



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



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SUNDAY, 3rd APRIL 2022 **Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passiontide begins**

9.00am—Mass at St Mary's

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles followed by the APCM.

In addition, we will be holding a time of prayer and reflection following the APCM on Sunday, as part of the Christian Aid Day of Prayer for Ukraine. This will be in St Oswald's Chapel, and all are very welcome to join.

No Evensong this week

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT ST GILES'

Wednesday, 6th April—9.30am Mass

Friday, 8th April— three services

10.00am—Stations of the Cross

10.30am—Mass

6.30pm—Stations of the Cross

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—(10th April, Palm Sunday)

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

12.15pm—Baptism Service

4.00pm—All Age Celebration at St Mary's

4.00pm—Evensong at St Giles

For Holy Week services, please refer to the details on page 3.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE - LENT APPEAL

Our Lent Appeal for 2022 is Mara - Majengo Mapya.

Once again we are providing different ways for people to make donations. Posting in the Treasurer's Box in the reception area, marking your envelope 'Lent Appeal', by using the brown envelope in today's Order of Service, or by bank transfer using the following details:

Account Name: St. Giles' Parochial Church Council Sort code 05-06-71
Account number 16172795

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

(CAFOD)

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
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.

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 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



SUPPORTING UKRANIAN REFUGEES

If anyone would like to explore the possibility of hosting a Ukrainian family through the government hosting scheme, please speak with Canon June, Fr Sam or Fr Rod, who will be able to provide further information about the families that may come to the Pontefract area.

For anyone wishing to make a small practical gesture of support for refugees, including those beginning to arrive in Wakefield from Ukraine, Wakefield and District City of Sanctuary would be grateful for "shop new" socks and underwear for all ages and colouring books and crayons. If you are unable to take these to Wakefield (suggest you ring 07800 605397 in advance of your visit), please ask Ann Harris for help with arrangements.

A number of local groups including City of Sanctuary have organised a Peace Vigil.

Peace, Solidarity, Welcome for all refugees.

Wakefield Peace Vigil Saturday 2nd April 2022

Wakefield Cathedral Steps, Northgate, Wakefield, WF1 1HG

10.45am for 11am Vigil

As the Cathedral clock strikes 11.00am 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 1st Saturday of every month

For more information: Text 07311 283964

With thanks to the Dean and staff of the Cathedral for allowing this to take place.

A FURTHER UPDATE FROM MARCH 13TH

At St Giles, in the **next few weeks** we will be seeking to resume more normality as Covid recedes in the local community.

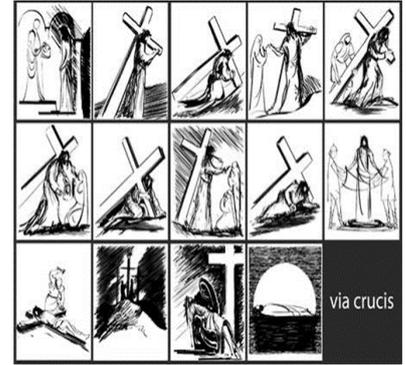
So....

- The wearing of masks will be down to individual judgements, there will be no requirement to wear masks in the church, including when singing.
- The current spacing will be retained but will slowly change in the coming weeks. The balcony area and North Aisle continues to be available for more socially distanced seating for those who prefer it.
- Sanitisation stations will still be present; use is advised but individuals must make their own choice.
- Service in the café will continue to be at tables.
- The sharing of the Peace solely with those immediately around you continues to be the wisest practice. Please respect that your neighbours may not wish to have physical contact.
- Please note that wardens will still direct people to come up for communion in the ways that we have become used to.
- It is hoped that from Easter Sunday offering the chalice will once again be offered along with the host. There will be no provision to intinct (dip) wafers in the chalice but individuals are able to simply continue receiving just the host if that is their preference.
- Also, from Easter Sunday refreshments after Sunday worship will resume. Volunteers may well be needed!
- Lunch With Us hopes also to resume indoor service around the Easter period.

We would hope that if you test positive for Covid you will be mindful of taking care not to transmit it within a community of people and staying at home until you feel better.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays during Lent, we will be holding morning and evening services of Stations of the Cross at St Giles. These will be at **10:00, prior to the Friday Mass, and at 18:30**, and will last approximately 30 minutes. The next session is on **Friday, 1st April**. All are welcome.



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

St Giles, Sunday 3rd April following the morning service

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting beginning with the Meeting of Parishioners for the election of **four** Churchwardens.

At the APCM we will need to elect **four** new PCC members for St Giles.

Please feel free to talk with Canon June or any of the churchwardens about any of the vacancies. Forms will need to be completed and received ahead of the meeting and can be obtained from Reception or by following the appropriate links below.

Form for the Nomination of election of PCC member, click [here](#).

Form for the Nomination of Churchwarden, click [here](#).

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, this **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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday, 4th	Morning:	Psalm 73 Exodus 8.1-19 & Hebrews 11.17-31
	Evening:	Psalm 26 & John 11.28-44
Tuesday, 5th	Morning:	Psalm 35 Exodus 8.20 to end & Hebrews 11.32-12.2
	Evening:	Psalm 61 & John 11.28-44
Wednesday, 6th	Morning:	Psalm 55 Exodus 9.1-12 & Hebrews 12.3-13
	Evening:	Psalm 62 & John 12.1-11
Thursday, 7th	Morning:	Psalm 40 Exodus 9.13 to end & Hebrews 12.14 to end
	Evening:	Psalm 43 & John 12.12-19
Friday, 8th	Morning:	Psalm 22 Exodus 10 & Hebrews 13.17 to end
	Evening:	Psalm 31 & John 12.20-36a
Saturday, 9th	Morning:	Psalm 23 Exodus 11 & Hebrews 13.17 to end
	Evening:	Psalm 130 & John 12.36b to end



On **Monday, 4th April**, we meet again in Church at 1.30pm. Our guest speaker is a staff member from the 'Teenage Parent Unit'. Everyone is always welcome to attend and refreshments will follow the meeting.

LENT COURSE

Our Lent Course continues on **Wednesdays** with the final session on **6th April** at **10:30**, following the Morning Mass. We will be following a course from St George's College, Jerusalem, entitled '**A River Through the Desert – A Lenten Pilgrimage**', which uses reflections on the geography of the Holy Land to help us explore our faith. All are very welcome. If you would like to join, please email the parish office (stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com), or put your name on the sign-up sheet in Reception.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Join us as we gather together to ask questions, listen to each other's experiences, reflect on passages of Scripture, and pray about what it is to live in love and faith.

St Mary's Church Hall, South Elmsall WF9 2HS

Wednesday 6th April, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

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

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

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Deadline for Notices and Prayer List,

Wednesday, 6th April 2022 by 3:00p.m.

Email Vivienne at stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com

'Hosanna!'

An All-Age Celebration for Palm Sunday

St Mary's Church, Chequerfield
Sunday 10th April, 4.00pm



As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we gather together to hear the good news of the Easter story.

Children very welcome (please bring a grown up)!

An informal service with storytelling, crafts and other activities. Tea, coffee and Easter treats will be provided!

**If you would like to come,
please email stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com,
or text Revd Sam Fletcher on 07938517350**

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



RHYTHM OF LIFE—LENT RETREAT WITH BISHOP NICK BAINES—SATURDAY, 9 APRIL

This is an opportunity for reflection, prayer, learning and sharing with others, whilst engaging with the diocesan [Rhythm of Life](#) initiative. It's a chance to take time out to bring God more fully into our everyday rhythms of life. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, go to:

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/event/rol-lent-retreat-leeds/>



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Missions will once again be holding our
annual Chocolate Tombola stall outside church
on **Wednesday 13th April 2022**

starting at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at noon.

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)

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS TO RETURN AT EASTER

Refreshments after services on Sundays are set to resume from **Easter Sunday, 17th April**. If you are able to help in the kitchen, please would you speak to Barbara Sessford so that she knows who is willing and able to assist and can draw up a rota accordingly.



Thank you.



LUNCH WITH US

will recommence in the **Café** at St Giles on
Wednesday, 20th April 2022 12.30pm—2.00pm



SPONSOR A SERVICE SHEET

Do you have a memory, either happy or sad, that you would like to share with our congregation, a wedding anniversary; a birthday; the passing of a loved one. Please consider sponsoring our service sheet so that we can share this with you. Either write your dedication in the diary in Reception or email to stgmnotices@gmx.com or stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com

David Leigh will happily receive any sponsorship contributions.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

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THE PARISH MAGAZINE

The parish magazine is available in print to anyone who would like a copy. Please complete the form in Reception to indicate whether you would like a printed version or leave a message in the Parish Office or email stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com The charge for 2022 is £10 for the year for 9 editions. Could all payments be made as soon as possible to David Leigh, either by cash, cheque (payable to St Giles' PCC) or by bank transfer (details below). If you chose to access the magazine electronically, please consider making a donation to the cost of producing the magazine. If you normally deliver a magazine to someone, please inform them of the new charges, collect payment and let the office know so that we can prepare copies accordingly. Any profits from the magazine production help church finances.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the April magazine, which will be available shortly. If you would like to contribute to the **May/June** magazine (double issue), please send your article to both Bruce Dalglish, Editor (brucedalglish0@gmail.com) and Vivienne Smales (stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com) just in case either is on holiday. The deadline for receipt of articles is, **Sunday, 22nd April 2022.**

“ART AND CRAFT FOR WELLBEING COURSE” AT ST GILES

This **free** VEA course will run for **11 weekly sessions at 4.30 – 6.30pm** starting on **Wednesday 27 April** (excluding 1 June) in the St Oswald room at St Giles.

The sessions will explore a range of arts and crafts materials, techniques and projects which may be therapeutic, thought-provoking and creative. This is a new venture for the church to host and a minimum of 8 people is required to enable the course to go ahead. To enrol please quote the course reference number C3680629 either online at **enrolonline.wea.org.uk** or by ringing **0300 303 3464**. Alternatively put your name on the list in reception.



Fashion Show

High Street Clothing | at Affordable Prices

Organised By **Mothers' UNION**

On **Thursday 28TH April**, at **7.00pm** we will be hosting the **Complete Clothing Company Fashion Show**.

Tickets are **£6.00** or you can pay on the door.

Refreshments will be available.

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

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.

Please save any bric-a-bac items and we will give you a date in due course when you can bring them to Church.

This week at St Giles' Church and Centre

Monday 4 April		
10:00—14:00	Open Church	The Church
13:30	Mothers' Union Meeting	The Café
Tuesday 5 April		
12:00—14:00	Open Church	The Church
13:00—15:00	NHS Seeking Safety Group	St Oswald
15:00—16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
18:00	Choir Practice	The Church
Wednesday 6 April		
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
10:00—12:00	Citizens Advice	St Aidan
10:00—12:00	Coffee Morning including Open Church	The Café
10:30	Lent Course	St Oswald
12:30—13:30	Lunch with Us (take away service)	The Café
Thursday 7 April		
10:30—11.45	Tiddlywinks	The Café
19:00	Whist Group	The Café
Friday 8 April		
10:00	Stations of the Cross	The Church
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
14:30	Artzone Arts Café	St Oswald
18:30	Stations of the Cross	The Church
Saturday 9 April		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning including Open Church	The Church
Sunday 10 April		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church
12:15	Baptism Service	The Church
16:00	Palm Sunday Evensong	The Church