

St Botolph's Church Magazine

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Parish News

The Parish Church

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of Knottingley



Sunday Services:

Parish Eucharist 10.00am
(all the family are welcome)

Holy Days - As announced

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Churchwardens : Linda 07939967800

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Or email **stbotolphchurchknott@yahoo.com**

Parents wishing their children to be Baptised should attend church beforehand, our services are 10 am on Sundays.

St Botolph's Diary Dates

10 May Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
10 am - 12 noon

15 June Garden Party and Gift Day
10 am - 2 pm

The Editor

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Dear Friends,

We have just celebrated Easter, as the church year goes on it calls us to turn from the empty tomb to the world where Christ goes before us. Forty days after Easter the church remembers Ascension Day when Jesus ascended into heaven and then fifty days after Easter, Pentecost, (Whit Sunday) when the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples with the sound of wind and with tongues of fire and transforms lives.



Our group of 5 churches (the parishes of Brotherton, Ferrybridge, Kellington Knottingley, and Womersley) are also in the process of transformation, and will soon officially have a new name - The Aire Benefice. All 5 churches will retain their own names and still have their usual midweek and Sunday services, occasionally we will get together for a joint service. We have an advert out for a new Associate Priest to work alongside the current clergy team in all 5 parishes, so hopefully by September we will have a full complement of clergy. This will enable clergy and laity working together to join in even more with God's mission in our parishes. Leading to transformation in our communities.

The Holy Spirit that came to the disciples at Pentecost is the same Holy Spirit that came upon each of us when we were Baptised (Christened), and dwells with us. The Holy Spirit strengthens us, comforts us, guides us and transforms our lives, so that we can help to transform the lives of those in need around us. This Pentecost give thanks for the gift the Holy Spirit and see where you are being called to transform the lives of others,

God bless,
Mother Sharon



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St Botolph's Church Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

in the Parish Room

Friday 10 May 2024

10 am - 12 noon

**Everyone welcome
Proceeds for church
funds**

Some useful numbers

Ash Grove Drs Surgery 01977 673141

Ash Grove Pharmacy 01977 622107

Ferrybridge Medical Centre 01977 664141

Non Emergency Medical 111

Emergency Dentist Urgent treatment cost £23.80 + Dental cost 111

Non Emergency Number 101

You should call 101 if you want to talk to your local police officer, get crime prevention advice, or report a crime that does not need an emergency response, for example: if your car has been stolen. your property has been damaged. you suspect drug use or dealing.

Emergency 112 can use this on mobiles also landline world wide; equivalent to 999

Emergency Gas Number for gas leaks or you can smell gas. 0800 111 999

Fast Response Electrician 24/7 local call outs, ask for a quote beforehand - Fault finding, Land Lord Certificate, Electrical Wiring, Pat testing 0800 038 5658



Looking through my albums and scrap books I found
these lovely pieces that I would like to share with you all.
Peter Greenwood.

April Awakening

It is the time when flowers raise their heads
In a bold brightness of yellows, purples, reds,
And the sun makes raindrops glisten on gossamer
threads.

It is the time of lengthening and light,
Evenings become balmy, fragrant, bright,
And when crickets chirrup in the night.

It is the time when birdsong meets the day,
A chorus carolling at dawn's first ray,
A million tuneful heralds trill and play.

It is the time when in the showers and the sun
A cycle new and ageless has begun,
The earth has turned, a battle has been won.

Deborah Mercer



St Botolph's Church , Knottingley
REQUEST FOR AN ENTRY IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please complete this form and return to one of the Churchwardens,
There is no fee for making an entry in the Book of Remembrance, but a donation towards the cost of a new Book will be most welcome, please make cheques payable to KNOTTINGLEY ST BOTOLPH'S PCC. The Parochial Church Council reserves the right to refuse any entry which is deemed unsuitable.

DETAILS OF THE DECEASED

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Date of death _____ Age _____

Additional short inscription (if required) _____

DETAILS OF PERSON REQUESTING ENTRY

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Today's date _____

Donation enclosed _____

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The name and date of death will appear annually, in the appropriate month, in the Parish Magazine . Please tick the box if you do NOT agree to this.

For office use only – details to go in Church Parish Magazine

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Name of deceased _____

Date request received _____

Puzzle Corner

April Showers Wordsearch

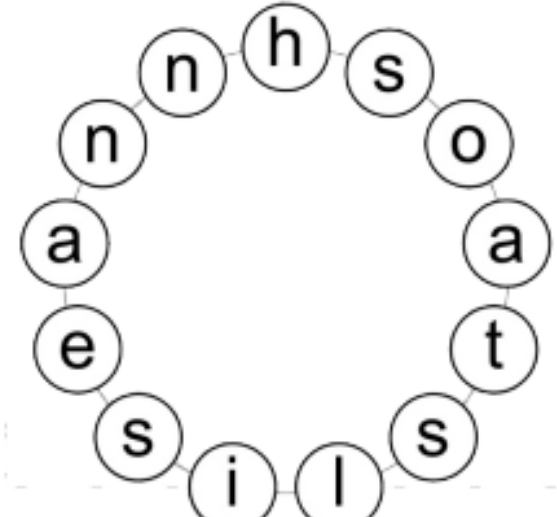
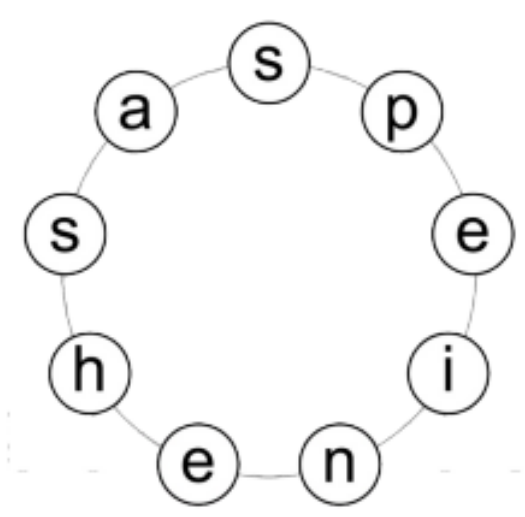
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April Fool's Day

- Beginning
Chocolate
Green
Planting
Spring
Aries
Bloom
Earth Day
Grow
Plow
Sun
Bunny
Easter
Jellybeans
Puddles
Taurus
- Basket
Chicks
Flowers

Word Stars

Draw a star by joining the letters to find two books of the New Testament



St Botolph's



Handbell Ringers

Available for any event to provide some musical entertainment, with tunes that can be adapted to any function,

i.e. Garden Parties, Charity Fundraisers, Christmas and Easter Festivities, Care Home Gatherings, and much more.

Contact Paul Hargrave, Bells Captain, on 01977 678741 to discuss how we can best perform to your particular audience.

We do not charge a specific fee, but donations are appreciated towards the upkeep of the handbells – thank you.



St Botolph's Annual Garden Party and Gift Day

This year our Garden party will be on Saturday 15 June 2024. If anyone has any donations of raffle or tombola prizes, bric-a-brac, books, etc they will be gratefully received. Please give items to any member of church or contact Linda or Janet to arrange collection.

There will be a cake, jams and pickles stall and items can be donated on the day.

Please put the date in your diary and join us for a cuppa and chat.

Love

Love works in ways that are wonderful and strange
There is nothing in life that love cannot change.
Love is unselfish, understanding and kind,
Love sees with the heart and not with the wind.
And there's no stronger bond between husband and wife
To ensure and secure a blessed married life
Than to daily seek guidance from the father above
And meet what life brings with faith, trust and love.

SIMON COCKCROFT

D.Pod.M, M.ChS.

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Parties or
Meetings
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Community Shop

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Opening Hours

Mon - Fri - 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday - 9.00am - 3.00pm

Address: Hill Top, Pontefract Rd, Knottingley WF11 8EE

Membership is free and open to those who live locally to a Community Shop store and are in receipt of a means tested benefit (e.g. JSA, ESA, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support).

Community Shop Knottingley provides eligible members of the local community with access to high-quality, low-cost food and household products, as well as giving wrap-around support through its life-changing personal development programmes that deliver real change for individuals and communities.

Call in for your shopping or a tasty meal.



Everyone Welcome
Poppy Awards
Ceremony

**The Knottingley
Club**

**Friday 26th April
7.30pm**



Tombola

Entertainment by Bev Rooker

Support Your Local British Legion

Calendar - April 2024

7th FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
*** * * MAY MAGAZINE COPY DATE * * ***



14th SECOND SUNDAY AFTER SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

21st THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

28th FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

5th May
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

6th Mon Early May Bank Holiday

9th Thu **ASCENSION DAY**

10th Fri Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon

St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday

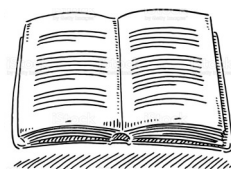
Tuesday Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
Hand Bells

Wednesday

Thursday Friends of St Botolph's (second Thursday)
Lunch Club (fourth Thursday)
Judo

Friday

Church Rotas



7 April	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
14 April	Glenis	Ann	Colin
21 April	Sheila	Iryna	Sheila
28 April	Renée	Edna	Janet
5 May	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie

Church Funds/Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge donations from
Mary for copper collection
Janice and Michael



Everyone who donated to our Easter Flower fund
Mary in memory of her family, Doris, mam and dad



Knottingley Judo Club

**BRITISH
JUDO**



Knottingley Judo Club can be found in St Botolphs parish rooms on Thursday evenings. We pride ourselves on the fun, friendly, family atmosphere in the club and welcome all new members regardless of experience and ability.

The club is run by Ian Sidaway (3rd Dan) with the help of Catriona Barber, Harvey Harding and Simon Sharpe (VI (visually impaired coach)). All coaches are fully qualified, DBS checked and first aid trained.

Training Times

Thursday evenings at St Botolphs parish rooms

Junior grades	(5-14years)	6-30-7.30pm
Senior grades	(14 years +)	8.00-9.00pm

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Harvey Harding	07976 803322	h@lawyer.com
Simon Sharpe (VI)	07740 195660	simon_sharpe@hotmail.com

Bottery



Club

Membership costs £1 per week per number and the draw takes place in the Parish Rooms after the Sunday morning service

4 February	44	June Haggan	£40
	164	Anne Barker	£10
11 February	163	Anne Barker	£40
	170	Avril Chisem	£10
18 February	52	Susan Hodgson	£40
	51	Gary Wilson	£10
25 February	71	Margaret Booth	£40
	63	Mary Patterson	£10

We would be grateful for any additional members to join our Bottery Club, all proceeds go directly to support the upkeep of St Botolph's Church.

If anyone would like to join the weekly bottery, which is £1 per number per week, please contact Sue Barlow on 07485170704 or any member of the church.



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We rely on donations!

Items we run short of

Tinned Veg/fruit, Long Life
Milk, Cordial, Tinned meat/
fish, Biscuits, Sugar,
Tinned Soup

Volunteer

We rely on volunteers and we
have some amazing people who
volunteer with Knottingley
Foodbank! If you would like to
volunteer please do
get in touch

Contact via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or Email
manager@knottingley.foodbank.org.uk

St Botolph's Parish Giving Scheme

As reported in last month's magazine, the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) was launched for St Botolph's in June 2020.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations, designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry. It reduces the burden of work on church volunteers and provides a simple and secure service to donors.



The service is freely available to all parishes, their churches and donors, within dioceses that have chosen to participate. Uptake is growing every year, with the majority of dioceses in the Church of England - and many of their parishes - now members of PGS and experiencing the benefits.

Further details can be found here: www.parishgiving.org.uk

The PGS makes it possible for donors to:
Donate monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
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Enhance your gift to your church by having Gift Aid at 25%
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Give securely and donate anonymously, if you prefer

You can set up a Direct Debit to donate regularly to St Botolph's:

via gift form available from Richard Bagley (Treasurer).

Tel: 07396598237. Email: richardbagley99@gmail.com

or directly via the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271
(Monday to Friday, 9 am- 5 pm)

The Highwayman's Tree by D Kaye

Jeremy Clyde stopped the car at the top of the hill and looked down on the village before him. The road wound through the middle of it like a great, grey snake and he could see the welcome sign of an inn just past the centre. He restarted the engine and drove on.

The lights were already on in the Highwayman; the regulars at their own tables. Jeremy's entrance caused a brief silence but the landlord greeted him cordially. With a drink in his hand, Jeremy turned and surveyed the small room and found himself under observation. An old man with a dark, weather-beaten face and shrewd eyes beckoned him over.



"Come ghost-hunting, mister?"

Jeremy laughed. "Don't tell me this place is haunted?"

"Not this place. The Tree. Just beyond the village."

"A haunted tree? You're pulling my leg."

"No, mister. It's as true as I sit here."

Again, Jeremy laughed. "What does it do? Clank chains and groan?"

"It ain't funny, mister. We've all seen him, ain't we?" he asked the room at large. There were nods and murmurs of agreement.

"Who is 'he'?"

"The Highwayman." The old man almost whispered the words.

"Oh, is the inn named after him?"

"Aye. It used to stand near The Tree but nobody would visit it when the moon was full."

Jeremy, his good-looking face still wearing a grin; knowing what was expected of him, asked "Why?"

"Because of Him."

Jeremy put his hand in his pocket. "What will you have?"

"That's very kind of you. I'll have a pint of best bitter."

The landlord brought it over.

"Come on, now, dad. Tell me about it."

The old man took a long drink, eyeing him over the top of the glass. "You won't believe it."

"Try me."

He took another drink.

“This village used to stand on the main road to the next county. All the coaches came through here. All the money-people on their way to the Spas. One of the village lads didn’t see why they should be so poor when those with all the money came through regularly but did nothing for the village. So, he turned highwayman and robbed the coaches between here and the next village. He shared the spoils with the rest of the villagers.”

“A sort of early Robin Hood?”

“Adam Hall gave this village a chance to survive. The people were careful not to rouse suspicion about where they got the money but, one day, somebody laid a trap for him. He was caught and hanged from a tree just outside the village.”

“And ?” Jeremy prompted.

“Nobody goes near that tree when there is a full moon. You can hear the sound of horses galloping and then you see Adam Hall swinging from the branches.”

“It’s a good tale.” Jeremy conceded.

“And true.”

“Oh, come on. There aren’t such things as ghosts. You know that as well as I do.”

“We know what we’ve seen. Nobody will spend the night there.”

“You’re making it all up.”

“You think so? Tell you what. If you spend the next night of the full moon there and see nothing, I’ll give you a tenner.” He took a ten-pound note from his pocket and placed it on the table.

Jeremy took out his wallet. “Right. And if I do see Adam Hall’s ghost. I’ll give you a tenner. When is the next full moon?”

“Tomorrow night.”

Jeremy turned to the landlord, “Can you put me up for a couple of days?”

“That I can. We keep as spare room for anyone interested in our patron.”

The following morning, Jeremy explored the village. The tiny church had some beautiful stained-glass windows, one of which bore the inscription ‘In memory of Adam Hall. Public benefactor.’ It depicted the



overthrow of the moneylenders in the Temple. Thoughtfully, Jeremy went on his way.

The Village Hall was a brick building which also housed the local library. There, Jeremy found a book on the history of the village. He sat at a small table and read the legend of Adam Hall. It was all there as he had heard; even to the apparition in the tree.

At the village shop he discovered miniature pottery replicas of Adam Hall astride a black horse, pistol cocked and face masked. There were also postcards with pictures of the tree and the highwayman astride his horse beneath it. The legend was on the bottom half. Jeremy smiled and returned to the inn.



The night was frosty and clear. The full moon sailed serenely across a dark back-cloth studded with miniature points of light. Midnight approached.

Sitting on a tree-trunk some ten yard or so to the left of The Tree, Jeremy found himself in a state of nervous anticipation. There were no such things as ghosts. He couldn't take the money from the old man but he knew he couldn't back down. He pushed his hands deeper into his pockets and shivered slightly. The church clock began to strike the hour. Jeremy tensed. Nine – ten – eleven – twelve – The last stoke died away and he began to relax. He started to rise and then stopped. He could hear something in the distance. He sat down abruptly. It was the sound of galloping horses. He shook himself mentally. He must be falling asleep – dreaming.

The sound came nearer – louder – accompanied by creaking harness and wooden wheels. It seemed to pass behind The Tree and fade into the distance. Jeremy drew his gaze back to The Tree. There, in the moonlight, he could see the figure of a man, in highwayman's outfit, hanging from the lower branches. Slowly it faded from sight.

At mid-day, Jeremy walked into the bar at the Highwayman and looked around at the regulars.

"Come to pay your debts, mister?" the old man grinned.

Jeremy took the money from his wallet and handed it to the landlord. "Will you hold that for me for a moment?" he asked.

He left the room and returned a moment later with two objects. Silence descended on the room. Jeremy pressed a switch and the sound of a coach and horses invaded the room. He aimed a projector on the wall and the figure of Adam Hall, highwayman, showed up.

“That’s how it’s done, isn’t it?” he asked.

“Where did you get those things?” the old man demanded.

“They are mine. I took them with me last night. If you look carefully at the film, you can see the beam of light from the projector as the film shows up on the tree-trunk.”

It was the landlord who broke the silence, “What do you plan to do about it?”

Jeremy looked serious. “How many people do you ‘con’ this way?”

“Not a lot. They don’t often take up the challenge.”

“What happens to the money when they do?”

“It goes to the village hardship fund. State benefits are alright as far as they go but a little extra is always handy.”

Jeremy picked up his ten-pound note, “You’d better put this in the fund then, I heard the horses and saw the highwayman. That is what the bet was about, wasn’t it?”

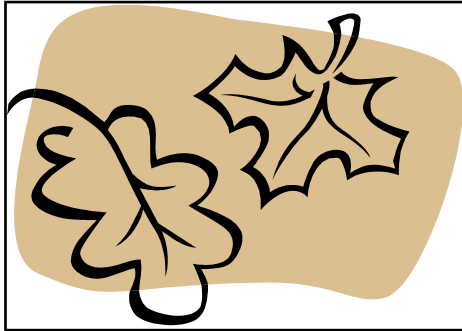
He grinned suddenly. Opening the recorder, he took out the cassette; then he took the film from the projector. He handed both to the landlord. “Here you are. You may need a spare set, one day.”

The landlord beamed at him. “Thank you, Mr Clyde. What will you have? Courtesy of The Highwayman?”



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**The 3rd Saturday of each month
20 April and 18 May**

10am until 12 noon

at

The Knottingley Club



Meet for a bacon butty and a cuppa
With your local British Legion



Friends of St Botolph's

We are half way through our Lent Lunches, we have averaged around 25 each week with around 7 deliveries for people who are unable to get to the Parish Rooms.

Ann, the lady who has been selling our ladies knitting for Martin House our Charity who we support, came last week to collect some knitting and leave some wool. The last 2 years we managed to raise £600 each year for Martin House and we are hoping to raise the same this year.

If we manage to get more than the £600 this year we are hoping to donate some money to Ukraine. We have a lady, who is a member of our congregation and also comes to the group, who comes from Ukraine. Her Mum, brother and their families are still there.

Ann is having a sale in April, and she went away with plenty of knitting; baby clothes, dolls clothes, knitted toys, blankets and we gave her plenty of stuff for the Martin House charity shop. Well done ladies from Friends Of St Botolph's Parish Rooms. Ann always goes away with lots of lovely stuff from the ladies.

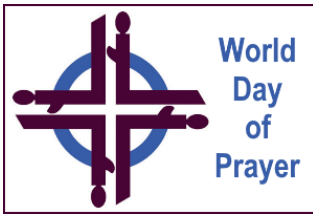
I came home from the group last Thursday and a massive bag of knitting for the hospice had been dropped off, thank you. People do read our magazine and respond. We are carrying on knitting we feel this charity is close to our hearts may be you could do some square for our blankets. If you need any wool let us know and we will drop some off for you.

Lots of love from friends x

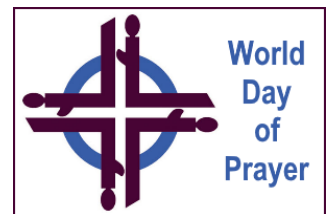


Here when families
need us most





World Day of Prayer 2024



'I beg you, bear with one another in love'

The World Day of Prayer this year was hosted by the Salvation Army and United Reform Church and attended by most of the Churches Together in Knottingley.

The same service is celebrated from sun rise in the East and carries on, unceasing, on the journey west round the world. Unceasing prayer, praise and reflection of the lives of women in a chosen country. A choice made 3 years ago to give ample preparation time. How apt that the country chosen for 2024 was Palestine and how distressing that the situation there has caused so many deaths, so much destruction and loss of life. There were moving testaments from local women, showing love, care, tolerance and hope. It was a very humbling experience listening.

Joy organised the event with various church members filling the parts with thought and care.

This is an annual event where, we hope we were able to fulfil the meaning of the title, bearing in love with one another.

The day is always the 1st Friday of March. We will always find room and welcome you.

Hilary



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World Earth Day - 22 April 2024

Theme: Planet vs Plastics

Our theme, Planet vs. Plastics, calls us to

- ◆ advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics
- ◆ urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution
- ◆ demand an end to fast fashion

Participating in Earth Day is a powerful way to make a positive impact on our planet. Whether it's taking part in local clean-up campaigns, planting trees, reducing your carbon footprint, or advocating for policy changes, every action counts.

As we look forward to Earth Day 2024, let's take a moment to reflect on our role as stewards of the environment. What changes can we make in our daily lives to reduce environmental impact? How can we better support our local communities in their sustainability efforts? How can we promote the importance of environmental protection on a global scale?



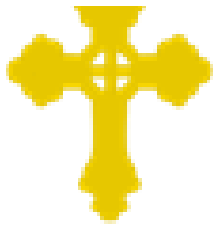
St George's Day 23 April

St. George (lived in 3rd century - died, traditionally Lydda, Palestine [now Lod, Israel]; feast day April 23) was an early Christian martyr who during the Middle Ages became an ideal of martial valour and selflessness. He is the patron saint of England and of Georgia and is venerated as one of the 14 Auxiliary Saints (Holy Helpers).

Nothing of George's life or deeds can be established, but tradition holds that he was a Roman soldier and was tortured and decapitated under Diocletian's persecution of Christians in 303. His remains were taken to Lydda (now Lod, Israel), the homeland of his mother, and were later transferred to the church that was built in his name there. Various relics reportedly are housed in both Western and Eastern churches worldwide. St. George's Chapel of Windsor Castle, for example, is said to have once held two fingers, part of the heart, and part of the skull of the saint.

Legends about him as a warrior-saint, dating from the 6th century, became popular and increasingly extravagant. Jacob de Voragine's *Legenda aurea* (1265–66; *Golden Legend*) repeats the story of his rescuing a Libyan king's daughter from a dragon and then slaying the monster in return for a promise by the king's subjects to be baptized. George's slaying of the dragon may be a Christian version of the legend of Perseus, who was said to have rescued Andromeda from a sea monster near Lydda. It is a theme much represented in art, the saint frequently being depicted as a youth wearing knight's armour with a scarlet cross.





St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram



Our usual service times are below:

Sunday

8am	Said Holy Communion	St Andrew
9.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Edward the Confessor
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew

Wednesday

9.15 am	Eucharist	St Edward the Confessor
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Thursday

10.00 am	Eucharist	St Andrew
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We now hold our Sunday evening services. Their format will vary, more information will be found on our Facebook pages and website.

1st Sunday of the month	St Edward the Confessor
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3rd Sunday of the month	St Andrew
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Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.
Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk

Website: www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk

Events

5th April and 19th April

Coffee and Chat, 2 - 4 pm

St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, every two weeks

28th April

Sunday Social, 1 - 3 pm

Brotherton Parish Hall

1st June

Plant Sale

St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

God Bless

Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

Priest in Charge of the parishes of Ferrybridge, Brotherton,
Knottingley, Kellington & Whitley with Eggborough, and
Womersley.

New Vicarage

Pontefract Rd

Ferrybridge

WF11 8PN

Tel: 01977 671415



Kellington, Eggborough and Whitley

Church of St Edmund King and Martyr

Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am



Events

13th April Coffee Morning
Eggborough Village Hall 12-2pm
18th May Plant Sale
St Edmund, Kellington

Please come along and join us

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415

**To contact Kellington Parish Council;
Clerk to the Council, Janet Smith, 662809
kellington.clerk@outlook.com**

Womersley

Church of St Martin

Sunday Mass 11am



Events

6th April Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10am - 12 noon
(First Saturday of the month)

Everyone Welcome

1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have completed the Take Action Theme. They have been helping, campaigning and raising awareness of and funds for charities.

The Brownies and Guides had a wonderful visit to Let's Get Lathered in Pontefract. They made bath bombs using different shapes and colours.

The girls have been working hard and the following awards were earned:

Brownies

Bronze Award: Jasmine, Lucy, Megan and Sophia

Silver Award: Hattie

Guides

Silver Award: Amelia, Esmae

Gold Award; Keira



Well done girls, especially Keira who has earned the top award in Guides, only our second girl to achieve this.

Seven Rainbows and six Brownies made their Promise before we broke up for Easter.



Diocesan News

March 2024

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Revd Ian will ride and run 75 miles to mark the diocese's 10th Anniversary



One of our clergy is hopping on his bike, then jumping into running shoes for a 75 mile sponsored odyssey to mark the diocese's 10th Anniversary this April.

Revd Canon Ian Greenhalgh, Area Dean for the Bowland and Ewecross Deanery will ride and run across the Ripon and Bradford Areas and hopes to raise funds to help support our churches.

His goal is to arrive at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, April 20 in time for a special anniversary service attended by Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York.

"When I had my 75th birthday in January and thought about upcoming the 10th Anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds, I felt inspired to challenge my fitness levels and to raise money for the Church I love to serve," Ian said.

"Therefore on Friday, April 19, my son Tom and I will cycle 50 miles from Settle Parish Church to Ripon Cathedral. We will pass on churches in Burnsall, Appletreewick and Pateley Bridge on the way.

"We plan to begin the bike ride at 9am and to arrive in Ripon at lunchtime – hopefully people might give us a wave as we pass and maybe the odd cup of tea!

"On Saturday, April 20, we will begin a 25 mile walk and jog along the Leeds and Liverpool canal, starting at Gargrave Parish Church, and passing churches in Skipton, Bradley, Kildwick, Silsden, Riddlesden and Saltaire before finishing at Bradford Cathedral. We plan to leave Gargrave at 9am and arrive at the Cathedral by 2pm."

Ian hopes to be joined by friends and volunteers along the route and all are welcome to join him and Tom for as little or as far as they wish.

Leeds Minster hosts a Chinese New Year Fair for everyone

The Chinese Year of the Dragon began with a lively Lunar New Year Fair, held for the first time at Leeds Minster and which attracted some 900 visitors.

The historic building was packed with stalls, food and and welcome guests from local churches with Cantonese-speaking people, many of whom have arrived from Hong Kong recently. Canon Paul Maybury, Rector of Leeds City, said the inaugural had been a great success:

"It was a great joy for Leeds Minster to host our first Lunar New Year fair.

"It was an excellent use of our space and facilities and a pleasure to support the various churches in the city serving the Cantonese-speaking community."



Shared prayer for peace

Bishop Toby

As we continue our Lenten journey with Jesus in the way of the cross, Muslim friends, colleagues and neighbours are beginning their fast this month. Each year, the lunar month of Ramadan starts ten or eleven days earlier, and the overlapping of our annual periods of spiritual discipline offers opportunities to share with and pray for each other.

Christian and Jewish dates for Easter and Pesach also fluctuate each year, with Easter Sunday falling on 31st March and the Jewish observance of Passover starting on 22nd April.

Many Muslims and Jews approach their observances this year feeling vulnerable. Incidents of both antisemitic and Islamophobic hatred have risen sharply since Hamas' murderous attacks of October 7 last year led to Israel's brutal invasion of Gaza. The House of Bishops has called for an immediate ceasefire along with the release of all remaining hostages and an end to Hamas' missile attacks on Israel. The devastation of Gaza and the killing of so many Palestinian civilians there, said the House, cannot be morally justified. The bishops also condemned all antisemitic and anti-Muslim sentiment and committed our church to work alongside others for the common good, despite our differences.



Jesus said in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the peace-makers." As the Revd Jenny Ramsden, our Diocesan Interfaith Adviser, reflects, we often think of peace as an 'absence of war'. But Jesus implies that peace is something that we need to actively create and build. Many people from different faith backgrounds, including clergy and lay leaders from this diocese are doing this hard work of building peace in our communities. This work is not made easier by rhetoric from some politicians and media, and the recent government decision to cut funding to the national Inter Faith Forum causing it to shut down is short-sighted and regrettable. But many stories of costly peace-making, not least in our schools, are inspirational.

We have an opportunity this Lent to pray for and to reach out especially to Jewish and Muslim colleagues, friends and neighbours. They and we may disagree strongly and emotionally about events in Israel Palestine, but holding on to one another across these differences is a calling from our Lord.

Muslim Council of Britain's Zara Mohammed talks faith with Bishop Tony

The first woman Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain joined Bishop Tony in conversation at Halifax Minster as part of its new Festival of Faith. The festival aims to make the traditional festival of Lent as accessible to as many people as possible and features a series of public conversations on wide-ranging topics.

"It was a great joy and privilege to spend an hour in dialogue with Zara Mohammed, the first women Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain," said the Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield.

"She is a pioneer and role model for young Muslim women. We were able to discuss the situation in Israel and Gaza and the withdrawal of funding by the present government for the Inter Faith Network which has been at the forefront of inter faith relationship for over forty years."



New resources for parishes to help with church buildings



The Diocese of Leeds is pleased to have extra resources to help churches with their buildings, thanks to a successful funding application with the Church of England.

Because of some £9 million allocated by the Church Commissioners as part of a national Buildings for Mission Fund, the diocese is able to offer new help to our parishes, with our expanded Diocesan Church Buildings Grant Scheme.

The Grant Scheme aims to support parishes with maintaining and improving their church buildings as vital centres of worship, community, and mission.

Initially a five year scheme offering some £80,000 a year to churches, this year we have been given some £272,000 to expand the amount available to our parishes.

These grants are for churches across the diocese to do minor repairs; projects which will improve the functionality of our buildings for missional purposes; and projects that reduce the environmental impact of our buildings, as we aim to meet the Church of England's 2030 carbon net-zero target.

In addition, because of funding from the Church Commissioners, we are able to employ a new Church Buildings Support Officer, Alena-Rose Douglas.

In our diocese this role is focused on providing bespoke, tailored, ongoing support for selected parish churches, following the priorities of our Barnabas: Encouraging Confidence initiative .

It is intended that the parishes Alena-Rose works with should be able to take what they learn and offer support and advice to other parishes, to share the learning from projects in a practical way.

Alena-Rose said: "A project that I'm particularly excited to be involved with is a pilot scheme for a maintenance collective.

"The aim is to work together across a geographic area (in this case a deanery) to make the regular care and maintenance of church buildings easier, trying to make best use of the resources we have, both in terms of money and people.

"The support and enthusiasm from the volunteers involved in this project is fantastic, even though it is still in very early stages of planning.

"I am very optimistic for its future!"

These time-limited additional support measures supplement the ongoing work of our DAC, who remain available to advise and help all parishes around church building projects.

Daily devotions between Easter and Pentecost to mark diocesan 10th anniversary

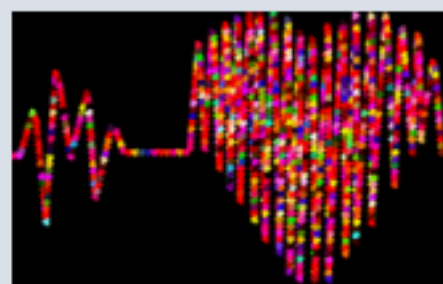
As part of marking the 10th anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds, people will be able to receive an email devotion every day between Easter and Pentecost.

During the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost, people in the diocese and beyond can subscribe to receive a daily email with stories, reflections, prayers and more.

Each email will include a reflection written by different people from all across our diocese.

The Revd Canon Andrew Norman, Director of Ministry and Mission for the diocese, said: "As we journey through the Book of Acts, every reflection will be linked to one of the areas of focus in our Rhythm of Life initiative: encourage, share, create, pray, rest, celebrate, reflect.

"There will also be ideas for activities and links to good news stories."



Festivals of Spring

Revd Dave Ho Young
Vicar, St Barnabas
Alwoodley

There are two festivals I celebrate every spring. One is of course Easter, which we celebrate this month. The other is Chinese New Year, which we celebrated last month, and which in China is called Spring Festival. Falling on the first new moon between 21 January and 20 February, this ancient festival marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring, and in Chinese culture is associated with hope and expectation for the year ahead.

While the Lunar New Year is not a Christian festival, for Chinese Christians there are plenty of traditions that we can reinterpret or understand in the light of Jesus and through the prism of the Easter story.

Chinese characters which form couplets on red paper adorn the sides of people's doorways, and reminds us of the Exodus from Egypt when the blood of the Passover lamb was painted on the doorframes of the Israelites.

Red envelopes containing money is given to children at



New Year, which for Christians reminds us of the free gift of Jesus' salvation given to us through the shedding of his blood. Homes are cleaned from top to bottom at Spring Festival, originally to bring good luck but for Christians this reminds us of Jesus washing away our sins. Finally, new clothes are worn on Chinese New Year, which for us is a reminder of being clothed with Christ when we become Christians.

Jesus' death and resurrection is the foundation of our faith. Without the cross and without the empty tomb there is no forgiveness for sins and there is no new life. As we celebrate Easter in a few weeks we are reminded once again of the hope that can only be found in Jesus. At Lunar New Year there is a Chinese character 福 that is often hung upside down in people's homes. It means 'blessing' and hung upside down it signifies blessing being poured out. This Easter may God's blessings of new life and hope in Christ be poured out in your life afresh.

Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust have grants for our churches

Churches in our diocese will be able to benefit from grants from the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust (YHCT), who are welcoming funding applications from churches across the county for repair, restoration and maintenance work.

Due to donations and legacies received last year, the Trust is actively encouraging churches to apply for the next round of funding.

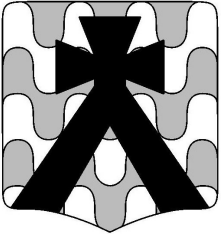
Sally Firth, Churchwarden at Holy Trinity Church in Cookridge recently went through the application process, and said: "The application form was short and simple to complete, with relevant straightforward questions.

"The assessment visit was a chance for us talk through our application and let the assessors see the work that needed undertaking.

"We were also able to show the work we had already undertaken and talk about our plans for the future.

"I would encourage anyone looking for funding to put forward an application".





From the

Funeral

26 February	Margaret Wilshire	74 yrs	St B
29 February	Catherine Humphries	100 years	St B

May they rest in peace
And rise in glory

A prayer for those who mourn

May God be with you in your sorrow
And comfort you in your loss.

May your God, your family and your friends,
Give you strength and confidence.

May your spirits be lifted,
May your heart be filled with peace and
May the light of God's promise fill you with
joy and hope.

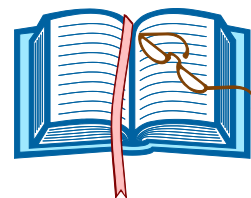
Amen

"Better by far you should forget and smile than that you should
remember and be sad"

Christina Rossetti 27 April 1894

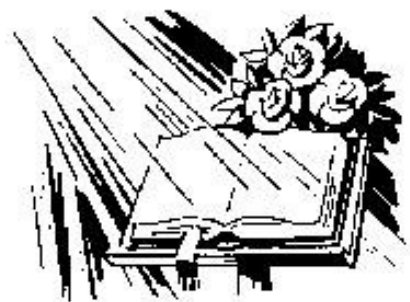
Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



On these days of April please pray for the repose of the souls of:

1 Dorothy Lucy Kynman 1983	19 Thompson Fozzard 1988 Nancy Parker 2000 David Richard Schofield 2022
2 Elizabeth Senior 1964 Edwin Harrison 1980	20 Dennis Hargrave 1988 John Thomas Lowe 1985
3 Lilian Warrington 2001	21 Dora Hudson 1984 Mary Joyce Bell 2011
4 Greta Sheard 2004	22 Horace Brown 1979
5 Ellen Buck 1978 Paul Barlow 2011	23 Harry Heath 1985 Janet Tucker 2006
6 Wilfred Hepworth 1981 Phyllis Scott 2010	24 Harry Lancaster 1978 Harold Chisem 1993
7 Mary Ann Arnold 1953 John Robert Fletcher (Jack) 1999 Audrey Newlove 2015	25 Mary Jane Wood 1990 William King 2010 Dennis Taylor 2010
8 Lionel Branford 1982	26 Joan Smithfield Fozzard 2017
9 HRH Prince Philip 2021	29 Phyllis Gwendoline Tunningley 2018 John Henry Moon 1988
10 William Ratcliffe 1965 Roy George Blakeston 1984 John Chadwick 2002	30 Gordon Hayes 1991 John Mark Hepworth 2004 Joshua Joe Draper 2005
11 Kathleen Woodhead 1988	
12 Floris Ratcliffe 1980	
15 Marjorie Elizabeth Woodall 2001	
17 Dennis Belch (DENBO) 2012 Terence Clayton 2017	
18 Joe Arnold 1982	



Holy Days and Commemorations

Eucharist Readings

April

1 Monday in Easter Week
2 Tuesday in Easter Week
3 Wednesday in Easter Week
4 Thursday in Easter Week
5 Friday in Easter Week
6 Saturday in Easter Week
7 **EASTER II - LOW SUNDAY**
8 **The Annunciation**
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14 **EASTER III**
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16 Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923
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19 Alphege, Archbishop, Martyr, 1012
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21 **EASTER IV**
22 World Earth Day
23 George, Patron Saint of England, 304
24
25 Mark the Evangelist
 Anzac Day
26
27 Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894
28 **EASTER V**
29
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May
1 Philip and James, Apostles
2
3
4
5 **EASTER VI, Rogation Sunday**

7th April

Easter II

Acts 4: 32 - 35

1 John 1: 1-22

John 20: 19-23

14th April

Easter III

Acts 3: 12 - 19

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36- 48

21st April

Easter IV

Acts 4: 5 - 12

1 John 3: 16-24

John 16: 16-22

28th April

Easter V

Acts 8: 26 - 40

1 John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1- 8

5th May

Easter VI

Acts 10: 44 - 48

1 John 4: 1- 4

John 15: 22- 27

12th May

Sunday after Ascension

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

The Aire Benefice Events

5th April	Coffee and Chat (Every two weeks) St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm
6th April	Coffee Morning St Martin, Womersley, 10am - 12 noon (first Sunday of the month)
13th April	Coffee Morning Eggborough Village Hall, 12noon - 2pm
19th April	Coffee and Chat St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm
28th April	Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)
10th May	Plant Sale and Coffee Morning St Botolph's Knottingley, 10 am - 12 noon
18th May	Plant Sale St Edmund, Kellington
1st June	Plant Sale St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton
15th June	Garden Party and Gift Day St Botolph's Knottingley, 10am - 2pm



**Knottingley, St Botolph's Church
in the Parish Room**

Lunch Club

Fourth Thursday of the month

12 noon

Tickets £5 available from Linda

**Friends of St Botolph's
in the Parish Room**

Knit and Natter

**Second and fourth Thursdays of the
month**

1.30 - 3 pm

All welcome