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December 2021

Please Note

Obviously the actual occurrence of any event outlined in the magazine this month is completely out of our control. For up to date information about the progress we are making, make sure you download the weekly notice sheet from the website - http://www.stgilespontefract.org.uk/weekly-notices-2/

God bless and keep you all safe.

The Editorial team

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A FURTHER UPDATE FROM NOVEMBER 30TH 2021

Please note:

· We advise people to continue to wear masks whilst entering, leaving or moving around the church building.

· For church 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.

· As covid numbers remain high in our area and with concerns around a new variant, wearing of masks throughout services is still highly recommended.

· We do expect the wearing of masks for the singing of hymns and when moving around to receive communion.

· The physical sharing of the peace with family seated alongside you is fine.

· We will continue to retain only taking communion in one kind.

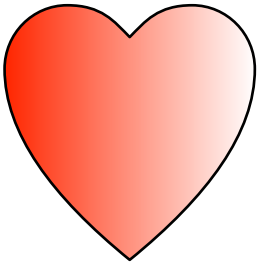
· The collection will remain as a basket/plate placed near the north door.

· 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.

Canon June writes…



The beating heart of Christmas

This year seems to have has flown by. It barely seems two minutes since I was planning Christmas last year amidst the uncertainties of Covid restrictions. Indeed, on Advent Sunday we came back into church for worship having been online only for 3 weeks in November. And now here we are early December 2021 and heading into 2022! I'm still at the point where every mention of Christmas just seems to evoke an inner 'oh no' this is coming too soon! (I would like to linger with Advent and its themes, but society seems to have little time for Advent waiting, hoping and longing).

We are of course all hoping that the sort of normality we have begun to enjoy will be able to hold so that we can enjoy Christmas with our families, attend our churches and enjoy all the festivities as we normally would. Within the magazine, the dates for our Christmas services are all there for you to take note of. Please do come along. No booking needed this year!

Every year the Church of England has an Advent and Christmas theme. This year it is entitled 'At the heart of Christmas' I wonder what lies 'at the heart of Christmas' for you? It's a good question for each and every one of us to ponder afresh each year. Mary provides us with an example: 'But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.' (Luke 2:19)

I know you will expect me to say that Jesus is at the heart of Christmas and of course from the moment Mary says 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel this is true, but if we dig a little deeper and ask what is God about in the gift of His Son then perhaps we find a different answer. At the heart of Christmas, I would suggest is the love that God has for each and every one of us. Whatever you have been through in the past 19 months since the start of the Pandemic, this hasn't changed and every expression of love we share in the coming weeks from the smallest gesture to the most extravagant gift, represents the gift of divine love poured out for the world in the person of Jesus Christ: 'Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, Love divine. Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.' Beautiful words from the poet Christina Rossetti and set to music as a Christmas carol.

Our churches stand as witness to this love expressed through successive generations and I hope you will be able to join us in them at some point over the coming weeks. Archbishop Justin Welby reminds us that 'Wherever and whoever you are, you are welcome and invited this Christmas to worship the child, the God whose heart beats for you.'

Whatever you place at the heart of Christmas this year, I pray that you may know the light of Christ and the love of God expressed through him.

Jesus born among us,

may your love

be at the heart of our lives

this Christmas and always. Amen.

May God bless you and all those you love and care for.

Revd Canon June Lawson, Vicar of The Benefice of Pontefract

URGENT REQUEST

PLEASE recycle your butter/margarine tubs, preferably 500g but also 1kg for takeaway jacket potatoes at Lunch with Us. Unfortunately the 250g tubs are just a bit too small.

This month's cover picture was taken in the Wieliczka salt mine in Krakow, Poland. St Kinga's chapel is the largest underground place of worship in Europe, 101 metres below ground.

Dates to remember

(All events at St Giles', unless otherwise noted.)

Please see page 5 for details of Christmas and New Year services at St Giles' and St Mary's.

Wednesday 1st December:	**Schools' Carol Singing**: 9:30am - 3pm Market Place and Salter Row
	Bringing-in day for **Childrens' Society boxes**.
	Advent Course #1† **:** 10:30am - 11:15am
Friday 3rd December:	**Organ Recital** 1pm
Saturday 4th December:	**Childrens' Society Christmas Stall**: 9am-12 noon
	Pontefract Choral Society Concert: 4pm
Monday 6th December:	**Mothers' Union Advent Service**: 1:30pm
Tuesday 7th December:	**Evening Prayer**: 16:30 via Zoom *
Wednesday 8th December:	**Advent Course #2**† **:** 10:30am - 11:15am
Saturday 11th December:	**Christmas Draw**
Tuesday 14th December:	**Evening Prayer**: 16:30 via Zoom *
Wednesday 15th December:	**Advent Course #3**† **:** 10:30am - 11:15am
Tuesday 21st December:	**Evening Prayer**: 16:30 via Zoom *
Wednesday 22nd December:	**Advent Course #4**† **:** 10:30am - 11:15am
Friday 7th January:	**Organ Recital**: 1pm

† **For more information about the Advent Course, please see page 19.**

* If you would like to join is for Evening Prayer via Zoom, please email stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com and we will send you a link.

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.

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The Supporter Newsletter 19.11.2021— a weekly roundup for users

DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

apart from on Friday 24th December (when there is no Mass), Wednesday (9.30am) and Friday Mass (10.30am) will be as normal.

Sunday, 5th December (Second Sunday of Advent)
10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles
No Evensong at St Giles
4.00pm Advent Service for families at St Mary's—all welcome

Sunday, 12th December (Third Sunday of Advent)
9.00am Mass at St Mary's
10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles
4.00pm Masonic Carol Service at St Giles

Sunday, 19th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
9.00am Morning Worship at St Mary's
10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles
4.00pm A service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December
There will be **no** Mass at 10.30am
5.00pm Lessons and carols at St. Mary's
6.00pm Family Service at St Giles'
11.00pm Midnight Mass and Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December
9.00am Mass at St Mary's
10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Sunday, 26th December
10.15am Benefice service, Said Mass at St Giles—no service at St Mary's

Sunday, 2nd January 2022 (The Epiphany)
9.00am Mass at St Mary's
10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Sunday, 9th January (Baptism of Christ)
9.00am Morning Worship at St Mary's
10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Sunday, 16th January (Second Sunday of Epiphany)
9.00am Mass at St Mary's
10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Giles
4.00pm Epiphanytide Readings and music at St Giles

Parish Magazine

If you have a contribution for the Parish Magazine, whether it be a photo-graph, a notice, a report or a reminisce, please just write it down and hand it to Vivienne or Bruce, or email it to **both** in case one or other is on holiday etc.

Christmas is a busy time for us all. To relieve pressure on the team and allow more time for contributions it has been decided that we should pause production of the magazine over the Christmas period. We shall be back with a brand new edition in February next year. In the meantime we wish all our readers a very **Happy Christmas!**

brucedalgleish0@gmail.com and stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com

The last date for items for February's magazine is

Sunday 23rd January 2022

This is a strict deadline for all submissions. Anything received after this date will appear in **February's** magazine.

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to see if you can guess these Christmas carols.

1 Quiet evening,

2 Prickly tree and climbing plant.

3 Ting-a-ling, happily way up there.

4 Henry VIII, Richard II, George VII.

5 A distant animal food trough.

6 Two Douglas firs with pretty twigs.

7 A small settlement in Palestine.

8 Herdsmen observe their animals in the dark.

9 Enter all you loyal folk.

10 Triplets' Christmas stockings all need darning.

11 Cold, stark, Candlemas.

NB Candlemas is **halfway** between December Solstice & Spring Equinox

12 Finally, my message to everyone on Earth.

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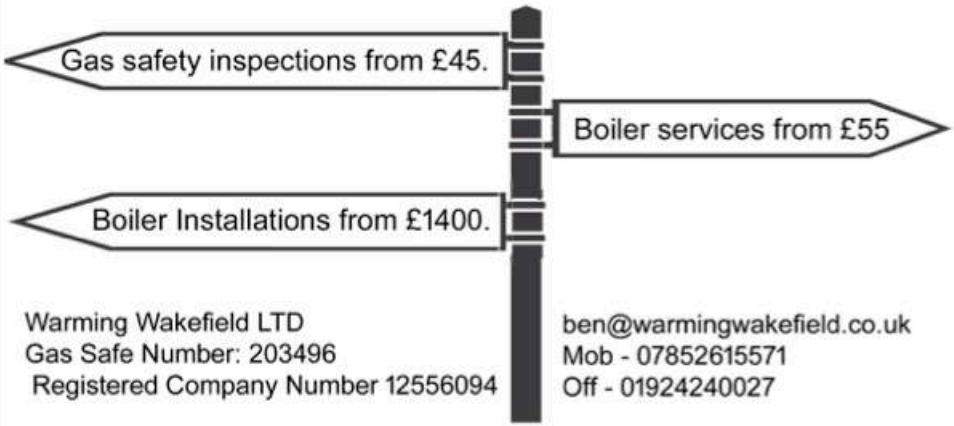

The History of Christmas Carols in England

Valley Gardens, Pontefract

What does the word carol mean? In ancient Greek it is *chorus*, which means dancing in a circle, and from the old French word *carole*, which is a song which accompanies dancing. Through the years the word carol has changed its meaning and now refers to a certain type of song, namely Christmas songs. Many Christmas carols were written often to accompany performances of religious dramas dating back to medieval times.

However, what is carol singing or carolling? It is the singing of carols in the street or other public places and is one of the oldest customs in England. It dates back centuries, when beggars seeking money or food would wander the streets singing holiday songs at Christmas time. However, the traditional period to sing carols is from St Thomas' Day (21st December), until Christmas morning. Christmas carols were banned in England between 1647-1660 by Oliver Cromwell who believed that Christmas day should be a solemn day and not one for making merry and singing.

The biggest selling Christmas song to date is White Christmas by Irving Berlin which has sold approximately 350 million copies on either recorded media or sheet music. Talking about Christmas carols makes me think of one of my favourite carols and the story behind it.

Silent Night or 'Stille Nacht' was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, at St Nicholas' church in Oberndorf, Austria. The parish priest, Joseph Mohr, had written the poem Stille Nacht the previous year. The melody was composed by Franz Xaver the church organist and local schoolmaster. On Christmas Eve, 1818, flooding had damaged the church organ so Father Mohr asked Franz Xaver if he could compose a melody to accompany the poem for that night's mass. The result was the carol Stille Nacht, or Silent Night as it is known in English.

Karen Glynn

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY EVENTS AT CHRISTMAS 2021

The Children's Society

SCHOOLS CAROL SINGING

10 local schools have been invited to sing carols in the Market Place and Salter Row on Wednesday 1st December between 9.30am and 3.00pm. If you can help with the street collection for half-hour or more during the day please see or contact Bill (tel. 01977 613643) and sign your name on the list at the back of church

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - HOME BOXES

"Bringing-in Day" is being held on Wednesday 1st December between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Angela will be in church to receive your boxes. Alternatively please bring boxes to church on the Sundays either side of this date – 29th November or 6th December.

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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS STALL

The Christmas stall will be held outside church on Saturday 4th December 9.00am to 12 noon. The stalls will include a variety of items with a Christmas theme including gifts (jewellery, glassware, toiletries, stationery, etc.), homemade preserves and cakes (mince pies, etc.) and Christmas decorations. There will also be a tombola of Christmas gifts. Donations of suitable items or gifts for tombola/stall will be welcomed. Please bring to church at any time clearly marked ***"Children's Society"*** If you can help on the stall at any time during the morning please contact Bill & Angela Bradley (tel. 01977 613643)

All proceeds for The Children's Society.

Pontefract & District Appeals Committee

NOTES FROM THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2021

There were fourteen members present and three apologies received.

Correspondence has been received from the Diocese indicating our Parish Share notification for 2022 of £55,615 (including a contribution of £4,449 for St Mary's), which is an increase of 1% on the 2021 figure. Notification has also been received from the **West Yorkshire Lieutenancy Office** advising that their visit, postponed from 2020, will now take place on Wednesday 25 May 2022. Pontefract Civic Society are coordinating the event. The **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** is scheduled to take place in June 2022 with an additional bank holiday being granted. It will now run from Thursday, 2 June to Sunday, 5 June. St Giles was represented at a meeting hosted by Pontefract Civic Society, to discuss and share ideas about making a festival of the event.

Minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on 5 October 2021 and draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 November were accepted. Draft minutes of the **St Giles' Centre Management Committee** meeting held on 4 November 2021 were accepted. There were no matters arising.

The **Parish Magazine** has been discussed at previous meetings and centred around a desire for a more professional approach by having it printed professionally. A copy of the November magazine was produced by Martin Print free of charge and featured a 32-page booklet with a front/back page printed in colour inside and out and a 4-page colour centrefold. It was felt that costs could not be recouped for the minimum number of copies required by the printers. Subsequently it was felt the publication could be produced in house with better quality paper and at a better cost, but less frequently. The charge to the congregation could remain at £6 per year for next year. The hope is that less frequent publications will allow for more congregational input and less reliance on using generic material supplied by Parish Pump to fill the pages.

A proposal was put forward to improve the quality of the magazine and to print less frequently (minimum of 6 issues per year) and to review costs if necessary? This was agreed.

The **Safeguarding** Action Plan had been generated from the dashboard and was circulated to all present. During the process of completing various items, it has raised us to Level 3. Changes will be brought in from January 2022 which may change the level again. The Social Media Policy was reviewed and accepted subject to the removal of Dawn Brooks as a Tower Contact.

Any **Covid restrictions** are now made at a local level and are based on what we are happy with.

Finance Reports were received and showed the St Giles Centre figures are nearly balancing. The PCC account is still on course for a deficit. The South Nave Roof has now been paid in full although two grants still remain outstanding. A VAT refund is also due. The amount received from Free Will Offering (gift aided) has dropped, however, non-gift aided donations are up. Cash donations are also down. 60% of the congregation now given by Standing Order. Expenditure will increase next year mainly due to increasing energy costs. The provisional budget will be reviewed in January for approval.

A decision was required regarding further payment of the Parish Share for 2021. Voting slips returned showed 73% in favour of paying 85% of the total parish share amount requested in 2021.

A 'sum up' account will hopefully be set up in the new year to enable people to donate simply by card. Parochial fees for 2022 were also agreed.

There was an update on working agreements and the caretaking hours.

The **Fabric, Health & Safety** report indicated that work had recently been carried out on the lift and the upstairs boiler and that the battery in the defibrillator has also been replaced.

The **St Giles Centre** continues to receive a few new bookings, one of which has paid in advance for the full year. A new 3-year lease for No. 6 the Circle has now been signed.

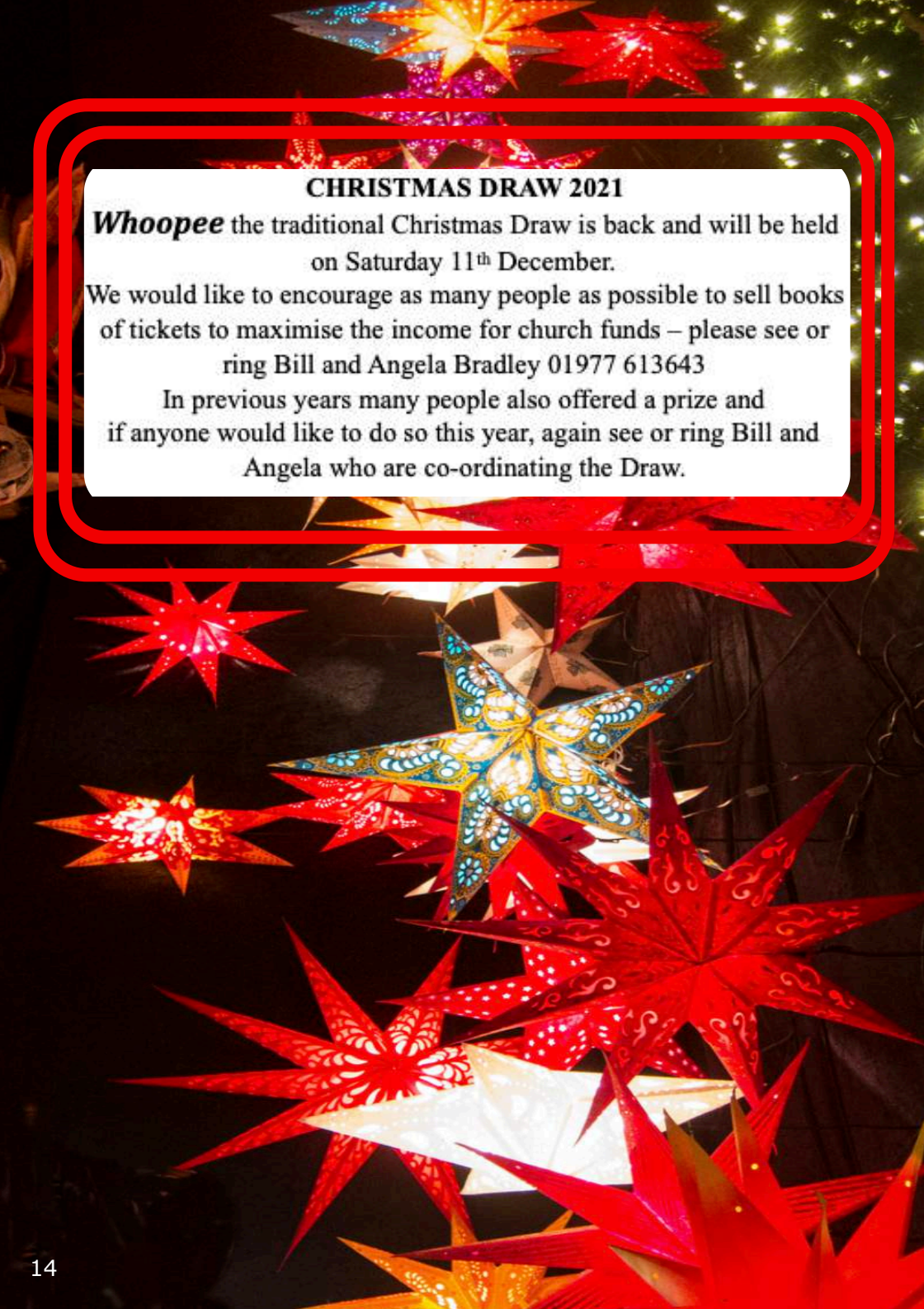
Chair's Notes: Evening Prayer Sunday 21st would be at 4.00pm and will give thanks to David Brooks, Reader, and Jack Roberts, choir member. The Notices will give details of an Advent Course and Evening Prayer during Advent. A family style Advent service will be held on Sunday, 5th December at 4.00pm at St Mary's. Baptism families from this year will be invited to the event. Christmas Services (no booking will be required this year) included: Carol Service on 19th December 4.00pm, Christmas Eve worship - 5.00pm at St Mary's, 6.00pm Crib Service St Giles, 11.00pm Midnight Mass; Christmas Day – 9.00am St Mary's,10.15am St Giles; Sunday, 26th December, one 10.15am Benefice Said Mass at St Giles.

Tony Williams finishes his pastoral ministry training in December and will be authorised within a morning service sometime in January 2022. Jill Clapham (trainee Reader) goes on placement from January to Holy Week. St Giles' School and Kings School will be holding their annual carol services in church on 7th December and 14th December respectively. Pontefract Choral Society are holding a Christmas Concert on Saturday, 4th December.

Notification of the Pontefract 'Light Up' event was given. This takes place on Sunday, 25th November from 4.00pm. St Giles church will be illuminated. Events in town will begin from 12.00pm. refreshments will be on sale at St Giles for part of the event period.

St Mary's Church, Chequerfield – Winter Sock collection

Once again Josie Harrison from St Mary's Church Chequerfield has arranged a collection of warm winter socks to help the homeless and those in need keep warm this winter. St Mary's congregation and family and friends have helped to donate over 100 pairs of socks this year and these have now been given to Pontefract Community Kitchen for distribution amongst their customers.



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.

Carleton Theatre Group

If anyone wishes to join us, with a view to considering acting or helping backstage, etc, please phone
Ruth Connor on 01977 792100, or
Brenda Smith (01977 700052).

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So here are the answers:-

1 Silent Night.
2 The holly and the ivy.
3 Ding-dong merrily on high.
4 We three kings.
5 Away in a manger.
6 O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree how lovely are your branches.
7 O little town of Bethlehem.
8 While shepherds watched their flocks by night.
9 O come all ye faithful.
10 Holy, holy, holy.
11 In the bleak mid-winter.
12 Joy to the World.

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MOTHERS' UNION BOTTLE STALL

£150 was raised on the bottle stall on Wednesday, 17th November. £75 will be given to church funds and £75 will go to Mothers' Union funds. Thank you to everyone who donated bottles and to all Mothers' Union members who manned the stall.

EVENING PRAYER DURING ADVENT

During Advent, we will be hosting weekly online Evening Prayer, **via Zoom**. These services will be held on **Tuesdays** at **16:30**, with the first taking place on the **30th November**. All are very welcome. If you would like to join us, please email stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com so that we can send you a link to the Zoom meeting.

ADVENT COURSE

Throughout December, we will be running a four-week Advent Course, aimed at deepening our spiritual lives as we approach Christmas. These sessions will be held at St. Giles' Church on **Wednesdays**, from **10:30-11:15**. We will be using the writings of the mystic Evelyn Underhill as the basis of our Advent reflections. All are very welcome to attend. The sessions will be as follows:

December 1st: 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel': Expecting God's Coming

December 8th: 'Silent Night': Discovering Contemplative Prayer

December 15th: 'Veiled in Flesh, the Godhead See': Encountering the Mystery

December 22nd: 'O Come, Let us Adore Him': Deepening our Worship

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2021-2022

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Sam Barber	London, Christchurch Kensington	8 October 2021
John Dunford	Easingwold	5 November 2021
Christopher Newton	Armley, Saint Bartholomew	3 December 2021
Maximillian Elliott	York, St Olave and York, All Saints	7 January 2022
Sean Montgomery	Hebden Bridge	4 February 2022
Paul Dewhurst	Bridlington Priory	4 March 2022
David Baker	Mytholmroyd	1 April 2022
Thomas Moore	Wakefield	6 May 2022
Donald MacKenzie	Odeon Leicester Square	Saturday 28 May 2022 7.00pm TBC
Ivan Linford	Oakham	3 June 2022
Marc Murray	Bury Parish Church	1 July 2022

Recitals begin at 1 pm, unless otherwise stated.
Admission £10 per recital
(includes tea/coffee served from 12:30pm before the recital)
Weekly organ concerts are advertised at www.organrecitals.com

A Letter from Majengo Parish

Dear Pamela, praise the lord for His grace, would you please receive our sincere greetings from St. George Majengo Parish. Our Church is praying for you and other christians that the pandemic COVID be defeated in the name of Jesus Christ, we are not certain about the killer disease in your country. In Tanzania since the new government, the killer disease has claimed 750 lives and leaving many healed and some are still undergoing treatment

The last Sunday was a very interesting mass because together with worshipping, we had health staff from the Government Hospital teaching us about COVID19, prevention, care and control after which the church was divided into three small classes of children of 12 years and below, 13-21 years and 22 and above

The older group were taught about family planning, types and its benefits to the family, the middle aged were taught about sexual and reproductive health and the young children were taught about children rights of education, health etc

Last but not least pass our greetings to your church as we are together in Jesus Christ. Attached please see some photos of the Sunday blessings

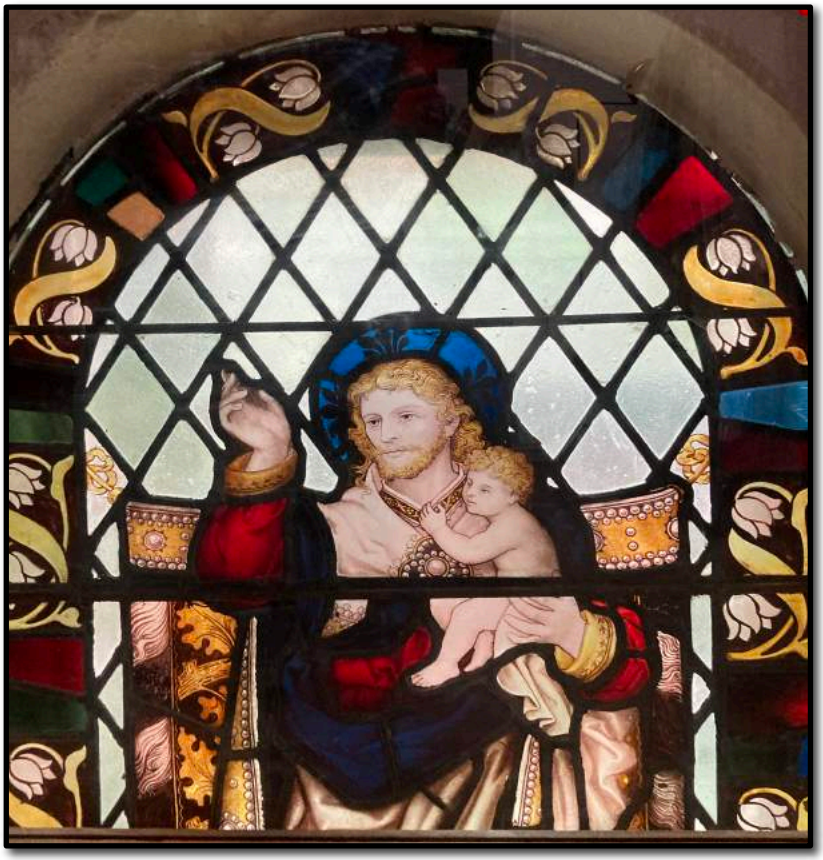
Note: I have seen in my inbox a nice picture with a piece of cloth describing our Majengo Church, this is very interesting and good to look at, may God bless all of the congregation at St. Giles

Yours in Christ

Felix Omondi

Link Officer

Artwork by Deborah Noble



Next time you are in church, have a good look round.

Can you find this beautiful window?

In last month's edition the fragment of stained glass window was from the Coleman family window, now to be found in reception. It shows the name of the makers: Ward & Hughes, London 1891.

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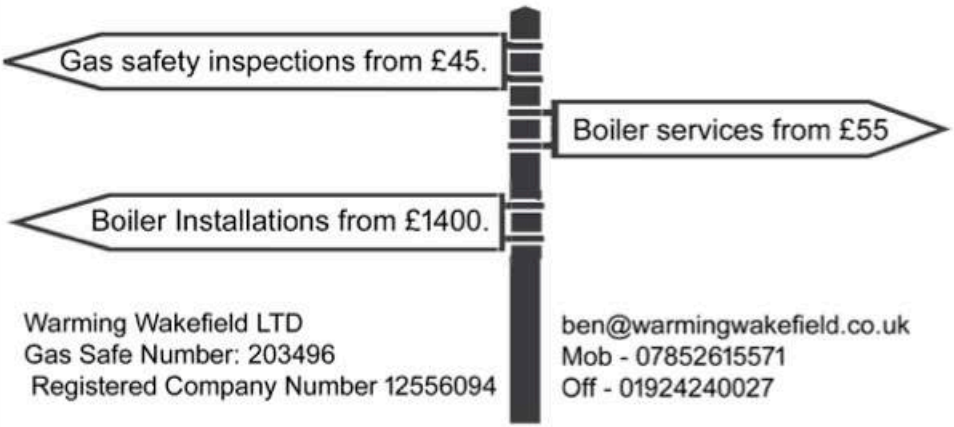

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We are free, confidential, independent and impartial

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'THE GREATEST GIFT': AN ADVENT CELEBRATION

On **Sunday 5th December** at **4pm**, we will be hosting a fun, informal family service, after which we will share some food together (pizza!). This will be held at **St Mary's Community Centre**.

The service will creatively explore the Christmas story, and God's gift of Jesus. Families are especially welcome to bring children along.

It would be good to have an idea of numbers, so if you would like to come please email stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com, or call 01977 790448.

MOTHERS' UNION MEMBERS

Donations towards the Prize Draw Hamper would be greatly appreciated. Please would you put monies into a plain envelope and bring to the December meeting.

Thank you.

Mothers' UNION

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE

Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake

£1 a guess

All proceeds will go to Mothers' Union funds

www.stgilespontefract.org.uk www.stgilescentrepontefract.org.uk

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St. Giles' with St. Mary

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Sunday Services

For service times please visit our website and view the latest Newsletter

http://www.stgilespontefract.org.uk/weekly-notices-2/

Baptisms, Weddings, Banns: Please telephone or email the Parish Office for further details. **Please check the calendar on St Giles' website or the Order of Service for any alterations.**

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ST. GILES' CHURCH, PONTEFRACT
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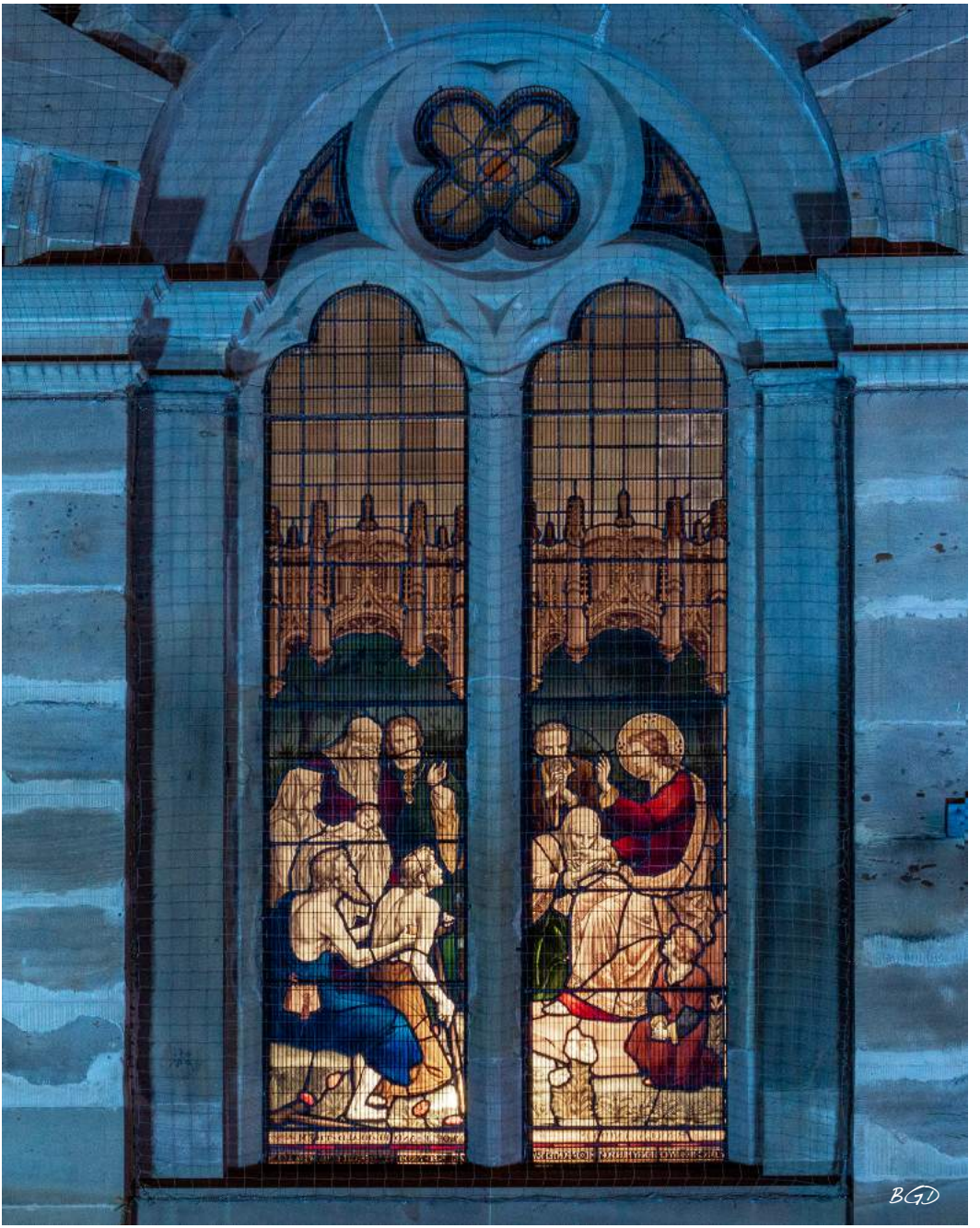
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