the course page and scroll down to where it says 'Book Now', you will then be directed to an Eventbrite checkout: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/introduction-to-theology-mirfield/>

Please note that the application deadline for the Mirfield Introduction to Theology course is: 30th August 2021

Online

The Online course will begin on 25th April 2022 and will run across twelve weekly sessions between April – July 2022. More information regarding the course and dates can be found at the link below.

To register please visit the course page and scroll down to where it says 'Book Now', you will then be directed to an Eventbrite checkout: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/introduction-to-theology-online-summer/>

Please note that the application deadline for the Online Introduction to Theology course is: 04th April 2022

The course costs £80

This week at St Giles' Church and Centre

Sunday 15 August 2021

10.15am Sung Eucharist The Church

Tuesday 17 August 2021

3.00pm—4.00pm EXTEND Chair Exercise Group The Café

Wednesday 18 August 2021

9.30am Said Mass The Church

10.00am—11.30am Private Prayer & Lighting of Candles The Church

10.00am—12.00pm Citizens Advice St Aidan

12.00pm—1.00pm Lunch With Us (take-away service)

Saturday 21 August 2021

10.00am—11.30am Private Prayer & Lighting of Candles The Church

10.00am—12.00pm Wakefield & District Sight Aid
Coffee Morning St Oswald

Sunday 22 August 2021

10.15am Sung Eucharist The Church

Monday 23 August 2021

2.30pm Wedding The Church

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 websites:

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