

*Parish of Pontefract  
St Giles with St Mary*



*2022 - April*



Sewn by  
EMMA JAYNE BARTON

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In memory of  
Janet Robinson  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 1939 - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**A wonderful piece of work by Janet Robinson's daughter, Emma. It is now displayed in the ringing room, as a tribute to Janet.**

The Vicar writes....

'Greater love has no one than this ...than to lay down his life for his friends'.  
(John 15.13)

When did you last hear those words? Perhaps like me you heard them paraphrased on the lips of President Putin as he addressed Russian people in a Mass rally on 18th March. Perhaps like me you were angered at his use and abuse of these words from St John's Gospel. They were spoken to justify his war and ennoble the sacrifice made by Russian troops caught up in his murderous orders to annihilate a free nation and its peoples. The sickening and heartbreaking scenes of wanton destruction of people and homes, villages, towns, cities and their infrastructure has left us all ashamed at the depths to which humanity can sink and the sordid ways in which words that bear an honourable truth can be commandeered to justify evil purposes.

Jesus, the man, who can truly utter these words, lays down his life for purposes of life, liberty and love. He brings freedom rather than takes it. He is an agent of truth and goodness not a perpetrator of lies. He seeks to build community and not destroy it. He views every human being as capable of bearing God's image. Yet He suffers no illusions about the ravages of sin in human hearts and minds. As such he 'lays down his life' in pursuit of forgiveness, restoration and peace for all. The values of the kingdom that undergird his vision, in all their truth, beauty and goodness become values that conversely expose the dark deeds that earthly kingdoms and earthly rulers employ to justify their own ends. To extinguish the rights of others to live in freedom and safety can never be justified.

The events of Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem - a place of contested political and religious power - remind us that our world is still in need of redemption. To journey through the Easter story, following our Lord as he carries his cross, is an invitation to see things differently, to see from the perspective of the divine eye. The characters of the Easter story, in their reactions and responses, their decisions and deeds, remind us that every human being born into the world carries the potential to live a life that is good or evil and all shades in between. >>>>>

When Jesus, the Son of God, takes on human flesh he provides us with an ennobling of humanity that can indeed lay down its life for others in sacrificial love. It is an offering made in humility and powerlessness; it is a self emptying that unlocks grace and promotes peace in all its vertical and horizontal dimensions; its shape is cruciform as Holy Week reminds us.

And so he calls us to 'take up our cross and follow Him' in the pursuit of peace, in the prayerful hope that the kingdoms of this world will turn aside from 'man's inhumanity to man' and with a renewed vision of 'life in all its fullness' become a reality for all citizens of earth. Easter Sunday reminds us that, 'He is risen indeed.' Death, destruction and division will never have the last word.

*Risen and reconciling God,  
Your greeting after the grave acknowledged  
The trauma and turmoil of our own time and your own.  
The message of peace  
Was what your disciples needed to hear  
And what the world needs now.  
When we are reunited  
With those from whom we've been separated,  
May our greetings, too, be of peace,  
And May we see all division in the light of your reconciliation  
And all crises in the context of your resurrection. Amen.*

*(What we're you arguing about along the way? Ed by Pat Bennett and Padraig  
O Tuama Canterbury Press 2021, p176.)*

Canon June Lawson

This month's cover picture: Spring flowers outside St Giles'  
On the back cover: Spring sunlight paints pictures

(Photos: Bruce Dalgleish)

# Dates to remember

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

**For details of all our services in Holy Week, please see p9.**

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: **Organ Recital:** Professor David Baker: 1pm
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: **Peace Vigil:** 11am: Wakefield Cathedral (see p7)
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April: **Mother's Union Meeting:** 1:30pm
- Food for No 6 Food Share** (see p10)
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April: **All-Age Celebration** St Mary's 4pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April: **Chocolate Tombola:** 9:30 - 12 noon
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April: **Sunday refreshments return**
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April: **Lunch with Us recommences:** 12:30 - 2pm
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April: **Art & Craft for Wellbeing** course begins,  
 4:30 - 6pm (see inside back cover for details).
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April: **MU Fashion Show:** 7pm (see p8)
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April: **Children's Society Day:** town centre (see p10)
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May: **Art & Craft for Wellbeing:** 4:30 - 6pm
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May:  **Peace Vigil:** 11am: Wakefield Cathedral

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## All-Age Celebrations at St Mary's Church

In recent months, we have started a new initiative at St Mary's Church, hosting a series of one-off All-Age services, which look quite different from our regular Sunday services! Through these events we are reaching out to families, children and people of all ages in our local community, including those who won't have been to church before. They include craft activities, music, prayers, storytelling, and sometimes food. So far, we have had two events: one during Advent, and another on the Feast of Candlemas, celebrating Jesus as a light to the world. These have both been very well received, and a lot of fun! It's been great to see people enjoying the music, getting stuck in to the craft activities, listening to the Bible stories, and getting to know each other better. New connections have been made, and it's been wonderful to see new faces as well as familiar ones.



An Advent wreath made during one of our craft activities.

This is all just the beginning! It will be exciting to see these events grow and develop. We hope and pray that, through this different expression of worship, more and more people will connect to church and hear the good news of Jesus.

Our next event is planned for Palm Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> April) at 4pm, where we will be sharing the Easter Story. All are very welcome!

Sam Fletcher



Hi, I'm Razzie, the border terrier. My hoodad and I are doing this challenge to raise money for Cancer Research UK. If you would be kind enough to sponsor us, please talk to hoodad (Bruce) and he will tell you more about it. We're hoping to raise £500 for this really good cause, in memory of Hilary. Thank you.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/bruces-dog-walking-giving-page-1>

## How we can help refugees

The current conflict in Ukraine has probably got many of us thinking what we can do to help with terrible suffering played out in the media day after day. The organisations who are experts in supporting people in war zones are urging us to give financially if we can to reputable organisations such as the DEC appeal and the others listed in recent parish notices. This form of giving allows help to be precisely tailored to the immediate critical need in the field, directed to those in most need who can be reached and be flexible to meet needs as they change in type and location.

However, if you still feel you want to take practical action to support those who are suffering so much, here are 2 ideas from Wakefield and District City of Sanctuary, one of the lead local organisations offering support to refugees. If you feel you would like to give a small gift to a refugee arriving in Wakefield, then a new appeal from Wakefield and District City of Sanctuary might be of interest. The Project would be really grateful for **shop-new underwear and socks, children, ladies and men**. These gifts can be handed in at the Project's base at St Michael's Church on Mondays or Fridays. Because Covid may lead to sudden temporary closure, please ring ahead – 07800 605397 - to save yourself a wasted journey. If you can't get into Wakefield, please catch me on Wednesday mornings or after the Sunday morning service. I know Linda Fielding and all involved with City of Sanctuary would really welcome a token gift to show you stand with Ukraine and Ukrainians as they begin to arrive in Wakefield and also refugees from other conflict areas who have lost everything.

Linda has also sent me information about a monthly Peace Vigil on the steps of Wakefield Cathedral 10.45 for 11, first Saturday of each month as detailed in the poster. All are most welcome to come along to these events to show resolve for peace and solidarity with those suffering so much at present.

With thanks for any support you can give to help

Ann Harris



**Peace, Solidarity, Welcome  
for all refugees.**

**Wakefield  
Peace Vigil  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.**

Wakefield Cathedral Steps  
Northgate, Wakefield  
WF1 1HG

**10.45am for 11am Vigil**

As the Cathedral clock strikes 11am  
we will fall silent for 5 minutes.

Everyone is welcome to stand in  
solidarity  
and say No to war and strive for peace.

**A vigil will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday of every month**

For more information: Text 07311 283964

## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – SATURDAY 4th JUNE

We are planning to hold a Tombola and Bric-a-Brac stall with all proceeds going to Church funds. If you have any suitable tombola prizes, please let Pat have them.

## Fashion Show

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On Thursday 28<sup>TH</sup> April, at 7.00pm we will be hosting the  
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Refreshments will be available.

All proceeds will go to Church Funds and Mothers' Union projects.

## Y.M.C.A. Charity Shop

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## MISSIONS COMMITTEE - LENT APPEAL

Our Lent Appeal for 2022 is Mara - Majengo Mapya.

Due to the continuing Covid situation we will once again be providing two different ways for people to make their donation.

Either, by using the Treasurer's Box in the reception area, marking the envelope 'Lent Appeal' or by bank transfer using the following details.

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## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual street collection/flag day will be held on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April** in Pontefract town centre. If you can help for half-hour or more during the day please contact Bill Bradley tel. 01977 613643 and/or sign your name on the list in reception.

Many thanks.



**Pontefract Appeals Committee**

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOME BOXES

"Bringing-in Day" is being held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April between 9.00am and 12.00noon.

Alternatively please bring boxes to church anytime during April.

Please contact me if you do not currently have a Children's Society Box and would like to have one in your home or workplace.

**Angela Bradley – Tel. 01977 613643.**

## FOOD DONATIONS TO NO. 6, ST GILES' FOOD SHARE

A huge 'thank you' for your ongoing support: recent donations have matched our needs and so have been very helpful in replenishing stocks. We aim to supply the same things to all families on a particular delivery, so we try to build up sufficient amounts to enable this. With 18 families on the weekly Pantry Club run, a lot of an individual item goes out at one go.

If you feel able to make a donation, **Sunday, 3rd April** is the next day when you can bring in contributions of food for No. 6. We are beginning to run low on tins of fruit, chilli and meatballs, jars of pasta cook-in sauce and 100g jars of coffee. Other items will, of course, be very gratefully received. Many thanks again for your generous support.

Paul & Ann



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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2022 (all at St Giles' unless otherwise indicated)

### **Sunday 10th April** (Palm Sunday)

10.15am Parish Eucharist (includes reading of the Passion Story) 4.00pm Evensong  
4.00pm All Age Palm Sunday service (St Mary's)

### **Monday in Holy Week**

8.45am Morning Prayer  
7.00pm Compline and short address (St Mary's)

### **Tuesday in Holy Week**

8.45am Morning Prayer  
7.00pm Compline and short address (All Saints)

### **Wednesday in Holy Week**

8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass and short address 7.00pm Compline and short address

### **Maundy Thursday**

8.45am Morning Prayer

(11.00am Chrism Mass at Ripon Cathedral)

7.00pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet, stripping of the altar and keeping watch with our Lord at Gethsemane. Vigil until 9.00pm

### **Good Friday**

8.45am Morning Prayer  
10.00 - 11.30am Children's Stations of the Cross inc. refreshments 12.15pm (time tbc) Ecumenical Service around the Buttercross 2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

### **Easter Day** 17th April

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am Said Eucharist – (St Mary's) 10.15am Sung Parish Eucharist

### **Sunday after Easter** 24th April

9.00am Morning Worship (St Mary's) 10.15am Parish Eucharist



**Way of Life**, an 11 metre tall sculpture by Jonathan Clarke, in Ely Cathedral.

Summarising its symbolic impact, the Cathedral notes:

"Jonathan's design struck a chord from the very beginning; in fact, it started out as a simple doodle that immediately captured the commissioning body's attention. "Like the journey of faith, its path is irregular and unpredictable; and just as the journey is sometimes hard, sometimes joyful, the surface texture and colour also vary."

(Photo Bruce Dagleish)

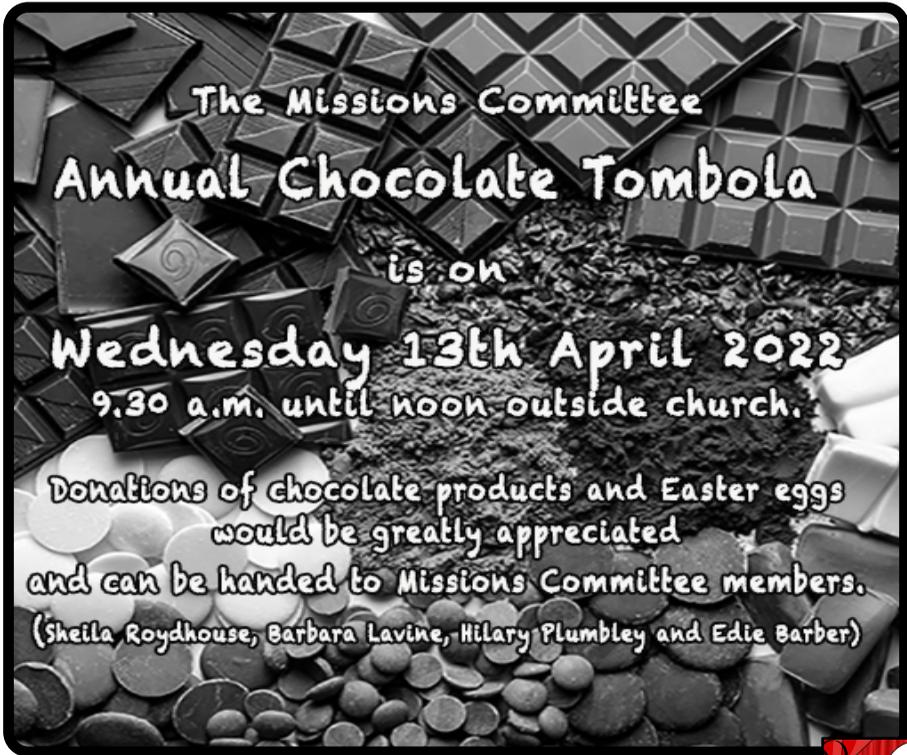
**When he woke,**

sweat-soaked from the battles in his dreams,  
he sat bolt upright as light radiated  
from every inch of skin; coals burned  
in his palms where wounds had been.

Did he feel the millennia of mornings  
converging on this, the cosmic expansion  
of his body? The communion of nations  
held within capillaries, those golden threads

which weaved the moment: Eden, Exodus,  
and that spewing forth on the shores of Nineveh.  
Did he know his name at last? The garden's task  
complete, he strips the grave-clothes, folds them  
neatly, and settles down to pray until his friends  
could come and see.

Fr Sam Fletcher

A background image for a chocolate tombola event. It features a pile of various chocolate products, including bars, squares, and round chocolates, some of which are scattered on a dark, textured surface that looks like soil or gravel. The text is overlaid on this image in a white, slightly distressed font.

The Missions Committee  
**Annual Chocolate Tombola**  
is on  
**Wednesday 13th April 2022**  
9.30 a.m. until noon outside church.  
Donations of chocolate products and Easter eggs  
would be greatly appreciated  
and can be handed to Missions Committee members.  
(Sheila Roydhouse, Barbara Lavine, Hilary Plumbley and Edie Barber)



# Carleton Theatre Group

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

# Organ Recitals

St Giles' Church  
Market Place  
Pontefract WF8 1AT

Fridays at 1pm, unless otherwise stated

April 1<sup>st</sup>

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> (7pm)

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

July 1<sup>st</sup>

David Baker

Thomas Moore

Donald MacKenzie

Ivan Linford

Marc Murray

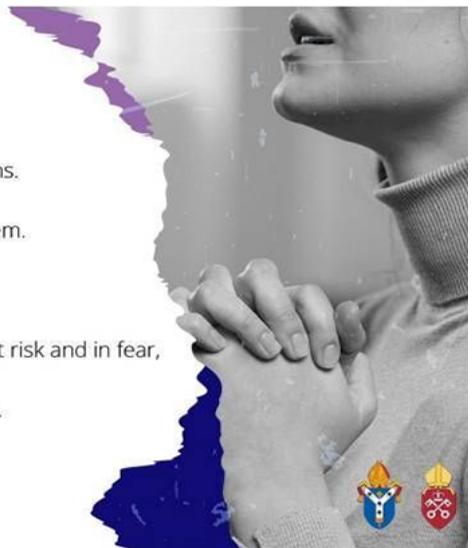
**Friday Admission £5 per recital  
(includes tea/coffee served from 12.30pm before the recital)**

**Weekly organ concerts are advertised at [www.organrecitals.com](http://www.organrecitals.com)**

## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**



# Spotlight on Food Share Support: Gaynor, Manager at Pontefract YMCA charity shop

Tucked away, at the lower end of Horsefair, is a charity shop which over the past few years has done much to support some of the community projects organised through St Giles'. For example, Gaynor, the manager, was really supportive when we collected for Syria. The shop has also been the source of some splendid bargains purchased through the St Giles' Hardship Fund for local people.



More recently, it has been the turn of No 6 to benefit from Gaynor's support. It began with her interest in our purchase of tables needed to furnish No 6. The 4 sturdy school tables at £5.00 each were a snip and just what was needed for receiving and packing food. But our custom also aroused Gaynor's curiosity sufficiently for her to chat with us and to learn about No 6 and its aims. Since then, Gaynor has continued to support us and has even organised a food collection for St Giles' Food Share.

Thank you, Gaynor and all your colleagues for the practical help and support you have given over the years to support local people. The link with YMCA is one we cherish.

Gaynor is always keen to receive quality pre-loved clothing and household items to enable the shop to raise funds and in so doing to support local people. So if you have items for donation from your springtime decluttering, please consider taking them to Gaynor at the YMCA shop.

Paul Harris

# DONATING TO UKRAINE

A national newspaper carried the following: 'Sitting at home, watching the war in Ukraine unfold has led Britons to wonder how they can help. As the Disaster Emergencies Committee announced that it had raised £150 million in its first week, the public have been asking how else they might contribute.'

Professor Lucy Easthope, Britain's leading expert on disaster management, says that alternative methods are almost always mistakes that lead to fraud and waste. Easthope, professor in practice of risk and hazard at the University of Durham, said that people should give money to charities with good local links even if it seemed boring.

"People say, 'Oh, that's very boring' or 'I don't like to back the big charities'," she said. "I always reply, 'However cool and funky the other things are, they open up the risk of fraud in the country where we're donating and elsewhere.'" So do take care with sites purporting to be genuine fundraising sites, this is a scammers' dream situation, ripe with the opportunity to take money from caring people.

What are the best charities? **The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC Ukraine appeal)**, a coalition of 15 leading charities (including Christian organisations), is providing emergency aid. The funds are being used by charities inside Ukraine and at its borders to provide people fleeing the war with food, water, medical assistance, protection and trauma care. **The Salvation Army** are very much involved on the ground in Ukraine, details of how to contribute to their efforts can be found by following this link: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

**Unicef's** crisis appeal for the children of Ukraine and **Save the Children** are pledging to provide families with water, shelter and food. **The British Red Cross** and the International Rescue Committee want to raise money for those still in the country as well as those leaving. **The Halo Trust** is raising funds so its Ukrainian staff can keep families safe from explosives and map where the bombs fall for future clearance operations.

The government and charity commission have urged anyone looking to donate to a smaller charity to "give safely" by checking the status of any charity on gov.uk and reminded those in charge of large privately raised pots of their responsibilities.

**Can I donate to Ukrainian charities?** The **British-Ukrainian Aid** charity set out to raise £20,000 for medical supplies and first aid kits and has raised more than £394,000 via its Just Giving page, which remains live. It has increased its target to £500,000. The **Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain** has an appeal that has reached more than £2 million so far to support "accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services". It has its own GoFundMe page. ([www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com))

At Diocesan synod on Saturday 12th March, Bishop Nick encouraged Christians to give money to charities such as the ones above rather than collecting goods to be taken via lorries which then become part of a transport log jam around Calais. Money then can be spent on what is actually needed and so avoid waste.

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# LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships, and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ?

What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

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St Mary's Church Hall, South Elmsall WF9 2HS  
Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March,  
30<sup>th</sup> March, and 6<sup>th</sup> April

7.00pm – 8.30pm

A car park can be found on Camelot Way,  
opposite the church.

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Please do contact us if you have any questions or  
would like more information: Rev'd Gemma Fleury  
01977646698

or Rev'd Sam Fletcher 07938517350

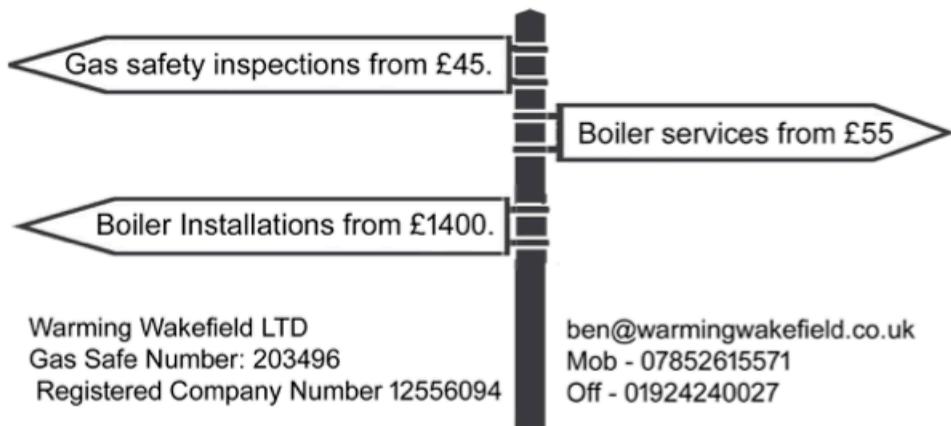
**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to this month's magazine. It is really encouraging to receive such a range of articles and notices. Do keep them coming in! If you would like to contribute to the **June** magazine, please send your item to both Bruce Dagleish, Editor ([brucedagleish0@gmail.com](mailto:brucedagleish0@gmail.com)) and Vivienne Smales ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)), or simply hand it to a churchwarden. The **deadline** for next month is **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**.



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Session Running Order:

18:30 Choral Evensong\*

19:15 Supper

19:45 Teaching

21:15 Finish

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

\*optional

Upcoming sessions: (please note January & February dates have been cancelled)



**Saturday 26 March, 10:00-15:00 - Quiet Day**

Join Bishop Tony for the next Follow Me session, a Quiet Day at the Community of The Resurrection, Mirfield, giving attendees the opportunity to pause and reflect during our often busy schedules.

(£10 per person, drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch).



**Thursday 28 April - Fr Luigi Gioia**

Luigi Gioia is a freelance writer and speaker in theology and spirituality. He gives talks, preaches retreats, leads workshops and study days, teaches courses as an invited lecturer in universities, theological colleges, parishes, and a variety of institutions in UK, USA, and many other countries. He is fluent in English, French, and Italian.



**Thursday 19 May - The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Rowan Williams**

104th Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 to 2012, and a noted theologian and writer. Widely revered for his personal qualities, he is also an intellectual giant who towers over almost all his predecessors as Archbishop of Canterbury. Among other achievements, he trounced the atheist Richard Dawkins, and published over twenty well-regarded books, including volumes of poetry and a major study of Dostoevsky.

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

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## NOTES FROM THE PCC MEETING 8 MARCH 2022

Eleven members were able to join us for the PCC meeting on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March and eight gave their apologies. Cath Fox, our trainee reader on placement, also observed the meeting.

**Correspondence** included a letter from the Diocese thanking St Giles for payment of 85% of the Parish Share due in 2021. £11.7 million had been received in total across the Diocese. A letter has also been received from Bishop Tony reminding us that chalice administrators are re authorised this year.

Ripon Cathedral will celebrate 1350 years this year and an invitation has been received to attend a briefing session to include an experience of the pilgrimages to be offered to parishes and to find out further plans for the event. A volunteer will be required to attend the meeting to find out more.

Finally, an email has been received from Pontefract Civic Society advising that 2024 will be a year of culture for the area. Attendance at a meeting will allow us to see what is involved and if we can be part of it.

Karen Glynn has produced an update on our plans for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** with a timetable of events. A special service will be held on Sunday, 29 May at 5.00pm to which local dignitaries and groups will be invited.

A **Review of Covid Measures** was undertaken by the Standing Committee Meeting earlier in the month, which concluded that we will continue to ventilate the building during services; the wearing of masks in church or whilst singing would be a matter of personal choice; hand sanitisation will still be encouraged and the sanitisation stations will remain. Seating will remain as it is for now, but will change gradually, whilst socially distanced seating will remain in the balcony and north aisle. The chalice to be reinstated on Easter Sunday. Refreshments also to re start after Sunday worship.

**Minutes** of the **St Giles Centre Management Committee** Meeting held on 3 March showed that a number of new different groups had commenced, but the bookings still did not equate to the loss of Slimming World due to the pandemic. Room hire charges have been reviewed and will go up 4% from April 2022, the first increase since 2019. **Standing Committee Minutes** from the meeting held on 28 February 2022 showed that the Treasurer had announced he would like to stand down in 2023, thereby giving time for the PCC to find a replacement. Whilst the finances do require some simplifying, software packages can be purchased to keep finances in line with required reporting.

It was agreed at the PCC that Michael Phipps, would be invited to become the 'honorary curator' of the organ, a letter will be sent to MP confirming this.

The **Finance** report showed that the Income and expenditure is in line with the budget. We continue to pay £3k per month towards our Parish Share and this will again be reviewed at the end of the year as to how much is finally paid.

The **APCM** booklet will be made available to the congregation on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Four PCC vacancies require filling as three vacancies are due to a term of office coming to an end. Sadly, Janet Robinson's death has created a casual vacancy. Four church wardens will also need to be appointed. There will be a short PCC meeting after the APCM to appoint the Treasurer and Secretary.

The **Fabric, Health & Safety** report showed that a problem had been found with one of the boilers, which now requires a new control panel. Work on this is underway. The projector has been checked for an event at the end of May and was subsequently removed as it was found to be inoperative. Unfortunately, this has now been condemned as it would have cost more to repair it than replace it. There are various options as to replacement but it was agreed to obtain more costings and to discuss this again after the APCM. There is a damp issue in the North vestibule, requiring attention. Although contact has been made with the Council regarding the problem, they have requested a surveyor's report. David Barker, architect/surveyor, will meet with Peter Lavine to investigate the problem.

The timetable for **Holy Week services** will appear in the Notices.

Future events will include Fr Sam being priested on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at Wakefield Cathedral by Bishop Tom Butler. Fr Sam will celebrate his first Mass Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June followed by refreshments and lunch.

Bishop Tony will conduct a confirmation on the day of the patronal, Sunday 4 September. A confirmation course will be held after Easter.

The Archdeacon's visitation will take place at Wakefield Cathedral in July.

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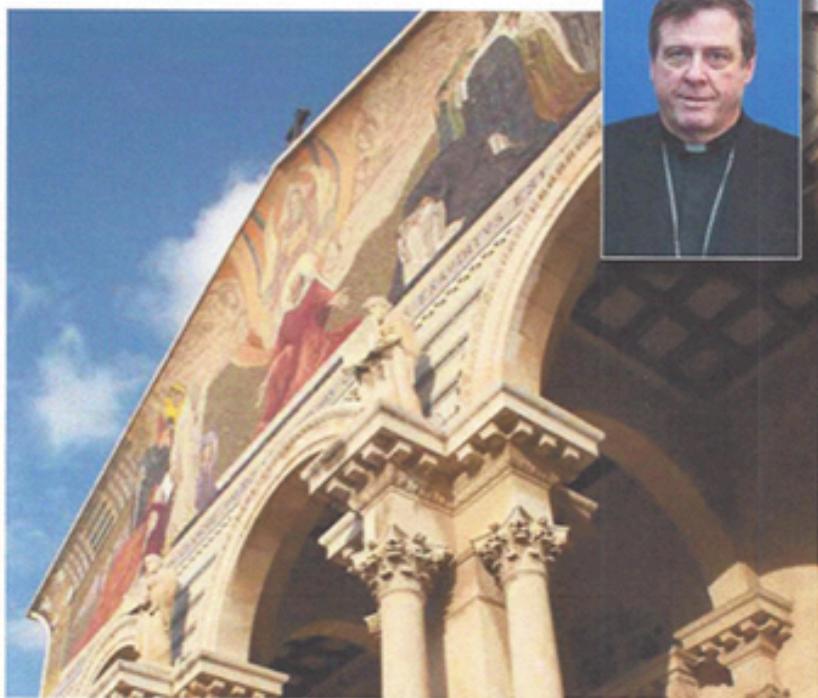
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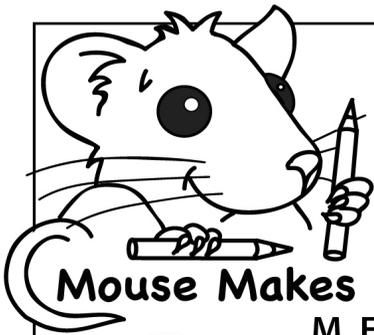


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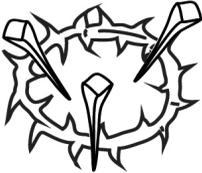


## Mouse Makes



Who betrayed Jesus?  
Who denied Jesus?

**Read** Matthew 26:17-75



What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?  
What time did Jesus die?  
Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

**Read**

Matthew 27



# HAPPY EASTER!

Jesus has risen!  
Jesus is with us!  
Jesus will come again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

**Read**  
Matthew 21:1-11



What did Jesus do at Passover?

**Read** Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?

What had happened to Jesus?

**Read**

Matthew 28



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