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SUNDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

CHRIST THE KING

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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 26th November: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 28th November: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Saturday, 29th November: 4.00pm—*Café Church at St Mary's*

**NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—SUNDAY, 30th NOVEMBER 2025
ADVENT SUNDAY**

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

12.15pm—Baptism Service (Florence)

Wednesday, 3rd December: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

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

Saturday, 6th December: 4.00pm—*Carol Service at St Mary's*



The poster features a blue background with a sparkling, starry pattern. In the top left corner is a logo of a cross with a map of Pontefract inside it. The text is centered and reads: 'St Giles' Pontefract Christmas Fayre', 'Saturday 29th November', 'at St Giles' Church', and '10.00 a.m. till 2.00 p.m.'. Below this, it lists items for sale: 'A Good selection of stalls Including Cakes, Christmas Gifts, Tombola, Teddy Lucky Dip, Games, Books, Good as new Toys, Christmas Stall and many more'. It also mentions 'Plus Santa will be joining us' and 'Refreshments also available. Come along and join us.'. At the bottom left is an illustration of Santa Claus riding a reindeer. The website 'COFE-PONTEFRACT.CO.UK' is at the bottom center, and a small note at the very bottom states: 'The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Giles' Pontefract is a charity registered in England and Wales (1135106)'.

St Giles' Pontefract Christmas Fayre
Saturday 29th November
at St Giles' Church
10.00 a.m. till 2.00 p.m.

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CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

The Christmas Fayre takes place next Saturday, 29th November (see above). There will be a cake stall and any contributions of homemade cakes, buns, mince pies etc. would be most gratefully received. Cakes can be dropped off on Friday (28th) between 9.00am and 3.00pm or on the Saturday morning. Thank you, Barbara Lavine.

HELP REQUIRED AT OPEN CHURCH

Ian Wood usually helps out with Open Church on Tuesday afternoons between 12.00pm and 2.00pm. He is away on **9th and 16th December** and wondered if anyone would be able to cover for him. Please let Ian know if you can help. With thanks.

St Giles', Pontefract—CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday, 29th November 2025, 10.00am—2.00pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Social Committee is getting ready for the next event, the Christmas Fayre, and we would value your donations for the following stalls:

Tombola **Nearly New Books** **Cakes** **Soft Toys** **Bottle Stall**

If you are able to offer anything please leave them in reception marked 'Christmas Fayre'.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up stalls on the Friday from 1.00pm-3.00pm and then man a stall on the day from 9.00am. If you are able to assist, or if you have any other suggestions, please let Marjorie know.

Thank you.

MOTHERS' UNION ADVENT SERVICE

On **Monday, 1st December** we meet in Church at **1.30pm** for our **Advent Service**, which will be led by Fr Rod.

Refreshments will follow the service and everyone is very welcome to attend.



CAROL SINGING
at PONTEFRACT HOSPITAL
10th and 17th December, 11:30-12:30

Last year, members of Churches Together in Pontefract churches were invited to sing carols at Pontefract Hospital. Everyone who came had a wonderful morning singing traditional carols, led by Rachel Lindley, one of the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust Chaplains.

This year, Rachel warmly welcomes us to join her again. So please do come along to "sing Christmas" with Rachel to Pontefract Hospital patients and staff. Meeting up on the ground floor near the lifts. Come on one day or both. Carol books provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

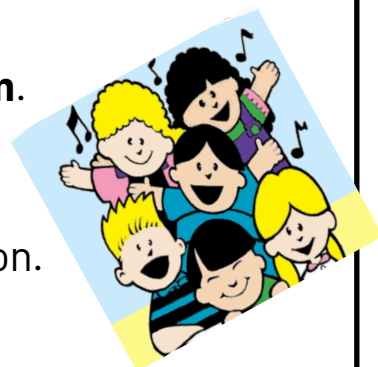
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY EVENTS AT CHRISTMAS 2025

SCHOOLS CAROL SINGING

10 local schools have been invited to sing carols in the Market Place and Salter Row on

Wednesday, 3 December between 9.30am and 3.00pm.

If you can help with the street collection for half-hour or more during the day please see or contact Bill (tel. 01977 613643) and sign your name on the list in reception.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - HOME BOXES



"Bringing-in Day" is also being held on **Wednesday, 3rd December between 9.00am and 3.00pm.**

Angela will be in church to receive your boxes.

Alternatively please bring boxes to church on the Sundays either side of this date.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS STALL

The Christmas stall will be held outside church on

Saturday 6th December 9.00am to 12 noon.

The stall will include a variety of items with a Christmas theme including gifts (jewellery, glassware, toiletries, stationery, etc.), homemade preserves and cakes (mince pies, etc.) and Christmas decorations.



There will also be a tombola of festive and other items.

Donations of suitable items or gifts for tombola/stall will be very welcome.

Please bring to church at any time clearly marked **"Children's Society"**
If you can help on the stall at any time during the morning please contact Bill & Angela Bradley (tel. 01977 613643)

All proceeds for The Children's Society.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & FAYRE



St Stephen's Church, East Hardwick

SATURDAY 6th December 2025 2.00 – 4.00pm

FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE VISITING



COME EARLY TO SEE HIM !!!

ALSO:

Lots of decorated trees

Cake stall

'Everyone's a Winner' Bottle stall

Homemade gifts by crafters

Homemade preserves etc.

'Lucky Dip' Book Sale

Refreshments

Raffle with lots of lovely prizes

Accompanied by Festive Songs and Carols played on our organ

WE INVITE CHILDREN TO MAKE A DECORATION

and bring it to Church to hang on our tree

THEY WILL BE GIVEN A SMALL TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS



Pontefract Benefice Christmas Services 2025

Sunday 30th November

6.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service at All Saints, Pontefract

Saturday 6th December

4.00 p.m. Carol Service at St Mary's, Chequerfield

Sunday 14th December

4.00 p.m. Christingle at All Saints, Pontefract

Wednesday 17th December

6.00 p.m. Carol singing in the Village, East Hardwick

Friday 19th December

7.00 p.m. Carol Service at St Stephen's, East Hardwick

Saturday 20th December

4.00 p.m. Messy Church Nativity Service at St Mary's Chequerfield

Sunday 21st December

12.00 noon St Stephen's Barn Service at Pycock's Stable Yard

3.30 p.m. Carols on the Green, followed by

4.30 p.m. Christingle at St Michaels, Carleton

6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols at St Giles', Pontefract

6.30 p.m. Outside Carol Service at All Saints, Pontefract (Inside if wet)

Christmas Eve

4.00 p.m. Torchlight Nativity Service at All Saints, Pontefract

4.00 p.m. Crib & Christingle Service at St Stephen's, East Hardwick

5.00 p.m. Christingle at St Giles', Pontefract

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass at All Saints, Pontefract

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass at St Giles', Pontefract

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass at St Michael's, Carleton

Christmas Day

10.00 a.m. Christmas Morning Communion at All Saints, Pontefract

10.00 a.m. Christmas Morning Communion at St Stephen's, East Hardwick

10.15 a.m. Christmas Morning Communion at St Giles', Pontefract

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Come & join us to sing

WEDNESDAY 10TH & 17TH DECEMBER
11.30-12.30PM
PONTEFRACT GENERAL HOSPITAL
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
CHAPLAIN RACHEL LINDLEY
07498 039604



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**



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

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St Giles', Pontefract

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
Scott Senogles Tel: 07900 996854
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**

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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

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2. Scan the QR code
3. Click the link displayed
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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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Fundraising for St Giles Church.....*Latest Update*

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 £880.83 has been raised by 29 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 10 months of 2025 our cause has raised **£33.83** and recruited 6 **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/stgilesscp> 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 24 November		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 25 November		
13:00	Wakefield Health Alliance Peer Support Group	St Oswald
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
19:00	LLM Reading Group	The Church
Wednesday 26 November		
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 27 November		
08:45	Organ Tuning all day	The Church
09:00	CCTV Installation	The Church
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 28 November		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
17:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
18:15	Choir Rehearsal	The Church
Saturday 29 November		
09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:00–14:00	St Giles' Christmas Fayre	The Church
16:00	Café Church at St Mary's	St Mary's
16:00	Visiting Bell Ringers	The Tower