

*Parish of Pontefract*  
*St Giles with St Mary*



*July/August 2022*

**Congratulations Fr Sam!**



## **Fr Sam's ordination**

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, at Wakefield Cathedral, I was ordained Priest, and celebrated the Eucharist for the first time the following day. It was a wonderful weekend which I will always remember.

As I approached my ordination, and on the weekend itself, I felt so uplifted by the support and encouragement I received. Thank you to all who prayed for me, sent cards, gifts, or messages, or came along to in support – I am very grateful.

In the week prior to the ordination, I spent three days in retreat at Mirfield with my fellow ordinands. It was good to have a time to reflect on how much I need God's grace in order to make Jesus known through my life. As the bishop reminded us at the service: 'You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God'.

The service itself was full of joy. There were moments of intense weight and solemnity, but also many moments where I couldn't keep myself from grinning. It was lovely to look out into the congregation and see so many friendly faces there in support, and to know that there were many others praying for me. A key moment in the service was when the bishop, along with other clergy, laid hands on me and prayed: 'Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Sam, for the office and work of a priest in your church'. It is reminder that all that we rely completely on the Holy Spirit for everything we do for God's Kingdom.

In the service, the bishop told us 'we trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this'. I first began to discern a calling to the priesthood as a teenager, and since then there have been many bumps on the road. The process of discernment and training has been at times emotionally and spiritually exhausting, but also incredibly enriching. It feels both surreal and wonderful to have finally – by God's grace – made it to this point, and to stand behind the altar and celebrate the Eucharist.

In her sermon at my First Eucharist, Canon June spoke movingly about Jesus' words in Luke 9.62: 'no-one who put a hand to the plough and keeps looking back is fit for the kingdom of God'. Over the past few weeks, I have spent quite a bit of time 'looking back' – looking back with gratitude at the path that has brought me to this place, the conversations and experiences, the relationships and the various church communities that have formed me. But now, on the other side of my ordination, I am looking forward – looking forward to my continuing ministry in Pontefract,

looking forward to where God will call me in the future, and looking forward to a lifetime of ministry, where again and again I will be given the immense privilege of leading God's people in the celebration of the Eucharist.

All of us have a calling, a 'vocation'. It is mistake to think that only those discerning a vocation to ordained ministry should be listening out for God's call. Every day, in small and large ways, God is calling us forwards, towards new horizons. God calls every one of us into a deepening relationship with him and with one another. He draws us into places where he wants to shine his light. He makes us more like Jesus fills us with the Holy Spirit, that we become who we were made to be. In every moment, we are to ask afresh where God is leading us, no longer bound by the past but drawn forwards towards the Kingdom of God. It is a joy for me, after many years of preparation, to have reached this point, but I am reminded that none of us are 'at the finish line' – we have only just set off. During our pre-ordination retreat, our focus was on the Letter of Paul to the Philippians. There, Paul writes:

'This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3.13)

Apologies for the delay in publishing the July/August magazine.

Various things have hampered the normal smooth flow, not least the shortage of material which, thanks to Canon June and Vivienne, has now been solved!

If you have an item for publication, please send it **as soon as possible**, to both me, Bruce Dalgleish, ([brucedalgleish0@gmail.com](mailto:brucedalgleish0@gmail.com)) and Vivienne Smales ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)), or simply hand it to a churchwarden.

The **deadline** for the **September** edition is **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August**.

# Dates to remember

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

## In August:-

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>: Donations to No 6, Food Share.

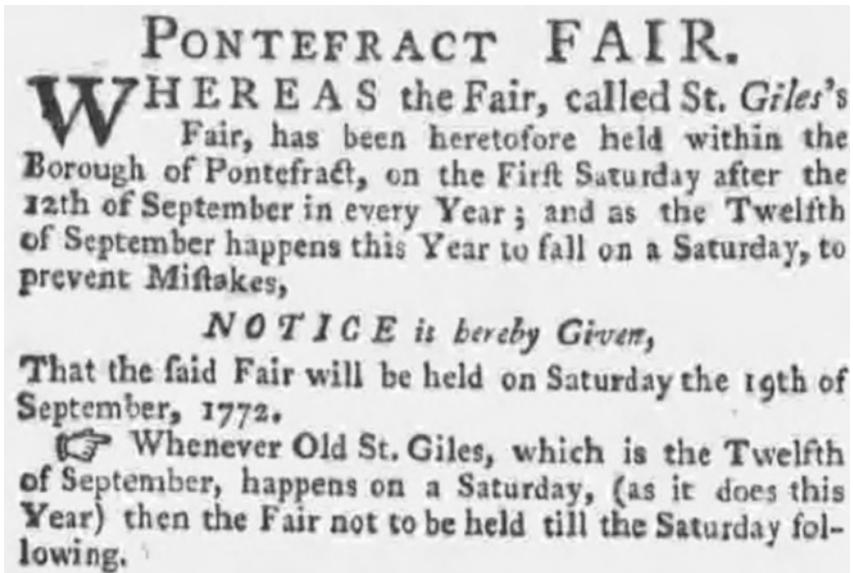
## In September:-

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>: Patronal Festival and Confirmation Service: 10:15

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>: Heritage Open Day. See p4 for details.

Organ recital. Thomas Moore. 4.30pm. See p 9.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>: Heritage Open Day. See p4 for details.



## ST GILES' CHURCH, PONTEFRACT – HERITAGE EVENT 2022

### Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022

10.00am – 12.00pm Visit the tower and ringing chamber, this is a part of the church which is rarely open to the public so do take advantage and explore. The bell ringers will be available to tell you about the ancient art of bell ringing. Learn the history of the tower and some historical moments that it has been part of.

4.30pm Organ recital by Thomas Moore, played on our wonderful church organ, which is one of the best in the north of England. Free Admission, donations welcome.

### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022

10.00am – 2.30pm Visit St Giles' church, it's full of history and much more right here in the centre of Pontefract.

1. A general tour of the church.
2. Learn about the wonderful ceiling bosses, a fascinating feature, but too often overlooked due to their location.
3. Browse the world map highlighting the many areas of conflict, which the soldiers in Pontefract were part of. View the Pontefract Roll of Honour and the flag of the Burma Star Association in St Oswald's chapel.



**Refreshments will be available  
on both days in the church café**





## A FAMILY WEDDING

I've had a Wedding invitation, it'll be a grand affair  
But oh! I'm filled with worries. Whatever will I wear?  
Will the weather be chilly. Or will the weather be hot?  
Will everybody wear a hat, or just a feathery topknot?  
What happens if it rains and everyone gets wet?  
I know there's umbrellas, but I can't help but fret.  
What if one of them decides they'd rather not be there?  
And leaves the other wondering Who? and What? and Where?  
What if both of them can't stand their new in-laws?  
Even the Royal Family is known to have its flaws!  
Now stop it! Stop this awful tale of gloom and doom,  
This is a fairytale wedding where love will always bloom.  
She's marrying her sweetheart, I know he's a lovely boy,  
This day will be filled with happiness, laughter, love and joy.  
Whoever will notice what hat or shoes I decide to wear,  
All eyes will be upon the Bride, and her Bridesmaids fair.  
If the heavens open, we'll be 'Singin' in the Rain,'  
Twirling round a lamppost, laughing again and again.  
This wonderful couple we've known for many a day  
Must come from wonderful families as everyone does say.  
So let's raise a glass and give a joyous cheer  
To the lovely couple we all hold so dear.

Joyce Bellamy

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## **FOOD DONATIONS TO No. 6, ST GILES' FOOD SHARE**

Another 'Thank you' for your continued supportive donations to No 6. We are building up to Holiday Food Share during August, and the next scheduled monthly collection on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August** will feed into this scheme.

Our specific needs are for tinned meat meals – particularly meatballs, chilli and curry – along with cook-in sauces and tins of chickpeas and lentils which can be used to 'bulk out' such meals. Substantial amounts of basic pasta, rice, teabags and biscuits will also be distributed.

Donations of any other items will, of course, be gratefully received and add variety to our parcels.

Paul & Ann



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## **Year's Mind for July**

Janet Cutting; Frederick Legay Murray; Elsie May Thompson.

Gladys Walker; Margaret Illidge; Anne Taylor;

Stan Mann; Violet Crosland; Brian Johnson Lawson.

Bob Grice; Gayle Ablethorpe; Clifford Bratt; Elsie Milnes.

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Rom 12:12-13)*

A life of faith is both an interior and an exterior experience. As we walk the path of faith and develop the interior life of hope, patience and prayer, so the exterior life flows from it. The desire to share with those in need and practice hospitality become natural expressions of the interior life. It's a challenge for us all!

The monsoon has arrived in Nepal and the rains have been falling almost everyday. So far there have been no floods but landslides have been occurring along many roads, as we discovered on our recent trip to Okhaldunga. From Kathmandu it is about an eight-hour journey (130 miles) by land-rover to the hospital that UMN have been operating for over 60 years in the hill town of Okhaldunga in the east of Nepal. Most of the road, built by the Japanese government, was in good condition and I would say it was the smoothest road trip we have taken in Nepal. But there were some rough bits where the rains have caused hillsides to collapse, and temporary roads ran straight over them. Bumpy! At one point we encountered a goods vehicle that had completely turned over trying to cross one of the landslides.

The hospital in Okhaldunga has about a hundred beds for hospital admissions, and a waiting home for pregnant women living at a distance from the hospital. They have a nursing school, a community-based rehabilitation programme, and a newly started mental health project. We have four expat staff working there and we went to make a pastoral visit to them. Though the trip was marred by a tummy bug for both of us we did spend some quality time with the team there.

Back in Kathmandu we continue to develop the Prayer Space. Weekly Bible study and early morning prayer breakfast are a regular part of the week. Counselling sessions happen most days. We are about to start a 'Transforming Work' course with our UMN Leadership Team, in which we will explore what faith means in the workplace. Andrea is also working with some of her student friends to give them hands on experience of real-life counselling, something the course they are doing offers very little.

An opportunity has also opened up for Andrea to develop a play space in Patan hospital. The hospital, once run by UMN but now in private hands, wants to work at providing the paediatric unit with a room for children staying in the hospital that can be used for play. With that there is an opening to train some of the hospital staff in therapeutic play skills. It's at an early stage of planning so please pray for this project and the role that Andrea can take in it.

In UMN we are celebrating the signing of our Project Agreements which allow us to continue our work (legally) and apply for visas for expats waiting to come to Nepal. We gave thanks to God and shared a cake (big one) this week, yet recognised that this is not an end in itself but a new beginning of serving the poorest, most neglected communities in Nepal.

Thank you for your support and prayers. For further information please visit our web page:

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/andrea-and-andrew-young/>

God's peace,

Andrew & Andrea





heritage open days



St Giles' Church, Pontefract



**Heritage Open Day**

**Organ Recital**

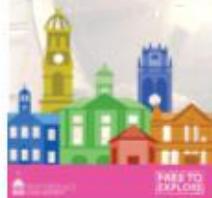
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On June 26<sup>th</sup> a good number of our community and I attended Wakefield Cathedral to witness to the Priesting of our Fr Sam (Fletcher). Bishop Tony's address to the ordinands, to those gathered and I suspect to himself centred around change. The fact that it is inevitable, unavoidable, and for most of us can be difficult.

For Fr Sam certainly, changes are afoot as he takes on the new role of priest. In an instant, as Bishop Tony said, he will be required to be an expert in all manner of things way beyond his years and experience, such are the expectation of people who look to 'dog collar wearers' for help and guidance. Good luck there Sam!

To be alive in Christ Jesus is to accept change and 'Take it on the chin'. This is not to say that we will not be scared, we are human after all.

Changes in circumstances, changes in health, relationships, changes in things we took for granted, changes in the world around us. Change means we are still alive and open to be guided by the Holy Spirit our advocate with God.

And yes, changes within the church as it is challenged to positively engage with those 'out there', who do not know Christ Jesus, doing this on limited and dwindling resources, at present.

Change happens on a personal and corporate basis, we must therefore put our trust, and trust we must, in God who knows the purposes of ALL our hearts. God who brought each and everyone of us into being, God who protects and saves!

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Fr Rod

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**Course reference**  
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(unless otherwise stated)

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October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Dewhurst
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Newton
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ivan Linford
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	NCP
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2023	Marc Murray
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Dewhurst
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	David Baker
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	NCP
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	John Dunford
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## Charity urges people in energy crisis to seek free debt help

The national debt help charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), is busy responding to people hit by the recent energy price cap rise, which will see households paying around 50% more for their energy bills

Low-income households, says CAP, “are already struggling to afford the basics they need to live with dignity.”

In just the first two months of this year, the charity saw requests for emergency fuel vouchers double, compared to the first two months of 2021. The charity has also delivered over £23,000 worth of crisis support, which includes emergency fuel vouchers, food shops and essential items.

CAP is in regular contact with suppliers, Ofgem and the Government to help them understand the impact these increases are having on the people it supports.

It also wants to hear from people in need: “With the expected increases in energy costs running into October and beyond, it’s more important than ever that people who are struggling don’t wait until their debts get out of hand.”

If you are struggling with debt and need free help, get in contact with CAP today on 0800 328 0006 or visit [capuk.org](http://capuk.org).

## MOTHERS' UNION

At last, in May, we held our Fashion Show after having to re-arrange twice because of Covid.

The night was a huge success and raised a grand total of £550 which was shared between MU projects and church funds.

We would like to thank all our models for taking part. It was a delight to have two young members of the choir\* who took some persuading but agreed in the end and were a 'Breath of Fresh Air.'

M.U. Committee

*(See the picture in glorious technicolor on the inside back page of the magazine.)*



(\* One current and one former member of the choir)

## NOTES FROM THE PCC MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

Sixteen members of the PCC attended the meeting with three apologies for absence given.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, which opened with a prayer from Fr Sam. The Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were agreed and accepted. The application to the Bishop's Development Fund is ongoing and this is to help with all age services across the benefice and includes an amount for a mobile projector.

The Lord Lieutenant's Visit in May was very successful and some lovely comments were received after the event.

The Diocese is now inviting applications from churches for a contactless payment machine, which will be supplied free of charge, and an application has now been submitted.

All churchwardens have now been sworn in by the Archdeacon.

The certificates for the Eucharistic Ministers have now been received and forwarded to those individuals.

**Correspondence** has been received regarding the 'Light Up' event set to take place on Saturday, 27 November. The lights will be installed in St Giles and will be illuminated between 4.00pm and 10.00pm. The light up event coincides with the official Christmas light switch on in the town and the café will be open for refreshments.

Thanks were given to Karen Glynn for all the work involved in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to the 50 or so volunteers who were all keen to help in one way or another. Letters of thanks were sent to Farmer Copleys, Morrisons and Tesco for their donations towards the refreshments for the Civic Service.

Heritage Week 2022 will span two weekends. Tom Moore has agreed to do an organ recital on Saturday, 10 September at 4.30pm. Whilst this will be a free event, donations will be invited. The ceiling bosses will be the main focus this year and full details of each one will be included in a guide. The Historical Society are looking into the history of the one boss that is unknown. The Military Chapel will also have a focus with a world map used to locate the battles/locations mentioned in the memorials. Refreshments will be available from the café during the event.

**Draft Minutes** of the St Giles' Centre Management Committee, Standing Committee and St Mary's committee were received and accepted.

**Fundraising** is always a key element and Fr Rod Walker proposed the establishment of a Fundraising Committee and offered to commit some initial funds. An article will appear in the September parish magazine inviting volunteers from the congregations of St Giles and St Mary's to join the group and to move things forward.

A **summary of receipts and payments** was received and showed that the budget is more or less on track and as expected. Whilst the **St Giles' Centre** has been receiving some new enquiries, other bookings have been lost.

A **review of St Mary's Parish Share** payment was requested by St Mary's as they have a very small congregation. A proposal was made that a compromise of 6% be agreed as the percentage contribution to be paid by St Mary's to the total parish share cost.

**A Financial Reserves Policy** is required to be in place. This item will be brought to the next PCC meeting in September for further discussion.

The **Social Media Policy** was last reviewed in May 2021. No changes have been made to the policy and a proposal was made to accept the policy again. All were in agreement.

**The Safeguarding** Dashboard Action Plan has been updated, resulting in a few items requiring attention. The Safeguarding Policy was also due for renewal and, as the policy has not changed, this was agreed by all. The procedure for responding to concerns and allegations was discussed and agreed. The group responding to concerns and allegations are the Vicar, a Churchwarden (CW) and the Safeguarding Officer (SO). For complaints against clergy, the CW and SO will immediately consult with the Archdeacon and Diocesan safeguarding team. Any serious offence needing police action would be immediately reported. This procedure was agreed by all.

A list of non-church activities (giving consideration to children and vulnerable adults) was accepted. All members of the PCC are required to undertake online Safeguarding training by September 2022 as their current training needs renewing. One churchwarden (Barbara Sessford) will undertake the Safeguarding Leadership Pathway Training (formerly C2). All members of the PCC are required to undertake a new module on Domestic Abuse. Section 11, providing a safer environment, of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook has been sent to all leaders of groups requesting they read this and ensure any helpers are aware of this and to advise when read. DBS checks now have to be renewed every 3 years for PCC members and other volunteers rather than every 5 years. These must be renewed by 2024.

Peter Lavine gave a verbal report on the **Fabric, Health & Safety Committee**. In March 2022 the PCC discussed a problem with the North aisle wall and vestibule. The new church architect, David Barker, was engaged to check the report and provide a comprehensive report. The main roof discharges all the water onto the north roof which has no rain channels and the architect recommended the reinstating of the zinc rain channels as soon as possible. A grant of £2k has been obtained from the diocese towards the cost.

The lift is unserviceable again. The matter is currently being investigated and a repair sought. The CCTV is to have another camera fitted to the system.

**Chair's Notes:** A Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 10.15am. The Harvest Supper is to take place on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm. The Reader Licencing for the Episcopal area is to take place on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm. This will include the licencing of Jill Clapham and Cath Fox.

# Priory Gardens

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Just a glimpse behind the scenes, of the work done by a small, dedicated group of individuals, who keep our church looking and working as it should.

## What's in a name?

Scene: *the present day, outside St Giles' Church, Pontefract market place.*

Visitor: Excuse me. I'm looking for the bridge.

Pomfretian: The bridge?

Visitor: Yes, you know, the broken one.

Pomfretian: Oh, you mean 'spoons! It's just down there on Horsefair.

Visitor: No, the actual broken bridge. You know Pont Fractus and all that.

Pomfretian: Well they thought they'd found one a bit ago, but it's not there anymore, so you can't visit it. Sorry!

*Strange, isn't it, that the bridge is such a mystery?*

*(Cue that strange whirly music they use when you're going back in time...)*

*The following conversation is conducted in Norman French, just after the Norman conquest.*

Q: Did you hear about that knight who damaged his sword in a fight?

W: I thought it was a bridge that got damaged. You know, a 'pont' - bridge.

Q: No, not that sort of 'pont', the other sort, you know, that bobbly bit on the end of the handle of a sword that acts as a counterweight and stops your hand slipping off.

*(We call it the pommel.)*

W: Oh, that sort of 'pont'. I thought it was spelled 'pom'.

Q: You can spell it how you like. We don't have standardised spelling like they'll have in the future. You can spell it pont, pon, punt, pong, pom, pum, poin, poing, puing, puin, or puig. They all mean the same. *(Today poignée ou pommeau d'épée = handle or pommel of a sword.)*

W: Oh, I see. So what's happened to it?

Q: It's broken, you know, 'frayndre' or 'freindre', to break. If it's already happened, you say 'fraint' or 'esfraint' or frainct; or 'esfrainct'.

W: Right, so his pom, or his pont, has been fraint, or esfrainct. Pontesfrainct or maybe Pomfraint? Later on, it wil probably change to something like, Pontefract or Pomfret. Funny things happen with words.

*(Strange whirly music brings us back to the present day.)*

FIN/THE END

The Normans didn't speak Latin; they spoke Old French.

**1. PONT, pon, punt, pong, pom,  
pum, poin, poing, puing, puin, puig,  
s. m., poignée ou pommeau de l'épée :**

Extract from: *Dictionnaire de l'ancienne langue française et de tous ses dialectes du IXe au XVe siècle*

They came from Viking stock and, like the Vikings, treasured their swords among their most valuable possessions. After all, their lives depended on them. Swords would be passed down from father to son, blades and pommels would be decorated with engravings, and sometimes with gold or silver ornamentation. Some were used as reliquaries, holding religious relics. Oaths were sworn on them and, as Christianity spread, the sword came to represent the Holy Cross. The sword was a symbol of power, as it is even today: our Queen was preceded at her coronation by three swords, representing Mercy, Spiritual Justice and Temporal Justice.

Pommels came in all shapes and sizes and it wasn't just the Normans who had swords. The Anglo-Saxons did too, sometimes with elaborately decorated pommels, like this one in the British Museum.



The pommel wasn't there just for decoration. It acted as a vital counterbalance to the weight of the blade and so determined the power and manoeuvrability of the weapon. And it stopped it slipping out of your hand. A sword without a pommel would fall into the chocolate teapot category and lead to certain defeat and almost certainly, in those days, death.

*To be continued ...*

Bruce Dalglish

## **Our Vision Statement:**

**St Giles is not just a place, it's a feeling.**

**A feeling that is part of you  
and stays there forever.**

**A feeling of respect: a hope for the future.**

**A feeling that fills you with the confidence to  
achieve anything.**

**A feeling of faith, love; where we grow together.**

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.

Mark 4:30-34

**The vision statement of St Giles Church of England Academy,  
Pontefract**



GOODBYES

On Wednesday 27th July Canon June was delighted to join in with the school leavers service and present a Bible to every year 6 pupil. Thank you to all who donated money to help with the costs. The school holds Christian values as central to its vision and ethos and so we hope that the pupils will be able to continue growing in understanding of Christian values by having their own Bible to treasure through the years.



'Good bye and good luck Year 6'

Today we have to say good-bye to a wonderful set of children. It has been a privilege to teach you at St Giles. You are such a determined, knowledgeable and comical group. We've had the pleasure and privilege to guide you through the first phase of your education - your high schools are lucky to have you. No matter what challenges you have faced, you have risen to it and given your all. So, to our pirates, lost boys, mermaids and believers - you will always be part of the St Giles family. Remember your time here with a smile, remember our school vision, what it stands for and how you are part of a family that will miss you dearly and wishes you every success in the future.

Mr Grace, Headteacher

# A Stitch in Time



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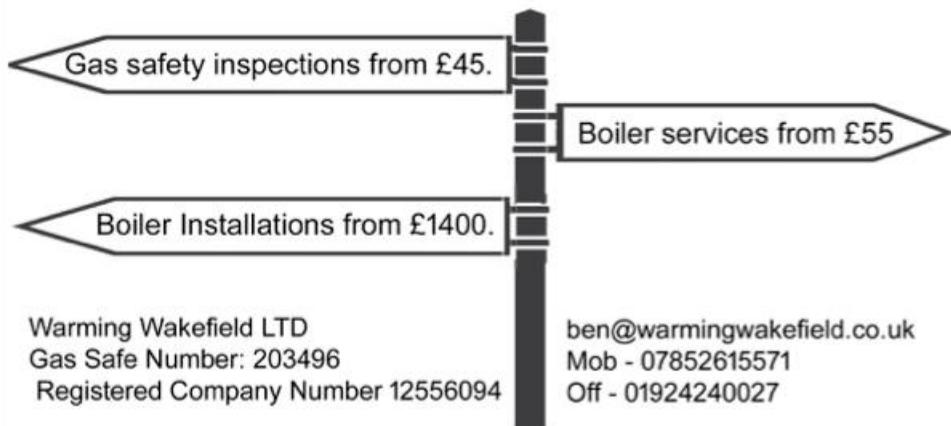




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