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SUNDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

12.15am—Baptism Service (Aspen-Jade and Grace)

6.30pm—Nine Lessons and Carols 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, 24th December: 9.30am— Said Mass

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES—SUNDAY, 28th DECEMBER 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10.15am—Sung Eucharist at St Giles

Wednesday, 31st December: 9.30am Said Mass

Friday, 2nd January: 10.30am Said Mass

Saturday, 3rd January: 4.00pm Café Church at St Mary's

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

In those days a decree went out from Fr Ian that all those possessing Keys to the kingdom of St Giles should be registered, this was the first registration taken in many years.



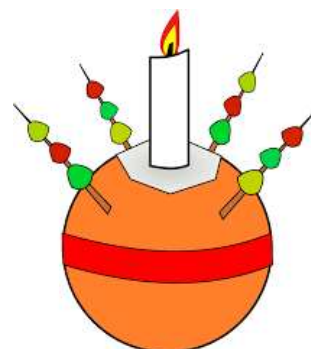
All who are in possession of the aforementioned keys are requested to advise the administrator of our parish which keys you are in possession of, and for what purpose.

If any are in possession of keys who no longer require them, then please may we ask that these are surrendered back to a churchwarden.

HELP REQUIRED

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

Can you spare some time to help with the preparation of the Christingles? All ingredients will be provided but help in the assembly process would be greatly appreciated.



We would also 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 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



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

Organ Recitals 2026

Fridays at 1.00pm

(unless otherwise stated)

Come and join us on the following dates:

January 9th 2026

Thomas Moore

February 6th

Shaun Ward

March 6th

Ivan Linford

April 10th

Marc Murray

May 1st

Sam Wilson

June 5th

David Baker

July 3rd

Alex Woodrow

A voluntary donation of £5 per recital is suggested and would be gratefully received

(includes tea/coffee served from 12.30pm before the recital)

Weekly organ concerts are advertised at www.organrecitals.uk

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



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 22 December

19:00	Bell Ringing	The Tower
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Tuesday 23 December

13:00- -15:00	Wakefield Health Alliance Peer Support Group	St Oswald
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Wednesday 24 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	Christingle Service	The Church
23:30	Midnight Mass	The Church

Thursday 25 December

10:15	Christmas Morning Communion—then Closed	The Church
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Friday 26 December

	CHURCH CLOSED—BOXING DAY	
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Saturday 27 December

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

Sunday 28 December

10:15	Parish Eucharist	The Church
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