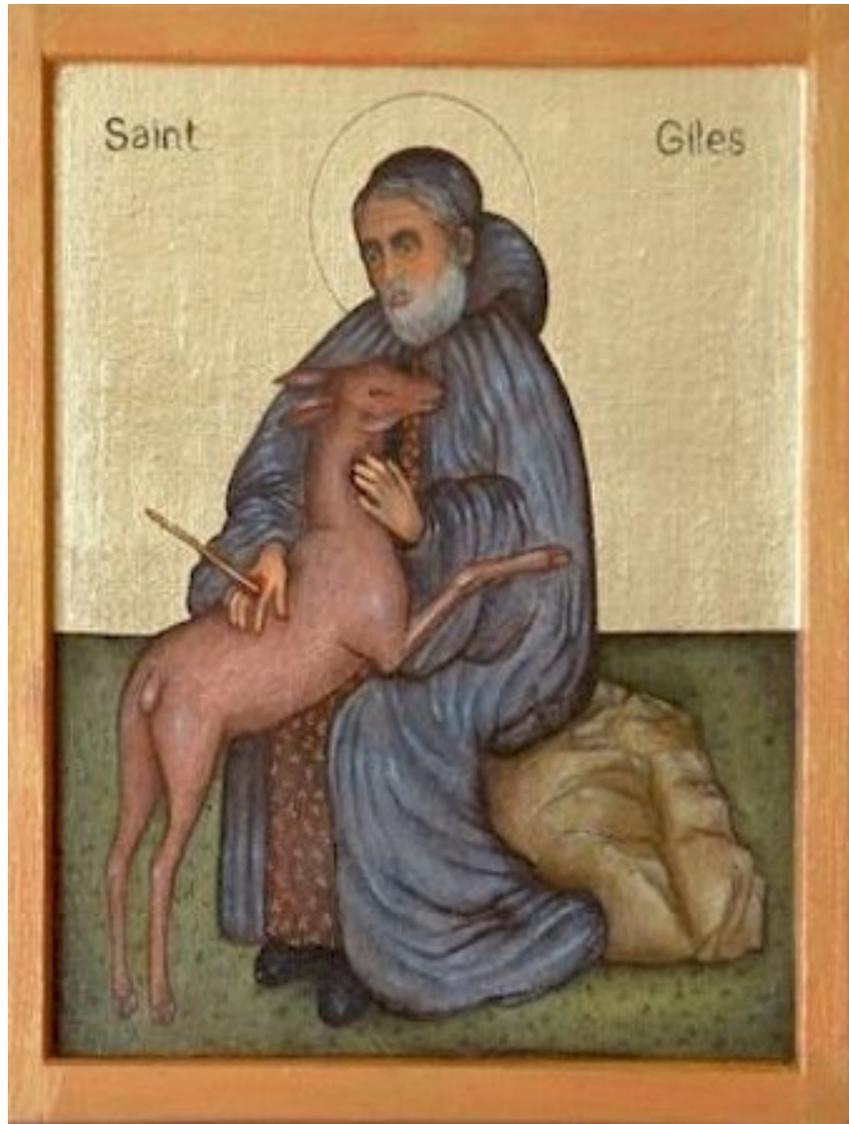


# The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



## Patronal Service

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 10.15 a.m.

Live at St Giles' Church and

We welcome Archdeacon Peter Townley as our Preacher

## Moving forward together (Updated August 29th 2021)

### Please note:

- We advise that those able to wear masks continue to wear them for services, including singing, and when moving around church.
- Masks are not required for groups who meet together, nor when seated in the café.
- 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 space left between you and the next person, please take a card from reception to place on the seat 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 will resume Wednesday and Saturday refreshments in the café from 1st September.
- Though not now mandatory, we will continue to provide additional cleaning of the church during this period.

*A bell is rung to begin our worship.*

# The Gathering

## Hymn (197)

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
who Thee by faith before the world confest,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them the victor's crown of gold.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on His way.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

W. Walsham How (1823-1897), Bishop of Wakefield (1889-97)

✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Invitation to confession

The saints were faithful unto death  
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.  
As we celebrate their joy,  
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,  
and ask for his mercy.

## Prayers of Penitence

In a dark and disfigured world we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
✠ forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Gloria in Excelsis     Addington

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

## The Collect for the Festival of St Giles

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty God,**  
by whose grace Giles, kindled with the fire of your love,  
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:  
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,  
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

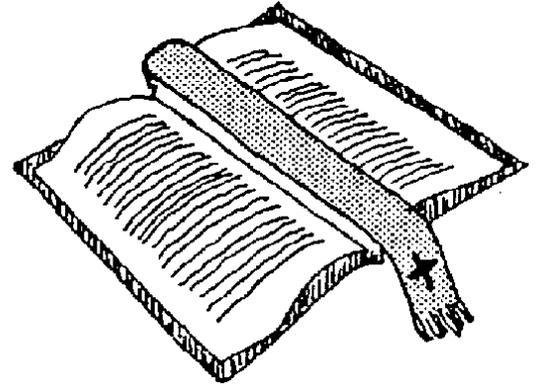
## First Reading

James 2.1-10, 14-17

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say,

“Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?



You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

Mark 7.24-37

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

# Renewal of Baptism Vows

*Please stand*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask you these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

*We are unable to sprinkle you with water at this time as an outward sign of your renewed promises, but you may like to make the sign of the cross after renewing your vows and just prior to the prayer below.*

We pray together.

**Almighty God,**

**we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name.**

**Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day**

**when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*After each prayer:*      Lord, in your mercy  
   **hear our prayer.**

*We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:*

Cynthia; Steph; Dawn; Jonathan; Christine; Brenda; Dianne; Dave; Terry, Ian;  
Morag; Ali; Barbara; Mike; Jean; Fr Mark; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; Janet  
Hickling; Tracy Birkitt; Rhys Williams; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane; Anita Murray;  
David Murray; Andrew & Jenny Priest; Denzil & David.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Barbara Sheldon; Beth Riley; Val Farnsworth; Judith Lawrance; Geraldine  
Rushden.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Ellen May Hemstock; Kenneth Cook; Eliza Longsdale Lemmon.

*At the end:*                      Merciful Father  
  
   **accept these prayers  
   for the sake of your Son,  
   our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you:  
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before him  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Please **DONOT** share the peace physically.*

## Preparation of the Altar

### Hymn

*Oh, what the joy and the glory must be,  
Those endless Sabbaths the blessèd ones see!  
Crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest;  
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.*

*Truly Jerusalem name we that shore,  
Vision of peace, that brings joy evermore;  
Wish and fulfillment can severed be ne'er,  
Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.*

*There, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
We the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing;  
While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
Thy blessèd people eternally raise.*

*Low before Him with our praises we fall,  
Of Whom, and in Whom, and through Whom are all;  
Of Whom, the Father; and in Whom, the Son;  
Through Whom, the Spirit, with Them ever One.*

Peter Abalard (1079 – 1142)  
Trans M Neale (1818 – 1866)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Pour upon the poverty of our love, and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming fire of your presence.

**Amen.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters that this my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his church.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray.

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty  
for you have given us a share with Giles  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
In the darkness of this passing age  
they proclaim the glory of your Kingdom.  
Chosen as lights in the world,  
they surround our steps as we journey on  
towards the city of eternal light  
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.  
In communion with angels and archangels  
and all who have served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and singing:

## *Sanctus & Benedictus* Stainer in F

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

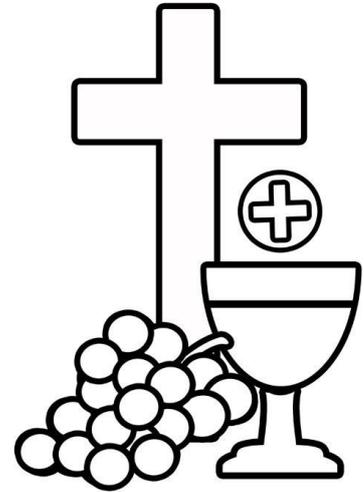
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the  
cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the  
whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.



Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Our Lady, Giles and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

# Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

# Agnus Dei Stainer in F

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

# Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

*Those who feel unable or do not wish to receive communion at the moment, may use this prayer silently as a spiritual act of communion.*

**In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.**

## Hymn

*For all the saints, O Lord,  
who strove in Thee to live,  
who followed Thee, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.*

*For all the saints, O Lord,  
who strove in Thee to die,  
and found in Thee a full reward,  
accept our thankful cry.*

*Thine earthly members fit  
to join Thy saints above,  
in one communion ever knit,  
one fellowship of love.*

*Jesu, Thy Name we bless,  
and humbly pray that we  
may follow them in holiness,  
who lived and died for Thee.*

*All might, all praise, be Thine,  
Father, co-equal Son,  
and Spirit, bond of love Divine,  
while endless ages run*

Richard Mant (1776-1848)

## **Anthem** ~ *Intercession for a Saint (Roger Wibberley: b. 1945)*

*Lord, we beseech Thee to let us find grace through the intercession of Thy blessed confessor Giles; that what we cannot obtain through our own merits may be given to us through his intercession. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand*

We say together:

**Merciful God,**  
**who gave such grace to your servant Giles**  
**that he served you with singleness of heart**  
**and loved you above all things:**  
**help us, whose communion with you**  
**has been renewed in this sacrament,**  
**to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ**  
**and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

*Notices are given*

# The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation,  
to know the hope to which he has called you.

**Amen.**

God, who has shown you a pattern of holy living and holy dying  
in the life of Blessed Giles, and all the saints,  
bring you to share their glorious inheritance.

**Amen.**

God, who calls you strangers no longer  
but fellow citizens with the saints,  
set your hearts and minds on things above,  
where Christ is seated at God's right hand.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Hymn - The Hymn of St. Giles

***Shining bright in realms celestial  
stands there one for whom we raise,  
with our hearts to Heaven uplifted  
song of joyfulness and praise.***

***Blessed Giles, our saint and patron,  
make us faithful all our days.***

***Thou didst leave the teeming city  
all its worldly pomp and show,***

*for the forest's calm seclusion,  
there thy Saviour's will to know.  
May we too, in inner stillness,  
feel the Spirit's grace outflow.*

*Thou didst joy in God's creation,  
men and beasts thy blessing knew;  
in thy cave a hind did find thee  
when her hunters close pursued.  
Noble Giles! Thy hand, in shielding,  
by the arrow was pierced through.*

*Then the royal hunter called thee:  
'Leave, blest monk, thy lonely home;  
head thy brethren, rule and guide them  
from an abbot's lordly throne.'  
So may we, when Jesus calls us,  
follow Him and Him alone.*

*As we strive to be God's people,  
travelling on our pilgrim way,  
through our doubts and tribulations  
aid our efforts as we pray;  
that we may become more nearly  
like our Saviour day by day.*

Attrib: Unknown

## Choral Evensong:

Sung in A;

Bullock - Give us the wings of faith.

Office hymn: 199 (tune 205).

Psalm 150.

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