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**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE—CANDLEMAS  
SUNDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2025  
10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles**

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY**

- This weekly leaflet contains details of next week's services, together with items of news and calendar dates. Please take it away with you.
- If you have a child and would like them to join the junior church, known as St Giles 3:16, please see the leader of the group. The children will re-join us later in the service.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, 5th February:** Said Mass at St Giles

**Friday, 7th February:** 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Saturday, 8th February:** 4.00pm—Worship at St Mary's

**NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE  
LENT**

**Sunday, 9th February:** 10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

**Wednesday, 12th February:** 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Friday, 14th February:** 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Saturday, 15th February:** 4.00pm—Messy Church at St Mary's

## NEW PAROCHIAL ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years every parish within the Church of England is required to form a brand new Electoral Roll. This means that the old roll will be destroyed and **EVERYONE** is required to complete a new form to be added back to the Roll.

This is an important function of the church which allows you the right to vote at the annual meeting, and to have a voice in the ongoing decisions made in the parish. Forms are now available in church from the Electoral Roll officer or a member of the clergy, and must be handed back in at the very latest **on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. Any received after this time will not be included until after the APCM.

You may notice that the form has been updated, and we are asking for some additional information to help us serve you better, this additional information will be kept securely and will only be available to the Clergy and Readers, Churchwardens, Parish Administrator and Electoral Roll Officer, so that we can provide pastoral support. This information is given voluntarily, but we hope that you will feel able to provide the information, and finally, please do ensure that you complete the GDPR Permissions on the back of the form.

Thank You.



Wakefield Diocese Mothers' Union's new project is to help teenagers who are coming out of foster care and setting up on their own. We would appreciate any donations of cleaning materials, toiletries, tinned or packet food, tea and coffee. Thank you in advance for your help, it is greatly appreciated.

## FLOWER ROTA

The Flower Rota is now available to view in Reception. Please check that the dates assigned are correct. There are spaces available so if you would like to sponsor the flowers in church and make a donation (see page 5), please enter your name on the flower rota and make contact with Barbara Chessman.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!



The next meeting of the Mothers' Union takes place on **Monday, 3rd February, at 1.30pm**, when we welcome **Revd Dr Philip Hobday**, Mothers' Union Chaplain, Canon Missioner at Wakefield Cathedral. As always, everyone is very welcome to join us and refreshments are provided.



### LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The next recital will be hosted by

**John Dunford**

On **Friday, 7th February at 1.00pm**

Admission is £5, which includes refreshments.

Do come and join us.

### FOOD COLLECTION—SUPPORTING LUNCH WITH US AND ST GILES FOOD SHARE

The next collection of food will be on **Sunday, 2nd February**, where there will be a collection for Lunch with Us and No. 6.

**Lunch with Us** would be particularly grateful for donations of tinned tuna, an item that is always in huge demand in sandwiches and jacket potatoes. If you can help out with tins of tuna, they would be extremely grateful. **Thank you.**

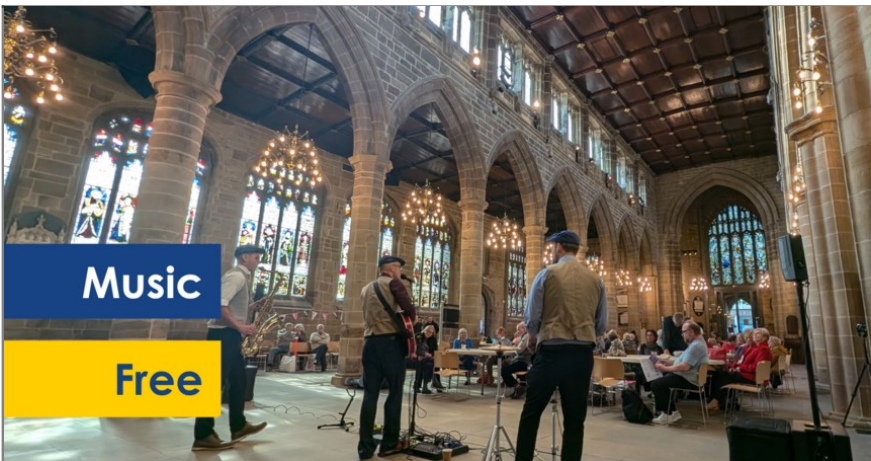
BREAKFAST CEREALS - JAM - LONG-LIFE MILK  
BAKED BEANS - SOUP - MEAT PASTES  
COOK-IN SAUCES  
RICE - PASTA - NOODLES - MASH  
TINNED VEG  
TINNED TUNA - TINNED MEAT/PIES  
TINNED FRUIT - RICE PUD - INSTANT CUSTARD  
BISCUITS - TEA BAGS - COFFEE - SQUASH

## THINKING OF BECOMING A CHURCH WARDEN?

If you want to find out more, join an event taking place on Thursday, February 20, 7pm – 9pm, online

If you are thinking of standing for election to become a Church Warden but are not sure what this might entail, then come along to this session to find out. We will cover what are the main duties of a Church Warden; what are your responsibilities and what support is available to help you in this role.

To book your place please contact your Archdeacon's PA: [Heather Ricks](#)



**Wakefield Cathedral** is hosting a fun-filled day with music, games, and afternoon tea, in collaboration with Wakefield Council and Age UK on **Saturday, 22 February from 11.00am-3.00pm!**

Enjoy nostalgic music from Flat Cap Three (12:30-14:30), who will perform songs from years gone by (singing along encouraged!).

A Yorkshire-inspired afternoon tea featuring rhubarb scones will be served at 12.30. Vegan and gluten free options available.

Book your free afternoon tea (link below). Once tickets are taken off sale the day before, afternoon teas will be first-come first-served for non-ticket holders. [Afternoon Tea with Flat Cap Three \(22-Feb-2025\) · ChurchSuite](#)

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### Citizens Advice Wakefield District St Giles' Advice Outreach Service

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**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN ST GILES, 10.00am-12.00pm**

Email us via [www.wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk](http://www.wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk)

**Debt/Benefits/Housing/Employment/Family: 03444 111 444**

**Universal Credit – Help to Claim: 0800 144 8 444**

**Consumer goods, services, digital, events, travel etc.: 0808 223 1133**

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## CARING FOR EACH OTHER....

If you haven't seen someone for a while, please either try and find out how they are or let us know and we will try and make contact. Please also ask the person if they would like to go on the service prayer list (using their full name or just first name). A note to us giving a contact number or address of the person concerned often helps.

### Sponsoring 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. **Write your dedication on a form located in Reception and hand to a church warden or email to Vivienne at [stgiles.office@cofe-pontefract.co.uk](mailto:stgiles.office@cofe-pontefract.co.uk)**. If you want to make a cash donation, please leave it in the Treasurer's box in Reception. Thank you.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

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

Sort Code: 05-06-71 Account Number: 16172795

1. Open your phone camera
2. Scan the QR code
3. Click the link displayed
4. Donate



If you would like something posted on our social media platforms, please email: [jonathan.harris@cofe-pontefract.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.harris@cofe-pontefract.co.uk)

To keep in touch with the latest news from the Parish, please visit our website: <https://cofe-pontefract.co.uk/>

We look forward to hearing from you.



## This week at St Giles' Church and Centre

St Giles' Church is open to visitors for private prayer/lighting of candles:  
Monday–Thursday: 10:00am–2:00pm, Friday: 10:00am–12.00pm

<b>Monday 3 February</b>		
All Day	Solar Panel Installation	Roof
13:30 –15:30	Mothers' Union Meeting	The Church
19:00	Bell ringing	The Tower
<b>Tuesday 4 February</b>		
All Day	Solar Panel Installation	Roof
09:30	Recovery College Scrapbooking Course	St Oswald
12:30	Wellbeing Café	The Cafe
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Cafe
<b>Wednesday 5 February</b>		
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
10:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00–12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
12:00–14:00	Changing Lives–Pathways 2 Progress Prog	St Oswald
12:30–14:00	Lunch with Us	The Café
<b>Thursday 6 February</b>		
10:30	Tiddlywinks	The Cafe
12:30–14:30	Foodbank Money Advice Appointments	St Hilda
12:30–14:30	Foodbank Money Advice Drop-in Sessions	St Aidan
12:30–14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
<b>Friday 7 February</b>		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
13:00	Organ Recital (John Dunford)	The Church
17:30–20:00	Choir Practice	The Church
<b>Saturday 8 February</b>		
09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
<b>16:00</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion at St Mary's</i></b>	<b><i>St Mary's</i></b>