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**SUNDAY, 29th MARCH 2026  
PALM SUNDAY**

**10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles commencing at the Town Hall**

**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**

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

**NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, 5th APRIL 2026**

**EASTER DAY**

**6.00am: Benefice Easter Vigil, Service of Light and First Mass of Easter  
at St Giles**

**Wednesday, 8th April: 9.30am Said Mass at St Giles**

**Friday, 10th April: 10.30am Said Mass at St Giles**

**Saturday, 11th April: 4.00pm Café Communion at St Mary's**

**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. to appoint a new Churchwarden.

## **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>Holy Monday 30 March</b>		
16:30–18:30	Future SELPH Programme	St Oswald
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
19:00	Holy Monday–Holy Communion	The Church
<b>Holy Tuesday 31 March</b>		
12:00–17:00	Sound Engineering Works	The Church
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
19:00	Stations of the Cross	The Church
<b>Holy Wednesday 1 April</b>		
09:00`	Chocolate Tombola Stall	Outside
09:30	Said Mass	The Church
09:30–12:30	Conexus Healthy Lifestyles 1:1 Sessions	St Bede
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
16:20–17:00	Piano Lessons	St Oswald
17:00	Pontefract Junior Singers	St Oswald
<b>19:00</b>	<b><i>Holy Wednesday–Holy Communion</i></b>	<b><i>St Mary's</i></b>
<b>Maundy Thursday 2 April</b>		
12:00–14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	St Oswald/ St Bede
12:00–14:30	Pontefract Foodbank Money Advice	St Aidan
19:00	Bell Ringing Practice	The Tower
19:30–24:00	Liturgy of Maundy Thursday and keeping watch with the Lord until Midnight.	The Church
<b>Good Friday 3 April</b>		
12:15	Good Friday Service at the Buttercross	Outside
14:00	Watch by the Cross	The Church
19:00	Mass of the Pre-Sanctified	The Church
<b>Holy Saturday 4 April</b>		
09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café