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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, 11TH MAY 2025**

**10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles**

**12.15pm—Baptism Service 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.
- Junior Church, 3:16, have decided to take a break over the summer and will regroup in the autumn. We'll keep you posted.

### **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, 14th May:** 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Friday, 16th May:** 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

***Saturday, 17th May:*** 4.00pm—*Messy Church at St Mary's*

### **NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, 18th May:** 10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

**Wednesday, 21st May:** 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

**Friday, 23rd May:** 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

***Saturday, 24th May:*** 4.00pm—*Café Church at St Mary's*

## PROJECT LEAD

### ST GILES FOOD SHARE AND PANTRY CLUB

***As advised last week, we have had to make the difficult decision to suspend the Food Share operations, as we do not have a project lead in place. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please do highlight it. Can we also ask you to keep this in your prayers that the right person will come forward soon. Thank you.***

The Parish of St Giles' with St Mary's have a very successful and well-established Food Share based on Chequerfield in Pontefract. Due to the retirement of the current project lead, we are now looking for someone to take on this role.

If you are someone who has a heart to make a difference in the community, and loves to work with like minded volunteers who want to help those in need, we want to hear from you.

The role currently has funding until the end of August, but we are actively looking to secure funding to continue this vital work.

The post is for 20 hours per week @ £12.21

**Closing Date: Noon, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

For more information or an informal chat please contact:

Fr Ian Bullock, Vicar of Pontefract [fr.ian@cofe-pontefract.co.uk](mailto:fr.ian@cofe-pontefract.co.uk)

Please see Job Description and Application below.

[Job Description](#)

[Application Form](#)

### **3:16**

The number of children attending 3:16 regularly has been low for some months. Therefore we have decided to take a break over summer and regroup in autumn when we can hopefully encourage more children to join us.

We will put together packs for children who want to attend church.

Lynne and Stephanie.

## SCHOOL BIBLES

For a number of years the church has presented children's bibles to the Year 6 leavers at St Giles' School. We thought it would be nice if individuals in the church might like to sponsor or donate towards the cost of purchasing these. The total cost is about £800.

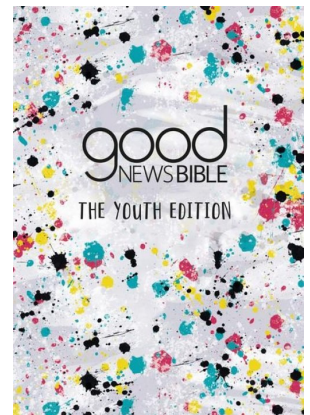
Please would you pass any contributions to myself or any of the churchwardens or by bank transfer with an email to me ([fr.ian@cofe-pontefract.co.uk](mailto:fr.ian@cofe-pontefract.co.uk)) to the account details below.

Thank you, Fr Ian.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

### Mothers' UNION

On **Monday, 12th May** we meet in church again at **1.30pm** for our short service. This will be followed by our afternoon activity in the café together with refreshments.

As always, everyone is very welcome to attend. We hope you can join us.

## ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

**Thursday, 29th May at 7.00pm in St Giles' Church**

At the 40th Day of Easter, we gather to celebrate Christ's return to Heaven at the end of his earthly ministry. The service also begins the ten days of prayer as we await the Gifts of the Spirits at Pentecost. We look forward to welcoming everyone as we mark this important festival in the life of our churches.

## PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Subscriptions for a printed copy of the parish magazine are now due at a cost of £10 - we hope you will continue to support the church through this publication. Please let Vivienne have your subscriptions as soon as possible, preferably in cash, by bank transfer or even by scanning the QR code—just let Vivienne know. If you receive a digital copy of the magazine by email, a donation would also be very welcome.

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## SUPPORTING LUNCH WITH US

As you know No.6 has been temporarily suspended while we look to appoint a new project lead. However, we would still like to support Lunch With Us and to this end they would be grateful for collection of certain items, namely **tinned tuna, tinned beans, tinned tomatoes and vegetable soup**. If you can help with any of these, the next collection will be on **Sunday, 1st June**. Please do not bring in any other food items just at the moment. Your support, as always, is gratefully received.

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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**

Generously supported by the National Lottery



## 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.

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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.





## Fundraising for St Giles Church

Over £50m has been raised by over 2 million supporters through the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

The site helps good causes across the UK to raise FREE funds through online shopping.

One of the good causes registered on the site is the **St Giles Church Pontefract** (formerly St Giles Community Project which was established at the time of the start of the internal alterations carried out in 2011 – 13). At the present time £846.91 has been raised by 26 members of the congregation and friends of St Giles who have used the site when online shopping to help the church raise vital funds.

In the last quarter of 2024 our cause has raised **£27.27** and recruited **1 new supporter**.

Just scan this QR code and be linked directly to the **St Giles Church** page where you can sign up.

After signing up please remember to initially go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgilesscp> when you are shopping on line for your weekly shopping, presents or indeed anything at all.

Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to St Giles church. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

REMEMBER

**Firstly go to the easyfundraising website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgilescp/> whenever you shop or book holidays online and St Giles will receive a % of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or the church.**

Happy Shopping!



## 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 12 May</b>		
13:30–15:00	Mothers' Union	The Church
19:00	Bell ringing	The Tower
<b>Tuesday 13 May</b>		
09:30–12:30	Conexus Healthy Lifestyles 1:1 Sessions	St Oswald
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
<b>Wednesday 14 May</b>		
09:00	Mothers' Union Cake Stall	Outside
09:30	Holy Communion	The Church
09:30	Conexus Weight Management 1:1 Sessions	St Oswald
10:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00–12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
12:30–14:00	Lunch with Us	The Café
<b>Thursday 15 May</b>		
10:30	Tiddlywinks	The Café
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	St Oswald
18:00–20:00	Diocesan/Heritage Lottery Grants Workshop	The Church
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
<b>Friday 16 May</b>		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
17:00–18:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
18:15–20:00	Choir Practice	The Church
<b>Saturday 17 May</b>		
09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
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<b>Monday 19 May</b>		
19:00	Bell ringing	The Tower
<b>Tuesday 20 May</b>		
10:00–12:30	Conexus Healthy Lifestyles Group Session	St Oswald
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
17:00	Diocesan Reader Resourcing Day	The Church
<b>Wednesday 21 May</b>		
09:30	Holy Communion	The Church
10:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00–12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
10:00–12:30	Conexus Weight Management Session	St Oswald
12:30–14:00	Lunch with Us	The Café
<b>Thursday 22 May</b>		
10:30	Tiddlywinks	The Café
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	St Oswald
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
<b>Friday 23 May</b>		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
17:00–18:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
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<b>Saturday 24 May</b>		
09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Café Church at St Mary's</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Sunday 25 May</b>		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church