



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



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SUNDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER 2021 at ST GILES — 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICE at 10.15am

BAPTISM at 12.15pm

ST MARY'S—MORNING WORSHIP at 9.00am

Services at St Giles next week:

Wednesday 29th September at 9.30am, Friday 1st October at 10.30am
Sunday, 3 October **Book of Common Prayer Communion service at 8.00am**, Sung Eucharist at 10.15am and **Evensong at 4.00pm**

Services at St Mary's next week:

Morning Worship, 3rd October at 9.00am

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

GENEROSITY WEEK AT ST GILES WITH ST MARY'S

Generosity is inextricably linked with living out the Christian faith. Generosity at its core is in the nature of God, and we see this weaved throughout the Bible in many guises. Generosity is not just about giving financially, although that does form a part of generosity when exploring stewardship and material possessions. The link between living out the Christian faith means exploring what it means to live a generous life – though hospitality, time, attentiveness, and many other attributes. It's about our state of heart, and the relationship we have between material and spiritual things.



With generosity being at the heart of our faith, it can be shown through everyday acts of kindness that make a huge difference to peoples' lives and is a hallmark of our faith in action. Every day we see generosity in our churches and Christian communities, reflecting the generous God we believe in.

From **Sunday 26th September to Sunday 3rd October**, we will share in the biggest co-ordinated generosity campaign to ever to take place in our Diocese.

Our Sunday services will reflect the theme of 'generosity' on September 26th and 'gratitude' (including harvest thanksgiving) on October 3rd.

Daily Resources will include:

Morning Prayer livestreamed from Monday 27th until Saturday 2nd October at 8.30am. The liturgy for each day will be available on our website to download. Additionally, some copies of the booklet will be placed in reception to take away.

In a **podcast series**, TV presenter Gemma Hunt will uncover stories of generosity in churches across the country. Each podcast is accompanied by a daily reflection and activity to help us reflect on God's generosity and activate it in our daily lives. We recommend listening to an episode each day over Generosity Week, perhaps when going for a short walk or over a cup of tea during a break.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/encouraging-generosity/ideas-activating-generosity/generosity-1>

Each day on Facebook a daily suggestion of a 'generous activity' will appear for you to consider acting on.

There will also be Facebook live broadcasts which again can be watched online:

Tuesday 28th September Rev Canon Robin Gamble, Bishop's Adviser for Church Growth

Wednesday 29th September Rev Canon Sean Robertshaw CF, Team Rector of the Upper Holme Valley Benefice and Army Reserve Chaplain

Thursday 30th September Mrs Kay Holden, Licensed Reader, Clayton Parish

The Facebook Live broadcasts will be posted here: <https://www.facebook.com/leedscofe/>

The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, writes:

‘Our faith starts with the most generous gift of all– God’s gift to us of life itself and new life and new hope in Jesus Christ. What we call ‘generosity’ is just our response to these great gifts. I’m therefore delighted to commend these resources that help us explore God’s amazing generosity. This is what Generosity Week is all about. The stories in these podcasts, reflections and resources are moving, inspiring and encouraging. Just like in the parable of the sower, where the seed that falls on good soil grows a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown, we see that every generous act grows further generosity’.



COP26

COP26 is an international summit for world leaders on Climate Change being held in the first week of November in Glasgow. The meetings planned for COP26 have been billed as some of the most important political events in a generation as scientists and politicians come together to debate and decide on the measures which are felt to have the most potential in managing Climate Change.

Faith-based aid organisations such as CAFOD and Christian Aid have long campaigned for Climate Justice as the effects of Climate Change have the greatest impact on the World’s Poorest Poor. Our Church of England is playing its part too. It is hoped that thousands of boats bearing prayers and messages will come together from across the country to form a special installation to deliver the Christian message to World Leaders on the need for climate justice.

If you would like to join us and take part, please follow the instructions on how to [make an easy origami sailboat](#) or via the Christian Aid website at caid.org.uk/rise and post your boat with its prayer or message to PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT to arrive by 15th October. Alternatively, bring your boat to St Giles’ Reception by Wednesday morning 13th October and we will post on your behalf. Paul and Ann Harris.

Mothers' Union

We meet again in church on Monday, 4th October at 1.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Karen, one of our bell ringers. Karen will give a talk on "the History of Bells".

We hope you can all make it—everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided after the talk.



PLASTIC BOTTLE BOTTOMS APPEAL

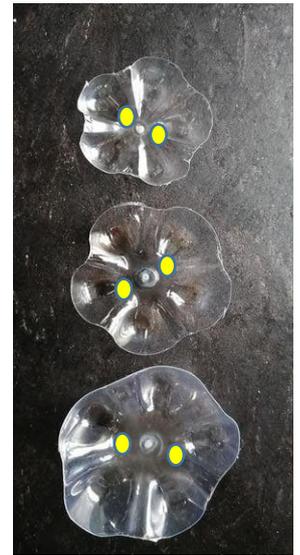
Pontefract Civic Society are looking to mark Remembrance Day with displays using the bottoms of plastic drinks bottles.

Can you help by saving your bottle bottoms, any size of bottom is required. If you can paint them red (acrylic paint is best), and add 2 small holes in the middle, this



would be a big help. If you can't paint them, please put them in the box in Reception and they will get painted.

St Giles is supporting this venture and acting as a collection point. Each display needs 2,500 bottle bottoms, hence asking you to save them now! We will be collecting them until the end of October.



SPONSORSHIP OF FLOWERS

With the return of flowers to services at St Giles, would anyone like to sponsor the flowers on the following dates?

October 2nd, 23rd and 30th

November 6th and 20th

Please contact Barbara Chessman or leave a message in the Parish Office.

Thank you.



JUNIOR CHURCH has now resumed. 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.

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).

A STORY OF OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



As part of our contribution to Heritage Days 2021 we have posted a video telling the fascinating story behind two of our beautiful stained glass windows. You will find it by clicking on this link [Videos](#) or by visiting the St Giles' Facebook page. If it is not immediately visible go to the [Videos](#) link at the top of the Facebook page.

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, 28th September 2021 by 3:00p.m.**

Email Vivienne at stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

If you would like to contribute to the November 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, 24th October 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

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.

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 24.09.2021](#) — 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 26 September 2021

10.15am	Sung Eucharist	The Church
12.15pm	Baptism	The Church

Monday 27 September 2021

10.00am—2.00pm	Open Church	
12.30pm—3.30pm	Wakefield Recovery College 'Freedom from Fybromyalgia'	St Oswald/ St Bede
7.30pm—9.00pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Bell Tower

Tuesday 28 September 2021

10.00am—2.00pm	Open Church	
1.00pm—3.00pm	Seeking Safety Group	St Oswald
3.00pm—4.00pm	Extend Chair Exercise	The Café
6.30pm—8.00pm	Choir Practice	The Church

Wednesday 29 September 2021

9.30am—10.00am	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 30 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 1 October 2021

10.30am	Said Mass	The Church
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Saturday 2 October 2021

9.00am—12.00pm	Coffee morning including Open Church	The Café
10.30am—12.00pm	Hospice Coffee Morning	St Oswald
4.30pm—5.30pm	Organ Recital with Thomas Moore	The Church

Sunday 3 October 2021

8.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	The Church
10.15am	Sung Eucharist	The Church
4.00pm	Evensong	The Church