



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



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## **SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022—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'

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST GILES' (unless otherwise indicated)**

**Monday of Holy Week**—8.45am Morning Prayer  
7.00pm Compline and short address (St Mary's)

**Tuesday of Holy Week**—8.45am Morning Prayer  
7.00pm Compline and short address (All Saints)

**Wednesday of 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 (meet at 12.00noon at the War Memorial)  
2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

### **NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—17<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Day**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.00am Said Eucharist – (St Mary's)  
10.15am Sung Parish Eucharist  
**Wednesday, 20th April**—9.30am Mass  
**Friday, 22nd April**—10.30am Mass

## CHRISTIAN AID UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

***At St Giles APCM, we voted to give £300 from our church funds to the Christian Aid Appeal. If you would like to contribute towards that amount, please place your donation in an envelope and give to David Leigh marking it 'Christian Aid Ukraine Appeal'.***



Over 3.6 million people have fled their homes to escape conflict in Ukraine. At least 925 civilians have been killed and 2,421 injured. In the space of just one month, more than 3.6 million refugees have been forced to flee Ukraine, making this the fastest growing refugee crisis since World War II.

An additional 6.5 million people have been displaced internally within Ukraine and over 12 million more have been affected in the areas hardest hit by the war. Humanitarian needs are increasing exponentially.

Christian Aid is working with 3 partner organisations in the ACT Alliance; Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) in Ukraine and Hungary, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Poland, and Swiss Church Aid (HEKS) in Ukraine, Hungary and Romania, to offer assistance to internally displaced peoples and to refugees.

So far, HIA have reached 26,187 people with lifesaving aid, shelter, truckloads of food (345 metric tons), water, sanitation and health support, as well as offering vital information for refugees and internally displaced people.

Through the DEC emergency appeal, Christian Aid has donated £1 million for trauma first aid kits and £1 million for urgently needed medical and pharmaceutical equipment, items and supplies, for Ukraine, through their partner Crown Agents. Our partner is working directly with Ukraine's Ministry of Health to supply these kits to those caught up in the fighting.

For further details on their support, follow the link below:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

## 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.

### **‘Hosanna!’**

#### **An All-Age Celebration for Palm Sunday**

St Mary’s Church, Chequerfield

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com),  
or text Revd Sam Fletcher on 07938517350**

## **GOODBYE TO CATH FOX**

This Sunday we say goodbye to Cath Fox who has been with us since 23rd January. Cath joined us as a trainee reader, on placement as part of her training to be a Licensed Lay Minister. A note of thanks follows.

Thank you!

My goodness, how time flies when you are enjoying yourself. I can hardly believe that I have been on placement for almost 3 months, and it is now drawing to a close.

I would like to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you to one and all for making me feel so welcome and in such a short time I have come to feel very at home in the benefice. There has been a lot to absorb and reflect upon; from different styles of worship, to varied opportunities to lead, to numerous experiences with folk of all ages, including Tiddlywinks, St Giles 3:16, home communions as well as the exciting new All Age Services.

Spending time at St Mary's, St Giles and All Saints has provided a rich experience of different congregations and communities and it has been a joy to get to know you all a little. Spending time at No.6, sharing the Lenten study and the home communions have been particularly inspiring.

I am particularly grateful to Canon June and Father Sam for their guiding hand, encouragement and conversation.

I hope to visit again in the future and look forward to seeing you then.

In the meantime, I wish you all a very blessed Easter.

Cath

(LLM in training)

Although we say goodbye to Cath, we look to the return of Jill Clapham, who has herself been away on placement.

## A FURTHER UPDATE FROM MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>

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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Holy Week</i>	Morning:	Psalm 41 Lamentations 1.1-12a & Luke 22.1-23
	Evening:	Psalm 25 & Colossians 1.18-23
<b>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Holy Week</i>	Morning:	Psalm 27 Lamentations 3.1-18 & Luke 22.39-53
	Evening:	Psalm 55.13-24 & Galatians 6.11 to end
<b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Holy Week</i>	Morning:	Psalm 102 Wisdom 1.16-2.1,12-22 & Luke 22.54 to end
	Evening:	Psalm 88 & Revelations 14.18-15.4
<b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Morning:	Psalms 42, 43 Leviticus 16.2-24 & Luke 23.1-25
	Evening:	Psalm 39 & Ephesians 2.11-18
<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Good Friday</i>	Morning:	Psalm 69 Genesis 22.1-8 & Hebrews 10.1-10
	Evening:	Psalms 130, 143 & Colossians 1.18-23
<b>Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Easter Eve</i>	Morning:	Psalm 142 Hosea 6.1-6 & John 2.18-22
	Evening:	Psalm 116 & Job 19.21-27

## APCM ELECTION RESULTS

Following the APCM held on 3rd April, the following appointments were made.

PCC Members appointed for 3 years to APCM 2025: Sonia Atkin, David Belford and Joan Taylor

PCC Member appointed for 1 year casual vacancy to 2023 (following the death of Janet Robinson): Karen Glynn

Churchwardens: Bruce Dalglish, Peter Lavine, Pam Mercer and Barbara Sessford

Treasurer: David Leigh

PCC Secretary: Vivienne Smales

## **PUBLICATION DEADLINE**

Deadline for Notices and Prayer List,

**Wednesday, 13th April 2022 by 3:00p.m.**

Email Vivienne at [stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)

## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

Missions will once again be holding our  
**annual Chocolate Tombola stall** outside church  
on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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**



[www.stgilespontefract.org.uk](http://www.stgilespontefract.org.uk) and [www.stgilescentrepontefract.org.uk](http://www.stgilescentrepontefract.org.uk)



## **“ART AND CRAFT FOR WELLBEING COURSE” AT ST GILES**

This **free** WEA 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 28<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## **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.



## **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you for your support.



Bishop Tony invites you to

# Follow Me 7

at Wakefield Cathedral

the seventh series of evening teachings to explore faith and discipleship

## 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:

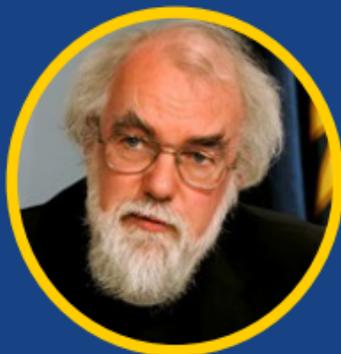


Thursday 28 April 2022

**Fr Luigi Gioia**

*Recognising God's presence in prayer: the monastic way*

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 2022

**The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Rowan Williams**

*Agents of the new creation: bringing the world to life*

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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## 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](mailto:stgmnotices@gmx.com) or [stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)

David Leigh will happily receive any sponsorship contributions.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

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

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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](mailto: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](mailto:brucedalglish0@gmail.com)) and Vivienne Smales ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)) just in case either is on holiday. The deadline for receipt of articles is, **Sunday, 22nd April 2022.**

## This week at St Giles' Church and Centre

<b>Monday 11 April</b>		
10:00—14:00	Open Church	The Church
19:00	Pontefract Readers Group	St Oswald
<b>Tuesday 12 April</b>		
12:00—14:00	Open Church	The Church
15:00—16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
18:00	Choir Practice	The Church
<b>Wednesday 13 April</b>		
09:00	Missions Committee Chocolate Tombola	Outside
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
12:30—13:30	Lunch with Us (take away service)	The Café
19:00	Evening Worship for Holy Week with reflection	The Church
<b>Thursday 14 April</b>		
10:30—11.45	Tiddlywinks	The Café
19:00	Maundy Thursday Service followed by vigil	The Church
<b>Friday 15 April</b>		
10:00	Good Friday Children's Activities	The Church
12:00	Walk of Witness (meet at War Memorial)	
12:15	Ecumenical Service at the Buttercross	
14:00	Good Friday Liturgy	The Church
<b>Saturday 16 April</b>		
09:00—12:00	Coffee Morning including Open Church	The Church
<b>Sunday 17 April</b>		
08:00	BCP Service	The Church
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church