



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



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SUNDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2021 at ST GILES — 15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICE at 10.15am

Due to Covid-19 and its disruption of training, Jill Clapham will only be licensed as a Reader in 2022. In the interim period Jill needs to be commissioned to exercise her lay ministry and in our service today we mark that commissioning.

Services at St Giles next week:

Wednesday, 15th September at 9.30am, Friday, 17th September at 10.30am
and Sunday, 19th September at 10.15am

Services at St Mary's next week:

Mass, 19th September at 9.00am

**Compline will continue to be livestreamed at 8.00pm on
Thursday evenings**

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES

The time has come to cease live-streaming of our services. It has been massively important to us during the covid restrictions but none the less very restrictive of how we can conduct worship in church once restrictions have begun to ease. This has become increasingly evident as more and more people have returned Sunday by Sunday. We now do need to resume more normality in how we use our worship space. Continued live-streaming of worship done well and more professionally would need further financial investment and also personnel to work any equipment. The time investment can be considerable for those involved.

Compline will continue to be live-streamed and we will look for other ways in which live-streaming might be appropriate on specific occasions.

DAILY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, 13th	Morning:	Psalms 27, 30 Wisdom 6.12-23 Or I Chronicles 28.1-10 Mark 11.1-11
<i>1st EP of Holy Cross Day</i>	Evening:	Psalms 66 Ephesians 2.11 to end
Tuesday, 14th	Morning:	Psalms 2, 8, 146 Genesis 3.1-15 John 12.27-36a
<i>Holy Cross Day</i>	Evening:	Psalms 110, 150 I Corinthians 1.18-25
Wednesday, 15th	Morning:	Psalm 34 Wisdom 7.15-8.4 Or I Chronicles 29.1-9 Mark 11.27 to end
	Evening:	Psalm 119.33-56 Acts 17.1-15
Thursday, 16th	Morning:	Psalm 37 * Wisdom 8.5-18 Or I Chronicles 29.10-20 Mark 12.1-12
	Evening:	Psalms 39, 40 Acts 17.16 to end
Friday, 17th	Morning:	Psalm 31 Wisdom 8.21 to end of 9 Or I Chronicles 29.21 to end Mark 12.13-17
	Evening:	Psalm 35 Acts 18.1-21
Saturday, 18th	Morning:	Psalms 41, 42 , 43 Wisdom 10.15-11.10 Or 2 Chronicles 1.1-13 Mark 12.18-27
	Evening:	Psalms 45, 46 Acts 18.22-19.7

OPENING AND MANAGING OF CHURCH BUILDINGS IN STEP 4 OF THE ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Church of England guidance | September 2021 notes that ‘the Government has moved from overarching rules to stop the spread of the virus to guidance that emphasises the personal and corporate responsibility of individuals and organisations undertake actions to protect others and themselves’.

Please note:

- We advise that those able to wear masks continue to wear them for services, including singing, and when moving around church.
- Small groups to make a decision on the necessity of masks or otherwise.
- When seated in the café, masks are not required, but advised when entering or leaving.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged.
- Doors will continue to be left open to improve ventilation.
- If you would like seat spaces left between you and the next person, please take cards from reception to place on the seats beside you.
- The gaps between rows will be reduced. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the balcony.
- 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.
- As yet we are not able to return to serving refreshments after Sunday services, though Wednesday and Saturday refreshments resumed in the café from 1st September.
- Though not now mandatory, we will continue to provide additional cleaning of the church during this period.

It is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering, though the government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded and enclosed settings to protect themselves and others.

NOTICE OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

ST GILES' WITH ST MARY'S

The next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place on Tuesday, 14th September 2021 at 7.00pm in church.

SATURDAY COFFEE TEAMS

We still need a little more volunteer help on some Saturdays to ensure that café teams are up to full strength. This would be a monthly commitment, not weekly.



Maybe you have never offered to do this before but would love to be involved.

Please talk with Barbara Sessford, if you can help.



No. 6 ST GILES' FOOD SHARE

In previous years, we have held monthly collections of food. With Harvest approaching we would like to restart these collections from Sunday, 3rd October and then every first Sunday of the month. Donations of food can be brought in from Sunday, 26th September.

Current requirements of food include: breakfast cereal, UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned meats, tinned vegetable, tinned fruit, biscuits and instant whips (eg Angel Delight).



GOOD LUCK TO THEO AND NIAMH

Theo Biddle and Niamh Corney, two members of our choir, leave for university this week. Theo will read British Politics at the University of Hull and Niamh will read English and Creative Writing at the University of Warwick. We wish them the very best of luck as they both begin this new chapter in their lives.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

If you would like to contribute to the October magazine, please send your article to both Bruce Dagleish, Editor (brucedagleish0@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, 19th September 2021.

JUNIOR CHURCH will resume on **Sunday, 19th September**.

It will be renamed to reflect the inclusion of young people of all ages.

Our Sunday mornings together will be planned to teach and inspire our young people to explore our Christian faith.

BRIC-A-BRAC STALL

There will be a Bric-a-brac stall on **Wednesday, 22nd September** to raise funds for our church.

Any items you can donate may be brought into church or if you need your donations to be collected please call Pam on 01977 780804 or 07999807344.



KNIT AND NATTER

Another opportunity to raise funds for our church. If you can knit - garter stitch, this is for you!

On Thursday, 23rd September we are having a Knit and Natter session in church from **2.30pm - 4pm**, an hour's knitting and half an hour for refreshments. What is involved? Knitters will obtain a few (or more) sponsors to give an amount for each line of knitting - 40 stitches, double knitting wool, size 8 needles.

Needles and wool can be provided if you are unable to supply your own. To take part please add your name to the list in Reception or for further

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, 14th September 2021 by 3:00p.m.**

Email Vivienne at stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com

FREE STROKE AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Friday, 15 October 2021

2.00pm-4.00pm in St Giles' Church

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. Remember:

Face Arms Speech Time

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

To book a place visit: www.wakefieldrecoverycollege.nhs.uk

or call **01924 316946**

AFGHANISTAN & ASYLUM SEEKERS WINTER APPEAL NEW CLOTHING ITEMS PLUS EDUCATIONAL ITEMS AND MATERIALS NEEDED.

Please see the notices in Reception or visit
<https://wakefield.cityofsanctuary.org/> for
more information.




**Wakefield District
City of Sanctuary**

Please note: items should NOT be left in
St Giles. Ann Harris is happy to receive any
items but please arrange direct with her on 07808 808977.

Wakefield Recovery and Wellbeing College

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[The Supporter Newsletter 10.09.2021](#) — a weekly roundup for users

ST GILES' CHURCH, PONTEFRACT

PRESENTS

*A Special
Organ Recital*

by

Thomas Moore

to celebrate

**THE ORGAN
OF
ST GILES' CHURCH**

GIVING THANKS FOR
THE LONG WORK OF REBUILDING AND RESTORATION

Saturday 2nd October at 4.30pm

Drinks and nibbles from 4 o'clock

Admission free

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This week at St Giles' Church and Centre

Sunday 12 September 2021

10.15am Sung Eucharist The Church

Monday 13 September 2021

10.00am—2.00pm Open Church

12.30pm—3.30pm Wakefield Recovery & Wellbeing St Bede
College—Freedom from Fibromyalgia St Oswald

7.00pm—8.00pm Pontefract Readers' Group St Oswald

7.30pm—9.00pm Bell Ringing Practice Bell Tower

Tuesday 14 September 2021

10.00am—2.00pm Open Church

3.00pm—4.00pm Chair Exercise The Café

7.00pm PCC Meeting The Church

Wednesday 15 September 2021

9.30am Said Mass The Church

10.00am—12.00pm Coffee morning including Open Church The Café

10.00am—12.00pm Citizens Advice St Aidan

12.30pm—1.30pm Lunch With Us (take-away service)

Thursday 16 September 2021

10.30am—11.45pm Tiddlywinks The Church

12.00pm—2.00pm Open Church

7.00pm—9.00pm Pontefract Choral Soc. Rehearsal The Church

Friday 17 September 2021

10.30am Said Mass The Church

Saturday 18 September 2021

9.00am—12.00pm Coffee morning including Open Church The Café

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

Sunday 19 September 2021

10.15am Sung Eucharist The Church

12.15pm Baptism The Church