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**SUNDAY, 14th DECEMBER 2025**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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, 17th December: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles**

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

**Saturday, 20th December: 4.00pm—Messy Church Nativity Service at St Mary's**

**NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—SUNDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT**

**10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles**

**6.30pm—Nine Lessons and Carols at St Giles**

**Wednesday, 24th December: 5.00pm Christingle at St Giles**

**Wednesday, 24th December: 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Giles**

**Thursday, 25th December: 10.15am Christmas Morning Communion at St Giles**

**Saturday, 27th December: 4.00pm—No Service at St Mary's**

## FINAL CALL— CHRISTMAS DRAW

The Christmas Draw is fast approaching and will be made next **Saturday, 20th December at 11.00am**. If you have not already returned your ticket stubs and money, please would you bring these in this Sunday or by latest next Wednesday (17th) in order that everything can be prepared for the draw on Saturday. Please pass all ticket stubs/ money to Karen Glynn. Thank you for your support with this venture, both with donations of prizes and ticket sales.

## HELP REQUIRED

The **Christingle Service** takes place this year at **5.00pm on Christmas Eve**.

We would very much welcome any help with this service helping to dress the children, so if you could spare an hour or so, please do get in touch with either Fr Ian or Karen Glynn, Churchwarden.

Thank you.



## SUPPORTING LUNCH WITH US

The next collection for **Lunch with Us** will be on **Sunday, 4th January 2026**. They would be grateful for collection of **tinned tuna, baked beans, tomato soup and vegetable soup**. Please do not bring in any other food items just at the moment. Your support, as always, is gratefully received. **Thank you.**







# Pontefract Benefice Christmas Services 2025

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

4.00 p.m. Christingle at All Saints, Pontefract

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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





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

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](mailto: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



## Citizens Advice Wakefield District St Giles' Advice Outreach Service



**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN ST GILES, 10.00am–12.00pm**

**Email us via [www.wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk](http://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**

**Generously supported by the National Lottery**





## 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](mailto: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 15 December

19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
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### Tuesday 16 December

10:15	Larks Hill School	The Church
13:30	St Giles School	The Church
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café

### Wednesday 17 December

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 18 December

10:30	Halfpenny Lane School KS1	The Church
12:30–14:30	Citizens Advice Drop-in Advice Session	St Hilda
12:30–14:30	Pontefract Foodbank	St Oswald
14:00	Halfpenny Lane School KS2	The Church
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower

### Friday 19 December

10:30	Said Mass	The Church
17:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
18:15	Choir Rehearsal	The Church

### Saturday 20 December

09:00–12:00	Coffee Morning	The Café
11:00	Christmas Draw	The Church
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Messy Church Nativity Service</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>

