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SUNDAY, 7th DECEMBER 2025

SECOND 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

Monday, 8th December: 10.45am Funeral in Church (Michael H.)

Tuesday, 9th December: 11.45am Funeral in Church (Margery S.)

Wednesday, 10th December: 9.30am—Said Mass at St Giles

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

Saturday, 13th December: 4.00pm—Café Communion at St Mary's

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—SUNDAY, 14th DECEMBER 2025

THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

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

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.

THANK YOU

A huge vote of thanks goes to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre last Saturday, either donating items, cakes, etc., working in the café, manning a stall or buying items. We couldn't do it without you.

Fr Ian.

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.





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:
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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

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



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
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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

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

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 8 December

10:45	Funeral in Church (Michael H.)	The Church
19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower

Tuesday 9 December

09:00	Standing Committee	The Café
10:15	Centre Management Committee	The Cafe
11:45	Funeral in Church (Margery S.)	The Church
15:00–16:00	Chair Exercise	The Café

Wednesday 10 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 11 December

10:00–12:00	Remote Metre Fitting	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 12 December

10:30	Said Mass	The Church
11:00	New College Pontefract Concert Rehearsals	The Church
13:00	New College Pontefract Concert	The Church
17:00	Organ Tuition	The Church
18:15	Choir Rehearsal	The Church

Saturday 13 December

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