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## SUNDAY, 31st AUGUST 2025 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles. We welcome Revd Canon Cat Thatcher, Archdeacon of Pontefract, to preach with us today.

3.30pm - Service of Confirmation

#### 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, 3rd September: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 5th September: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Saturday, 6th September: Café Church at St Mary's

#### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, 7th September: 10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Wednesday, 10th September: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 12th September: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Saturday, 13th September: Holy Communion at St Mary's

#### **TIDDLYWINKS**

After twenty years of our children's group we have decided to take a break. This is due mainly to a prolonged fall in numbers.

If you are interested and think you can offer to take on the role of running this friendly group and find ways of encouraging an increase in children numbers, please speak to Barbara Lavine or Elaine Troughton.

If no one comes forward the group will officially close in September.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Our next meeting takes place on **Thursday, 4th September at 1.30pm** for our Communion Service led by Fr Ian. As always, everyone is very welcome and refreshments will follow the service.

#### THE NEW SEASON OF ORGAN RECITALS BEGINS



We hope you can join us for the first recital of the 2025-26 series on

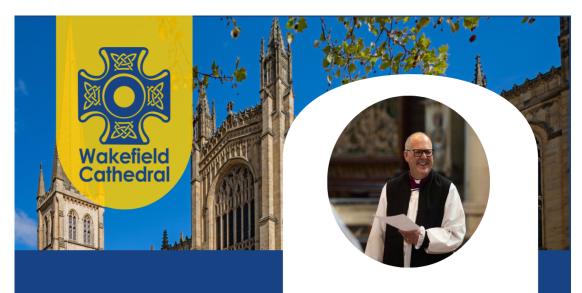
## Friday, 5th September at 1.00pm with Sean Montgomery

A voluntary donation of £5 is suggested, which includes tea and coffee, served from 12.30pm.

#### SUPPORTING LUNCH WITH US

The next collection for **Lunch with Us** will be this **Sunday, 7th September**. They would be grateful for collection of **tinned tuna, baked beans, tinned tomato soup and tinned vegetable soup**. Please do not bring in any other food items just at the moment.

Your support, as always, is gratefully received. Thank you.



# Wakefield Cathedral invites you to Follow Me

The latest session in the series of evenings on faith and discipleship founded by the retired Bishop Tony Robinson

#### **Session Running Order**

(Optional) Choral Evensong: 18:30-19:30 (Optional) Supper: 19:30 Talk and time for questions: 19:45-21:00

To book your place, please contact Caroline Asquith:-Email: caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org
Tel: 07776 963653

## SPEAKER: RT REVD MALCOLM CHAMBERLAIN

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

This will be a relaxed opportunity to get to know new Bishop of Wakefield, Malcolm
Chamberlain; he will be being interviewed by Canon Philip Hobday and then answering questions from the audience.
Bishop Malcolm arrived in the diocese in June having spent eleven years as Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham.
Ordained in 1996 he previously served as a parish priest and university chaplain in Walsall and Liverpool.



#### WELCOME OF THE NEW BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD

The Welcome Service for the new Bishop of Wakefield, **The Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain**, has been scheduled for **Sunday, 28th September 2025 at 3.30pm in Wakefield Cathedral.** This will be followed by refreshments. All are very welcome to attend, and there is no need to book.

#### 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.

#### SPONSOR AN ORDER OF SERVICE

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** 

Fr Ian will happily receive any sponsorship contributions. Thank you.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

Bank: Virgin Money, 81 Carlton Street, Castleford Sort Code: 05-06-71 Account Number: 16172795

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- 2. Scan the QR code
- 3. Click the link displayed
- 4. Donate





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



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN ST GILES, 10.00am-12.00pm

Email us via 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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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 £861.43 has been raised by 27 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 first 5 months of 2025 our cause has raised **£14.52** and recruited 4 **new supporters**.

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 <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgilesscp">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgilesscp</a> 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 <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgilescp/">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgilescp/</a> 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!



If you would like something posted on our social media platforms, please email: <a href="mailto:jonathan.harris@cofe-pontefract.co.uk">jonathan.harris@cofe-pontefract.co.uk</a>



To keep in touch with the latest news from the Parish, please visit our

website: <a href="https://cofe-pontefract.co.uk/">https://cofe-pontefract.co.uk/</a>

We look forward to hearing from you.





## The Benefice of Pontefract Parish of St Giles' with St Mary's

## Organ Recitals 2025-2026

#### Fridays at 1.00pm

(unless otherwise stated)

#### Come and join us on the following dates:

September 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 Sean Montgomery

October 3<sup>rd</sup> John Dunford

November 7th Phil Higgins

December 5<sup>th</sup> Scott Senogles

January 9th 2026 Thomas Moore

February 6<sup>th</sup> Shaun Ward

March 6th Ivan Linford

April 10<sup>th</sup> Marc Murray

May 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Wilson

June 5<sup>th</sup> David Baker

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Woodrow

A voluntary donation of £5 per recital is suggested and would be gratefully received

(includes tea/coffee served from 12.30pm before the recital)

Weekly organ concerts are advertised at www.organrecitals.uk

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Giles', Pontefract is a charity registered in England and Wales (1135106)



#### 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

Monday 1 September		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 2 September		
10:00	Wakefield Health Alliance PCN Session	St Oswald
12:30	Wellbeing Café	The Cafe
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
19:00	PCC Meeting	The Church
Wednesday 3 September		
09:30	Conexus Healthy Lifestyles Group Sessions	St Oswald
09:30	Holy Communion	The Church
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
Thursday 4 September		
12:30-14:30	Foodbank Money Advice appts	St Hilda
12:30-14:30	Foodbank Money Advice Drop-in	St Aidan
12:30—14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	St Oswald
13:30-15:00	Mother's Union—Communion Service	The Church
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Friday 5 September		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
13:00	Organ Recital with Sean Montgomery	The Church
17:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
18:15	Choir Rehearsal	The Church
Saturday 6 September		
09:00	4Louis Stall	Outside
09:00-12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
16:00	Café Church at St Mary's	St Mary's