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**SUNDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 2025
TWELFTH 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, 10th September: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

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

Friday, 12th September: 11.30am—Funeral at St Giles (Lynne Knight)

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, 14th September: 10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Wednesday, 17th September: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 19th September: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 19th September: 12.00pm Funeral at St Giles (Michael Phipps)

Saturday, 20th September: Messy Church 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.

Although I have tried to see everyone personally, there will be some who I have missed. So, a big **thank you** to everyone who very kindly gave me retirement or 70th birthday cards and presents. You have all been very generous.

Thank you, Ian Wood.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

MICHAEL PHIPPS

Michael Phipps, Honorary Curator of the Organ at St Giles, sadly passed away on Thursday last week. His funeral is to be held on

Friday 19th September at 12.00pm

at St Giles' Church

May Michael 'Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory'





HERITAGE EVENT 2025

Saturday, 13th September

10.00am – 1.30pm

Visit St Giles' Church, it's full of the history of Pontefract.

- A general tour of the church.
- Discover the wonderful ceiling bosses, a fascinating feature often overlooked due to their location.
- View the Pontefract Roll of Honour and the flag of the Burma Star Association in the St Oswald's chapel.

1:00pm—4.00pm

Visit the tower and ringing chamber. This is part of the church which is rarely open to the public.

- The bell ringers will be available to tell you about the ancient art of bell ringing.
- All Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments will be available in the Church Café 9.00am—1.00pm



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





Wakefield
Cathedral

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.

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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.

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WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN ST GILES, 10.00am–12.00pm

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Universal Credit – Help to Claim: 0800 144 8 444

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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 £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.





ST. GILES' CHURCH, PONTEFRACT
27TH SEPTEMBER, 2025
7PM

TOGETHER IN CONCERT...



FEATHERSTONE M.V.C & THE CHANTERELLES



AWARD-WINNING LADIES' CHOIR - THE CHANTERELLES
- APPEAR IN CONCERT WITH FEATHERSTONE MALE VOICE CHOIR.



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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 8 September		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 9 September		
15:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 10 September		
09:00	Conexus Healthy Lifestyles 1:1 Sessions	St Oswald
09:30	Holy Communion	The Church
09:30	Understanding Trauma Responses & Skill Workshop	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
Thursday 11 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
19:00	Deanery Synod	The Church
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Friday 12 September		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
11:30	Funeral in Church (Lynne Knight)	The Church
17:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
18:15	Choir Rehearsal	The Church
Saturday 13 September		
09:00–13:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00–13:30	Heritage Open Day	The Church
13:00–16:00	Heritage Open Day–Belfry	Bell Tower
16:00	<i>Café Communion at St Mary's</i>	<i>St Mary's</i>