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**SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH 2026**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**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.

**SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 23rd March: 7.00pm—Lent Course at St Giles**

**Wednesday, 25th March: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles**

**Wednesday, 25th March: 10.30am—Lent Course at St Giles**

**Friday, 27th March: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles**

**Saturday, 28th March: 4.00pm—Lent Course at St Mary's**

**NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS—SUNDAY, 29th MARCH 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**See Poster Over for all Holy Week Service**

**NOTICE is hereby given** of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parishioners, to elect one Churchwarden, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Day) at 10.15 a.m. No agenda will be published as the appointment of the Churchwarden is the only business that will take place.

## **The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter (Easter Day - 5<sup>th</sup> April)**

As was mentioned last year, this service will now rotate around the four parishes, so as to enable us all to gather as we greet the Resurrection.

This year the service will be held at **St Giles, and will begin at 6.00a.m.**

In church there are two sign up sheets, the first is about transport, so if you would like a lift to the service please put your name in the left hand column, and if you are able to offer transport, please add to the right hand column, and we will do our very best to ensure that everyone who wants to come is able.

The second list it so that we know how many people we need to cater for after the service, so if you could please put your name down, it will help us to ensure there is sufficient food for everyone.

God Bless, Fr Ian.

## The Missions Committee **Annual Chocolate Tombola Stall**

Will be held on

**Wednesday, 1st April 2026**

Donations of chocolate products and Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated and can be handed to either



Sheila Roydhouse, Barbara Lavine  
Hilary Plumbley or Edie Barber

Thank you for your support



## **SUMMER FAYRE**

**Saturday 9th May - 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.**

The social committee met last week and are now getting ready for our fayre. We are in need of volunteers to run and prepare their stalls, and we are also looking for the following donations:

**Bric-A-Brac, Tombola Items, Books, DVD's, Cakes, Bottle Tombola items, Teddies, and Toys**

If you are able to lend a hand, please speak to Marjorie or Pat. Thank you.



# Holy Week in our Benefice 2026

<b>Holy Monday</b>	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion at St Giles
	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
<b>Holy Tuesday</b>	10.00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross at All Saints
	10.00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross at St Michael's
	7.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St Giles
	7.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St Stephen's
<b>Holy Wednesday</b>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at All Saints
	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St Giles
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at St Michael's
	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.30 p.m.	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday at All Saints
	7.30 p.m.	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday followed by keeping watch with the Lord until midnight at St Giles
	7.30 p.m.	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday at St Michael's
<b>Good Friday</b>	2.00 p.m.	Meditation on the Cross at All Saints
	2.00 p.m.	Watch by the Cross at St Giles
	2.00 p.m.	The Nail at St Stephen's
	7.00 p.m.	Mass of the Pre-sanctified at St Giles
<b>Easter Day</b>	6.00 a.m.	Benefice Easter Vigil, Service of Light and First Mass of Easter at St Giles
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at All Saints
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at St Michael's
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	10.15 a.m.	Holy Communion at St Giles



**Please do come along and join us for our services in Holy Week and Easter**

**All Saints ✘ St Giles with St Mary's ✘ St Michael the Archangel ✘ St Stephen's  
Strengthening Faith, Building Community**

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## Next 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 23 March</b>		
16:30–18:30	Future SELPH Programme	St Oswald
19:00	Lent Course	The Café
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
<b>Tuesday 24 March</b>		
09:30	Centre Management Meeting	St Oswald
13:00–15:00	Peer Support Group	St Oswald
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
<b>Wednesday 25 March</b>		
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
09:30–12:30	Conexus Healthy Lifestyles Group Sessions	St Bede
10:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00–12:00	Citizens' Advice	St Aidan
10:30–12:30	Lent Course	St Oswald
12:30–14:00	Lunch with Us	The Café
16:20–17:00	Piano Lessons	St Oswald
17:00	Pontefract Junior Singers	St Oswald
<b>Thursday 26 March</b>		
08:30	PAT Testing	The Church
12:00–14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	St Oswald/St Bede
12:00–14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	St Aidan
19:00	Pontefract Choral Society Rehearsals	The Church
19:00	Bell Ringing Practice	The Tower
<b>Friday 27 March</b>		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
13:45	St Giles' School Service	The Church
18:15	Choir Rehearsal	St Oswald
<b>Saturday 28 March</b>		
09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:30	Baptism Preparation Meeting	The Church
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Lent Course</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
15:30	Pontefract Choral Society Rehearsals	The Church
19:30	Pontefract Choral Society Concert	The Church