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SUNDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2025 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.30am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

11.00am—Civic Service at St Giles

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 11th November: 10.50am—Short service at the War Memorial

Wednesday, 12th November: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 14th November: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 14th November: 12.30pm—Funeral in Church (Brian B)

Saturday, 15th November: *Messy Church at St Mary's*

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.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—SUNDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2025

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Wednesday, 19th November: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Friday, 21st November: 10.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

Saturday, 22nd November: *Café Church at St Mary's*

SUPPORTING LUNCH WITH US

The next collection for **Lunch with Us** will be on **Sunday, 7th December**. They would be very 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.**

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.

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



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

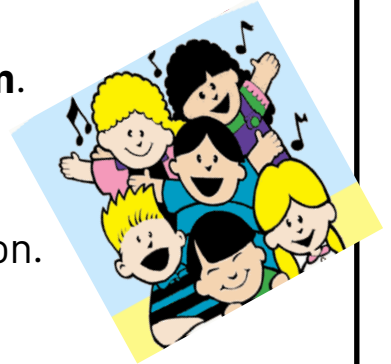
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY EVENTS AT CHRISTMAS 2025

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.



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

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
4. Donate



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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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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 10 November		
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
Tuesday 11 November		
09:30	Social Planning Meeting	The Café
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café
Wednesday 12 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 13 November		
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 14 November		
10:30	Said Mass	The Church
12:30	Funeral in Church (Brian Berry)	The Church
17:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
18:15	Choir Rehearsal	The Church
Saturday 15 November		
09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
10:30	Baptism Preparation Meeting	The Church
16:00	Messy Church at St Mary's	St Mary's