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BENEFICE VISION DAY—SUNDAY, 26TH OCTOBER

We start our day with worship together at 10.15am.

An important milestone in the life of the whole Benefice as we gather to share our thoughts, our hopes and dreams for the future, as we reach out into our parishes and share Christ with our friends, our neighbours and all those who thirst for hope in their lives. Your voice is important as we shape the mission of the church here in the Benefice of Pontefract.

Today starts with worship as we seek God's guidance and blessing, and after we share lunch, we will then spend time together planning for our future. We hope everyone will be able to stay for the time we have together, we are aiming to close the time we have together around 4.00 p.m. and thank you for making this a priority, your attendance is deeply appreciated.

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 THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 29th October: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 31st October: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Saturday, 1st November: Café Church at St Mary's

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—SUNDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER 2025

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

4.30pm—A Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at St Giles

Wednesday, 5th November: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 7th November: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Saturday, 8th November: Café Communion at St Mary's

Saturday, 8th November: A Remembrance Concert at St Giles



SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Sunday, 2nd November at 4.30pm in St Giles

If you would like to join us for our annual service for the Feast of All Souls, you are most welcome to, we will take the names of those you want to remember when you arrive for the service. This service will happen twice more, see poster on page 3



Our **Mothers' Union Lunch** will be held on

Friday, 21st November at King's Croft at 1.00pm.

A choice of two courses for £15 per person (starter & main or main & dessert) or three courses for an additional £5. All monies are to be paid when booking and menu choices to be made at the next meeting on **Monday, 2nd November at 1.30pm.**

OPEN CHURCH

Can you help? As you know the church is open for private prayer and lighting of candles each day between 10.00am and 2.00pm and is manned by a number of volunteers. However, we urgently need your help and are looking for new volunteers. Just a couple of hours one day a week would be most welcomed. Bring a friend and enjoy a coffee, a warm atmosphere and the chance to have a good natter, read a book, knit or whatever you want to do. You will not be alone as Vivienne and Jon (our new caretaker) will always be on hand. If you can help, please see one of the church wardens.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025

Oh yes, it's that time of year again! The Christmas Raffle will take place on **Saturday, 20th December at 11.00am.** Can we please encourage you all to make a maximum effort to sell as many tickets as possible with all funds raised going to St Giles' Church. If anyone would like to offer a prize it would be most welcome. Please note that all prizes should be new and purchased within applicable use by or sell by dates.

Raffle co-ordinators: Karen Glynn—07397 171299

Barbara Sessford—07485 546035

Whilst Karen and Barbara are away, please contact Kath Heseltine if you want to return any stubs or cash or need any more tickets.



The Benefice of Pontefract

A Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

A special service to give anyone who has lost someone
an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance and
offer thanks and prayers for the lives of our loved ones.

Please do come along and join us.

Everyone is Welcome

Sunday 2nd November 2025

4.30 p.m. - St Giles', Pontefract

6.30 p.m. - St Michael's, Carleton

Sunday 9th November 2025

5.00 p.m. - All Saints, Pontefract

All Saints ✕ St Giles' with St Mary's ✕ St Michael the Archangel ✕ St Stephen's
Strengthening Faith, Building Community
www.cofe-pontefract.co.uk

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St Giles', Pontefract

Is Delighted to Launch

Pontefract Jr. Singers

We Warmly Welcome children between 6 - 12 years old

Why not come and join us!

Every Wednesday During Term Time
5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Free Refreshments are Provided
at St Giles Church, Market Place,
Pontefract, WF8 1AT



For more information contact

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E-Mail: DoM.stgiles@cofe-pontefract.co.uk

Pontefract Jr Singers is part of St Giles Church and is covered by our
Safeguarding Policies, all adults who are involved are subject to DBS Checks



St Giles', Pontefract

All Hallows Eve Supper

**Friday 31st October
at St Giles' Church 7.00 p.m.**

**Fish and Chip Supper
Fellowship and Entertainment
Tickets £12 Each**

Tickets available from church

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St Giles', Pontefract

Is proud to present



A Remembrance Concert

by

Yorkshire Imperial Band



on Saturday 8th November at 7.00 p.m.

St Giles' Church, Market Place, Pontefract

Tickets £10

Tickets available from St Giles Church

Our Online Ticket Store (scan QR Code or):

<https://st-giles-church-pontefract.sumupstore.com>

E-Mail: stgiles.office@cofe-pontefract.co.uk

www.yorkshireimps.co.uk

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

Christmas Draw 2025

First Prize

**Luxury Christmas Hamper
plus many more prizes to be won!**

**Drawn in St Giles' Church on
Saturday, 20th December, 11.00am**



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Tickets £1 ea.
available from
Reception in
St Giles'
Church

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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.

Account: St Giles Parochial Church Council

Bank: Virgin Money, 81 Carlton Street, Castleford

Sort Code: 05-06-71 Account Number: 16172795

1. Open your phone camera
2. Scan the QR code
3. Click the link displayed
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WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN ST GILES, 10.00am–12.00pm

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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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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.



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

Monday 27 October

19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
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Tuesday 28 October

13:00–15:00	Peer Support Group	St Oswald
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
16:00–17:00	Music Rehearsal	The Church

Wednesday 29 October

09:00-12:30	Conexus Healthy Lifestyles 1:1 Sessions	St Oswald
09:30	Said Mass	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
17:00–18:00	Pontefract Junior Singers	The Church

Thursday 30 October

12:30–14:30	Citizens Advice Drop-in Advice Session	St Hilda
12:30–14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	St Oswald
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower

Friday 31 October

10:30	Said Mass	The Church
17:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
18:15	Choir Rehearsal	The Church
19:00	All Hallows Eve Supper	The Café

Saturday 1 November

09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
16:00	Café Church at St Mary's	St Mary's

Sunday 2 November

10:15	Parish Eucharist	The Church
16.30	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	The Church