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SUNDAY, 17th AUGUST 2025

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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.
- 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, 20th August: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 22nd August: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Saturday, 23rd August: **4.00pm—Café Church at St Mary's**

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, 23rd August: 10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Wednesday, 27th August: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 29th August: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Saturday, 30th August: **No service at St Mary's due to Memorial at St Giles**

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.

Marjorie Sanderson Memorial Service

As you are aware we are preparing for Marjorie Sanderson's memorial service. Last week I spoke with the family about the format of the service, and as part of it they have asked if I could speak about her involvement in church life, and to ask members of the church family to share some of their memories.

So that I can do this, please can I ask you if you have any memories or reflections about Marjorie that you would be happy to share with me, to either send me a note to fr.ian@cofe-pontefract.co.uk or alternatively write them down and leave them in my mail box in church no later than Sunday, 24th August.

Thank you for your assistance. God Bless Fr Ian.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR CATH GODRIDGE, RIP

The funeral service for Cath will be held in St Giles' Church on



Thursday, 21st August 2025 at 1.30pm

May Cath 'Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory'



CONFIRMATION

Sunday 31st August – 3.30 p.m. at St Giles

Preparation is now ongoing with our three candidates, as they take this next step in their Christian walk. Please pray for Ace, Dawn and Laura, and we hope that you will join us and support them on their confirmation day. Thank you and God bless.



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.

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.

Follow Me sessions this autumn

See poster for details of this special event, the latest in the Follow Me series founded by Bishop Tony Robinson, with a range of inspiring and interesting speakers!

Thursday 18 September -

Interview with Bishop Malcolm Chamberlain

Thursday 10 October - 'Praying with the Psalms' with Dr Megan Daffern.

(Optional) : Choral Evensong 18:30-19:30


(Optional): Supper 19:30

Talk & Questions: 19:45-21:00

To book a place, contact Caroline Asquith.

Caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org

Telephone: 07776 963653



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:-
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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.

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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.

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.

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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 <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!



If you would like something posted on our social media platforms, please email: 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

Monday 18 August		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 19 August		
10:00	Wakefield Health Alliance PCN Sessions	St Oswald
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 20 August		
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 21 August		
12:30–14:30	Foodbank Money Advice appts— CANCELLED	St Hilda
12:30–14:30	Foodbank Money Advice Drop-in— CANCELLED	St Aidan
12:30–14:30	Pontefract Foodbank— CANCELLED	St Oswald
13:30	Funeral in Church—Cath G	The Church
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Friday 22 August		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
18:15–20:00	Choir Practice	The Church
Saturday 23 August		
09:00–12:00	St Giles' Stall for the Hospice	Outside
09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
16:00	Café Church at St Mary's	St Mary's
Sunday 24 August		
10:15	Sung Eucharist	The Church