



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



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SUNDAY, 31st OCTOBER at ST GILES
4th Sunday before Advent
10.15am—SUNG EUCHARIST

There will be no service at ST MARY'S today.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY

- This weekly leaflet contains details of next week's services, together with items of news and calendar dates. Please take it away with you.
- If you have a young child and would like them to join the Junior Church, please see the leader of the group. The children will re-join us later in the service.

ALL SOULS' DAY - REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

VERY IMPORTANT: Please remember to sign the list in reception (or email) if you would like a loved one's name read out at the service.

A mass will be celebrated for **All Souls' Day on Tuesday November 2nd at 7.00pm**. At this service, the name(s) of departed loved ones will be read out and the opportunity to light candles in memory of a loved one included. We would like, if possible, to ensure that any names read out during the service will have someone present in the congregation who has especially come to hear their loved one remembered by name. It may also be that a member of St Giles or St Mary's who is no longer able to come to church due to infirmity would like us to pray for a loved one and it would be very appropriate for a friend to still add these names to the list on their behalf.

Please add your loved one's name(s) to the list (in reception) if you would like their name read out at the All Souls' Day Mass or email the parish office at stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com Alternatively, you may also ring the office on 01977 790448.

SERVICES AT ST GILES' THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 2nd November at 7.00pm—All Souls' Service

Wednesday 3rd November, at 9.30am—to include the relicensing of Fr Rod Walker as an associate priest within the Benefice of Pontefract with Archdeacon Peter Townley.

Friday 5th November at 10.30am, Sunday 7th November at 10.15am, Baptism at 12.15pm and Evensong at 4.00pm

SERVICE AT ST MARY'S:

Morning Worship, Sunday 7th November at 9.00am

Compline will be livestreamed at 8.00pm on Thursday

A FURTHER UPDATE FROM OCTOBER 24th 2021

Please note:

- We hope that people will continue to wear masks whilst entering, leaving or moving around the church building, especially when larger numbers are present.
- For services, if you would like seat spaces left between you and the next person, please take a card(s) from reception to place on the seats beside you. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the balcony.
- Wearing of masks throughout the services and whilst seated is still advised as covid numbers increase in our area, but we do expect the wearing of masks for the singing of hymns and when moving around to receive communion. The congregational singing of the offertory hymn is to be reinstated on All Saints Day (31st October).
- The physical sharing of the peace with family seated alongside you is fine.
- We will continue to retain only taking communion in one kind.
- The collection will remain as a basket/plate placed near the north door.
- Church groups to make their own decisions on the necessity of masks whilst the group is meeting.
- When seated in the café, masks are not required.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged. We will continue following a one-way system for communion and moving around church. Doors will continue to be left open to improve ventilation. Please wrap up if you are near to an exit.

Please note that it has proved very difficult to get all guests to continue with the wearing of masks for funerals and baptisms. Each family is, however, responsible for informing their guests about the continued government advice that masks are worn when part of larger groups. This continues to be wise advice as we enter the winter season. It is also possible that the government will reinstate the wearing of masks if numbers continue to rise.



DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday, 1st November	Morning:	Psalms 111, 112, 117 Jeremiah 31.31-34 2Corinthians 4.5-12
	Evening:	Psalms 145 Colossians 1.9-14
Tuesday, 2nd <i>All Souls Day</i>	Morning:	Psalms 5, 147.1-12 or 32, 36 Isaiah 1.21 to end Matthew 2.1-15
	Evening:	Psalms 98, 99, 100 or 33 Revelation 2.1-11
Wednesday, 3rd	Morning:	Psalms 9, 147.13 to end or 34 Isaiah 1.1-11 Matthew 2.16 to end
	Evening:	Psalms 111, 112, 116 or 119.33-56 Revelation 2.12 to end
Thursday, 4th	Morning:	Psalms 11, 15, 148 or 37* Isaiah 2.12 to end Matthew 3
	Evening:	Psalms 118 or 39, 40 Revelation 3.1-13
Friday, 5th	Morning:	Psalms 16, 149 or 31 Isaiah 3.1-15 Matthew 4.1-11
	Evening:	Psalms 137, 138, 143 or 35 Revelation 3.14 to end
Saturday, 6th	Morning:	Psalms 18.31 to end, 150 or 41, 42, 43 Isaiah 4.2-5.7 Matthew 4.12-22
	Evening:	Psalms 145 or 45, 46 Revelation 4

COVER COP26 IN PRAYER – LET’S NOT COP OUT!

Hello,

As the COP26 International Climate Change Talks are approaching I invite you to join me in praying daily through the two weeks of COP26 - that from 1st – 12th November.

It can be hard to know how to pray for the big issues around our changing climate and for our global leaders as they meet in Glasgow. The outcomes of the COP26 talks will have serious repercussions for God's people and planet for many years to come.

So why not [sign up](#) for the diocesan **Cover COP26 in Prayer** mailings, which will then be sent to you daily for the 12 days of COP. The daily **Cover COP26 in Prayer** emails are designed to help you spend about 10 minutes in prayer each day at this important time. Praying for good outcomes for God's creation and all of us who depended on it.

They will include reflections of thankfulness, repentance and give an international perspective. Each day there will be a theme, a bible verse to read and reflect on, a video, and some suggested responses.

[Sign up to receive the 12 daily mailings here](#)

You are also invited to a range of events taking place in conjunction with **Cover COP26 in Prayer** - see below. You can read more about other events happening in the Diocese of Leeds and further afield during COP26 [here](#).

God bless

Jemima Parker,

Diocesan Environment Officer

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FR ROD WALKER—ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Fr Rod will be licensed as an associate priest within the Benefice of Pontefract (no longer curate status) on 3rd November as part of the Wednesday mass at 9.30am.

Archdeacon Peter Townley will be present to conduct the re-licensing. Please do come and join us for this service.

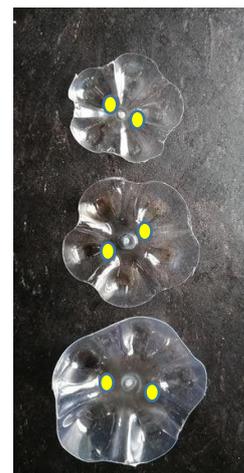
PLASTIC BOTTLE BOTTOMS APPEAL

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**.



THANK YOU!

Just a word of thanks to my family, friends and my Church family who came to the Memorial Service for Donald. What a service!!

Special thanks to go Canon June, David, Tom, James and the wonderful singing of the Choir, Eileen and the ladies who prepared and served the Refreshments.

Barbara

MOTHERS' UNION

We meet again in the Café on **Monday, 1st November** from 12.00pm for our Pie & Pea lunch at 12.30pm, followed by our AGM. Please make sure you are on the list for lunch.

Hope you can all make it.



PUBLICATION DEADLINES

**Deadline for Notices and Prayer List,
Tuesday, 2nd November 2021 by 3:00p.m.**

BOTTLE STALL



Mothers' Union are organising a Bottle Stall in **November** (date to be confirmed). Proceeds will be shared between the Church and Mothers' Union projects. Donations of any type of bottle (wine, beer, sauce, water) will be greatly appreciated.

The next **WHIST DRIVE** will take place on **Thursday, 4th November** at 7.00pm in the Café. Entry is £5 to include a glass of wine/ soft drink and cakes, plus a raffle. Come and join us!

The next **ORGAN RECITAL** in St Giles' is on **Friday, 5th November**. We do hope you can join us. The recital starts at 1.00pm and the organist will be John Dunford from Easingwold.

FOOD DONATIONS TO NO.6 ST GILES' FOODSHARE

Next **Sunday, 7th November** is the next day when you can bring in contributions of food for No. 6. Current requirements of food include: breakfast cereal, UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned meats, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, biscuits and instant whips (eg Angel Delight).



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 2021

Our Remembrance Day service will take place at **9.30am** in St Giles.

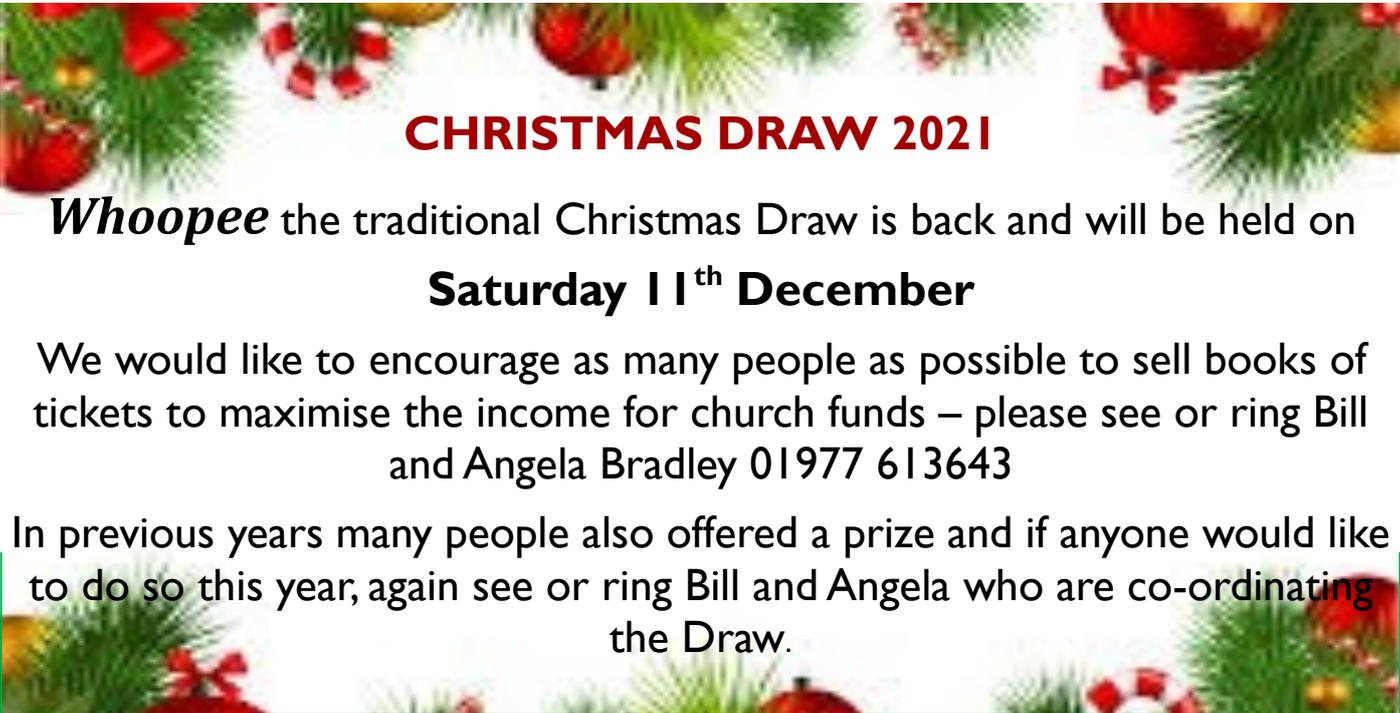
There will be a parade and laying of wreaths at the War memorial, taking place just before 11.00am, which will be followed by a Civic Service in St Giles'.



'TIME TO REMEMBER'

On **Sunday 14th November**, we will be holding a simple service to remember all our loved ones who have died. The service will be led by our clergy and Lay Minister, and will offer a space for reflection, prayer and remembering. It will take place at **St. Mary's Community Centre** at **4pm**. All are warmly invited. It would be good to have a sense of how many people are expected to attend, so if you would like to come please email stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01977 790448.





CHRISTMAS DRAW 2021

Whoopee the traditional Christmas Draw is back and will be held on
Saturday 11th December

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to sell books of tickets to maximise the income for church funds – please see or ring Bill and Angela Bradley 01977 613643

In previous years many people also offered a prize and if anyone would like to do so this year, again see or ring Bill and Angela who are co-ordinating the Draw.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER....

If you haven't seen someone for a while, please either try and find out how they are or let us know and we will try and 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 concerned often helps.

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 stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com or stgmnotices@gmx.com.

David Leigh will happily receive any sponsorship contributions. Thank you.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

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

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

Wakefield Recovery and Wellbeing College

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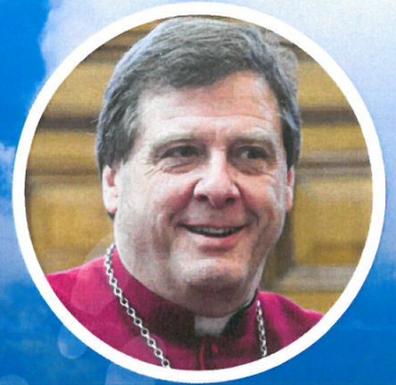
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 facebook.com/wakefieldrecoverycollege

[The Supporter Newsletter 29.10.2021](#) — a weekly roundup for users



South West
Yorkshire Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust



Bishop Tony invites you to

Follow Me 7

at Wakefield Cathedral

the seventh series of evening teachings
to explore faith and discipleship

Next Session:

Thursday 18 November 2021

'Celebrating - All the time?'

with Fr George Guiver CR



Running Order

18:30 Choral Evensong (optional)

19:15 Supper

19:45 Teaching*

21:15 Finish

Feel free to join for the whole evening
or a selected part.

Future Dates

Thurs 20 January 2022

Thurs 24 February 2022

Thurs 28 April 2022

Thurs 19 May 2022

Please email **Caroline Asquith, PA to Area Bishop of Wakefield** at caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org.uk to book your place (including any dietary requirements) or for more information.

*also livestreamed on Wakefield Cathedral YouTube Page, email as above for link





Tuesday 9th November 7pm prompt

Pontefract Town Hall

Admission

Members FREE Non-members £3 on the door or via
www.eventbrite.com

The Barnbow Lasses

An entertaining illustrated talk by Carole Smithies MBE, former Barnbow worker, academic and local historian.

The Barnbow Lassies tells the story of the huge North East Leeds WWI shell filling factory and its largely female workforce; on 5th Dec 1916, the factory suffered the worst tragedy in the history of the city, when a massive explosion killed 35 of the women who worked there. The talk continues with the follow-on WWII gun factory and the post-war tank facility.

This week at St Giles' Church and Centre

Monday 1 November		
10:00—14:00	Open Church	
12:30	Mothers' Union Lunch and AGM	The Café
14:30	Funeral in Church	The Church
19:30—21:00	Bell ringing Practice	The Tower
Tuesday 2 November		
9:30	Standing Committee Meeting	St Oswald
10:00—14:00	Open Church	
13:00—15:00	Seeking Safety Group	St Oswald
15:00—16:00	Chair Exercise Group	The Café
19:00	All Souls Day Service	The Church
Wednesday 3 November		
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
10:00—14:00	Citizens Advice	St Aidan
10:00—12:00	Coffee Morning including Open Church	The Café
12:30—13:30	Lunch with Us (take away service)	The Café
Thursday 4 November		
9:30	Centre Management Committee Meeting	St Oswald
10:30—11:30	Tiddlywinks	The Café
12:00—14:00	Open Church	
13:00—15:00	SWYP NHS Trust Mindfulness+ Group	St Oswald
19.00—21:00	Whist Group	The Café
Friday 5 November		
10:00—12:00	Open Church	
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
13:00	Organ Recital - John Dunford, Easingwold	The Church
Saturday 6 November		
09:00 - 12:00	Coffee Morning inc. Open Church	The Café