

# St Botolph's Church Magazine

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# Knottingley



# Parish News

# The Parish Church

Priest in charge	Mother Sharon	671415
Church Wardens	Linda Brown	673463
	Janet Laycock	662028
Deputy Wardens	Ray Wilson	
	Wayne Evans	
Organist	Daniel Fretwell	
Standing Committee	Mother Sharon, L. Brown, J. Laycock, R. Bagley, Wayne Evans	
Deanery Rep.	vacant	
Safeguarding		
Health and Safety Officer	Sheila Hutley	
Flowers Co-ordinator	Janet & Linda	
Parish Room Bookings	Linda Brown	673463
Tower Captain	Paul Hargrave	678741

## **Uniformed Organisations**

Rainbows/Brownies / Guides	Janet Laycock	662028
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## **Knottingley Parish News**

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# of Knottingley

## Sunday Services:

**Parish Eucharist 10.00am**  
(all the family are welcome)

**Holy Days** - As announced

**Contact us:** To arrange a funeral please contact Linda  
07939967800

Parents wishing their children to be Baptised should attend church beforehand, our services are 10 am on Sundays.  
To arrange a baptism, wedding or banns please contact Janet on  
07790939025

Or email **stbotolphchurchknott@yahoo.com**

## St Botolph's Diary Dates

Christmas Fayre, 2 December, 10 am - 2 pm

Carols & Christingle, 23 December, 4 pm  
Outside weather permitting



The Editor

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## **Christmas Services 2023 across our five parishes**

Please join our Christmas Services, sing some carols, celebrate the birth of Jesus. You will be sure of a warm welcome.

### **10th December**

3pm Carol Service St Edmund, Kellington

6pm 9 Lessons & Carols St Andrew, Ferrybridge

### **17th December**

6pm 9 Lessons & Carols St Edward, Brotherton

### **22nd December**

7pm Carols by Candlelight St Martin, Womersley

### **23rd December**

4pm Carols and Christingle St Botolph, Knottingley

### **24th December**

Morning services in all churches at the usual times

1.30pm Crib Service St Edward, Brotherton

3pm Crib Service St Andrew, Ferrybridge

9pm Midnight Mass St Botolph, Knottingley

9.30pm Midnight Mass St Edward, Brotherton

11pm Midnight Mass St Martin, Womersley

11.30pm Midnight Mass St Andrew, Ferrybridge

11.30pm Midnight Mass St Edmund, Kellington

### **25th December**

9.15am Christmas Day Mass St Edward, Brotherton

9.30am Christmas Day Mass St Martin, Womersley

10am Christmas Day Mass St Botolph, Knottingley

10.45am Christmas Day Mass St Andrew, Ferrybridge







# **St Botolph's Annual Christmas Fayre Saturday**

## **2 December 2023**

**10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
in the Parish Room**

**Various stalls including tombola,  
raffle, crafts, bric-a-brac**

**Join us for soup and a roll  
for lunch**

**Proceeds to church  
Do come along, everyone welcome**

## 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.*

Christmas thoughts are flowing  
Out to those we love,  
Christmas magic growing,  
Bright stars shine above.  
Memories of other times  
Many songs were sung,  
Candlelight and silver chimes -  
When the world was young.

Wishing joy and love and peace,  
Happiness to share,  
Hoping blessings all increase,  
Goodwill everywhere.  
Christmas love is flowing  
Touching heart and hand,  
May it keep on growing -  
Filling every land.

*Iris Hesselden*



**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

Full date of death, day-month-year \_\_\_\_\_

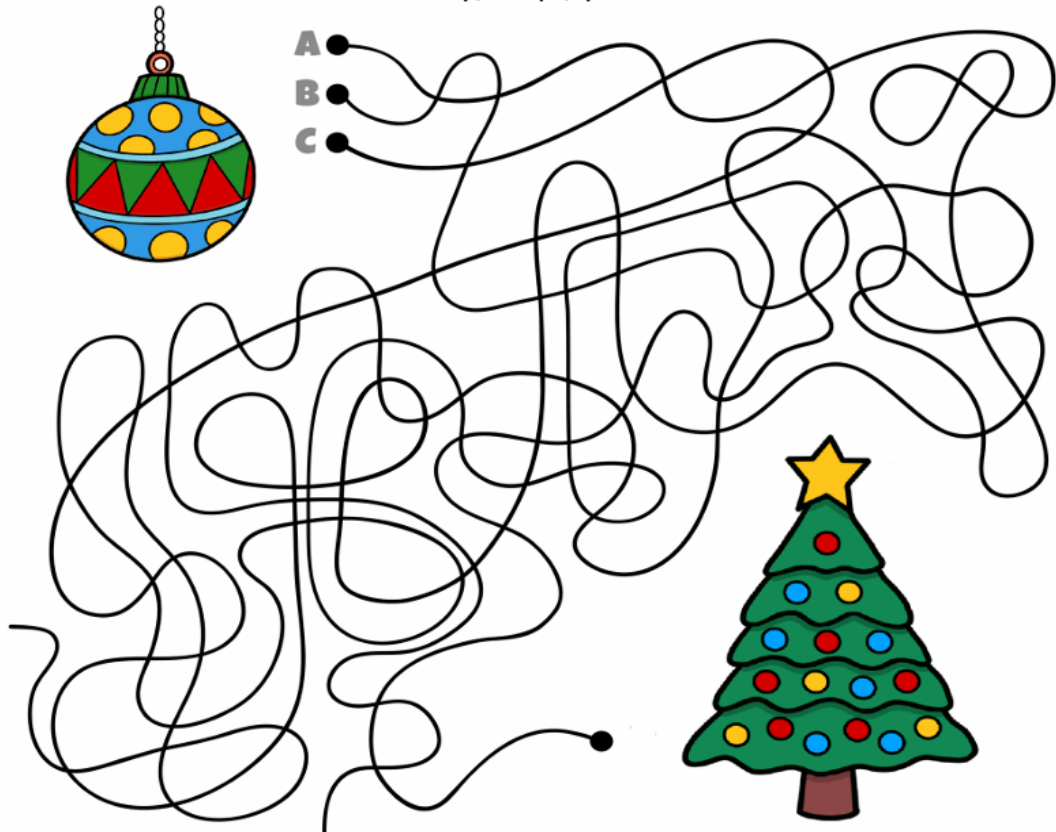
Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Date request received \_\_\_\_\_



# Puzzle Corner

The last bauble needs to be put on the Christmas tree, but which path should you use?



## Christmas Wordsearch

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- baubles
- christmas
- decorations
- dinner
- holly
- lights
- mistletoe
- pudding
- santa
- toys
- tree
- turkey

# 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.***

# **The Church of St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton**

**Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 18 November 2023**

**11.00 am - 2.00 pm**

**In the Parish Hall**

**Various stalls**

Refreshments including  
pork and turkey  
sandwiches, chips, tea  
and cake

Don't miss this traditional  
Christmas Fayre



## **St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge**

**Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 25th November 2023**

**11.00 am - 2.00 pm**

**Various stalls**

Refreshments will be available

Do come along you will be sure of a warm  
welcome

**SIMON COCKCROFT**  
D.Pod.M, M.ChS.

112 Weeland Road  
Knottingley, WF11 8BG  
(01977) 671791

**CHIROPODIST**

## Rainbows

Following several enquiries we are hoping to open a Rainbow unit in Knottingley probably in January 2024.

For girls aged 4 - 7 years  
Tuesdays 5 - 6 pm  
St Botolph's Parish Room

If you are interested please contact Janet 07790939025 or [janet.laycock@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.laycock@yahoo.com) giving your name, your daughter's name and date of birth.

We also need some Unit Helpers. Please contact Janet if you are interested.





## Knottingley Community Shop

### 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.

**The Parish Room is available  
for hire for  
Parties or Meetings  
at a reasonable rate  
Ring 673463  
for bookings**

# Fancy a cuppa?

**The 3rd Saturday of each month  
16 December 2023 and 19 January 2024**

10am until 12 noon

at

The Knottingley Club



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



# Calendar - December 2023 - January 2024

2nd Sat Christmas Fayre in the Parish Room, 10 am-2 pm

**3rd Dec ADVENT I  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**10th ADVENT II  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**17th ADVENT III  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

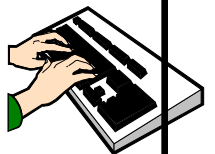
23rd Sat Carol Service and Christingle, 4pm

**24th ADVENT IV CHRISTMAS EVE  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am  
EVENING EUCHARIST 9.00 pm**

25th Mon **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Family Eucharist 10 am

**31st CHRISTMAS I  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**7th Jan THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST - EPIPHANY I  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am  
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**14th EPIPHANY II  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**21st EPIPHANY III  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**28th EPIPHANY IV  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

## St Botolph's Parish Room

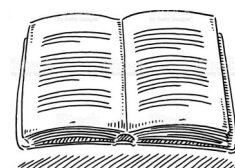
Tuesday Saviour Trust  
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides  
Hand Bells

Wednesday

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

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## Church Rotas



3 December	Glenis	Ann	Colin
10 December	Sheila	Iryna	Sheila
17 December	Renée	Edna	Janet
24 December	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
25 December	Glenis	Ann	Colin
31 December	Sheila	Iryna	Sheila
7 January 2024	Renée	Edna	Janet
14 January	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
21 January	Glenis	Ann	Colin
28 January	Sheila	Iryna	Sheila

## Donations for Church Funds and Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge the following donation

From Susan Shay in loving memory of her husband  
Percy and all her loved ones.







# 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan) with the help of Catriona Barber (1<sup>st</sup> Dan). 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

## **Contact**

Ian Sidaway	07935 498518	iansid@live.co.uk
Catriona Barber	07594 922614	catriona.barber50@gmail.com

# Bottery



## Club

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

1 October	52	Susan Hodgson	£40
	41	June Haggan	£10
8 October	180	Mary Bagley	£40
	18	Wayne Evans	£10
15 October	63	Mary Patterson	£40
	39	Sheila Hutley	£10
22 October	12	Janet Laycock	£40
	53	A H	£10
29 October	27	Dianne Wrigley	£40
	178	Anne Rowling	£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.





# **KNOTTINGLEY PET**

## **& GARDEN SUPPLIES**

**15 RACCA GREEN,  
KNOTTINGLEY 671238**



# **2's**

**COMPANY**

**HAIR SALON**

**01977 690899**

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# Is the cost of living crisis affecting you?

With food and energy prices rising, it can be a worrying time for many of us. But we are here to help you.

The foodbank can support you with:

Providing emergency food

Offering a listening ear over a cup of tea

Support to find further help

Please call our help through hardship  
freephone number 0808 208 2138  
or come in and see us!

We are located at:

The Methodist Church, Ropewalk, Knottingley, WF11 9AL

Tuesday and Friday 10am – 12noon

## Donate

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](mailto: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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

**The PGS makes it possible for donors to:**  
**Donate monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit**  
**Sign up to inflation-linked giving annually**  
**Enhance your gift to your church by having Gift Aid at 25%**  
**added to your giving**  
**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](mailto:richardbagley99@gmail.com)**

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

## **Janet J B Taylor - Eulogy**

### **5 December 1939 - 26 September 2023**

Janet always said, "I've had a wonderful life."

Her life began in Loch Gelly, Fife, born to her parents William and Mary, with her older brother, Sandy.

During the war the family lived in Glasgow, and Janet's first memory was of an air raid, remembering her mum wrapping her in a little kilt before going down to the air raid shelter.

The family moved back to Loch Gelly and after the war came to Castleford when William got a job there. Janet was 5 and Sandy was 7. They lived at 1 Ryebread near the river Aire. Janet went to school in Castleford moving to the grammar school to study for her A levels. After only one year she was accepted at Thornbridge Hall, a teacher training college near Bakewell in Derbyshire.

Janet's first teaching job was at the Vale School, Knottingley then moved to Redhill, Airedale. After this Janet was appointed headteacher of Throstle Farm School, Knottingley and then Tithe Barn First School, which was later to become the infants at St Botolph's Church of England Primary School.

Janet spent 26 years as a headteacher, also as a superhead, her skills and experience helping failing schools to succeed. Janet loved her time teaching, whatever sort of day she had, the children lifted her.

Janet met Richard at school, they were married at Holy Cross, Airedale and on their 4th wedding anniversary Amanda was born. They were later to divorce and after that Janet lived life to the full, a life that was truly inspirational.

Janet embraced her career, travelling around the world, with friends, Pontefract Astronomical Society, the Masons (she was a member over 50 years). She was a volunteer at the family planning clinic and so much more. She was intelligent, knowledgeable about so many things and she loved reading. The books she read as a child, with her name and address inside, she passed on to Amanda. Janet was very proud of her work as a Bereavement Counsellor for Cruse.



Janet was a well loved member of the church family at St Botolph's and did every job you could think of. Latterly she was our safeguarding officer and, as with everything Janet did, she did a wonderful job. She soon had all the training completed and paperwork sorted.

It can be said that Janet was a perfectionist in every aspect of her life. Immaculately dressed, her hair always perfect and, I am told, she often cleaned before the cleaner came. She was always busy, when she came home from work she would be marking, making maths card, mounting pictures - she was a powerhouse of energy.

Janet loved life - enjoyed roller coasters and other excitements like 'pinching peas from the fields'. She became known as 'a game bird' and this led to her being called Auntie Bird by Martha. Janet was a generous person, with her time not just her money. She was always great company and fun. She was always over the top; for example if she was making tags for Christmas presents they would be the most fantastic tags you had ever seen with angels on them and all sorts of other things. You could never have a birthday without the cake slice that sang 'Happy Birthday', she would even play it over the phone. Janet always said you had to have a balloon on your birthday so now many family and friends have a collection of balloon weights around their homes. Janet was mum to Amanda, granny to Adam and Poppy, amazing auntie to Ellen and Andrew and a huge support to Andrew's wife, Lisa. Janet was 'auntie Janet' to lots of people.

She was always there, she was the person you went to confide in and you could always rely on Janet to make you laugh, however bad the situation. Losing Janet, who was so full of life, is difficult to come to terms with for her family and friends, and everyone with whom she came into contact. Janet made a positive difference wherever she went and she will be sorely missed.



## Finding Joseph

The nativity set with its little figures shows what Christmas is all about. In the centre baby Jesus, Mary in her ethereal blue dress, the shepherds with their sheep and the majestic kings with their crowns and fine robes with the angel watching over everyone. But what about the figure in the plain brown robe often mistaken for a shepherd? It is of course Joseph who can often be overlooked, lost or forgotten in this story.

Joseph is not lost in the Bible. Matthew tells the story of Jesus' birth from Joseph's perspective. Joseph was a man of faith who submitted to God's will just as Mary was a woman of faith who did the same. So let's not forget Joseph this Christmas.

So who was Joseph?

The first thing the Bible tells us about Joseph is that he was engaged to Mary. She was promised to him. The engagement promise was as binding as a marriage vow. So when she was found to be with child it must have been devastating. It seemed obvious to Joseph that Mary had cheated on him and they had not been formally married.

The second thing the Bible tells us about Joseph is that he was a righteous man. He believed in and truly worshipped God. His faith was in the Almighty and that meant that he tried to follow God's laws, God's laws were clear that adulterers should be stoned. Mary had seemingly committed adultery.

This is where the third thing the Bible tells us comes into play. It says, "Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly." So was he being righteous when he wasn't obeying God's law?

The Good News Translation says, "Joseph was a man who always did what was right, but he did not want to disgrace Mary publicly." Joseph put aside his own feelings of hurt to take care of matters in



a way that would not mean Mary being disgraced or even executed. Joseph was a righteous man and he acted mercifully to Mary.

The fourth thing the Bible tells us about Joseph is that he listened to God. It says an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him that the baby Mary was carrying was from the Holy Spirit. Joseph believed that God was fulfilling a prophecy. He believed that this was all about bringing Emmanuel God with us. So Joseph didn't say, "Count me out." Instead he took Mary as his wife and became foster father to the Son of God.

So keep Joseph in your thoughts this Christmas; a righteous man, a man who followed God's laws, a man who followed God's example of mercy and grace, a man who listened to God and followed God's directions. Joseph was an integral part of God's plan to bring Emmanuel God with us into our world. Mary gave birth to Emmanuel but Joseph nurtured and protected Emmanuel.

We should try to be like Joseph and allow ourselves to be used as instruments of bringing God's presence into our world. Like Joseph we should be righteous, merciful and gracious. Like him we should listen to God and heed God's word. Like Joseph we should nurture the presence of God with us. That way the world shall know Emmanuel - God is with us!

*(from a sermon by Father Mike Marsh)*



## Caught by a Camera - a short story by D Kaye

It was Carnival Day. Neil Forrester was up and dressed by seven o'clock. Today was his big day.

"If it had been a school day," his father grumbled, "You would have needed calling half a dozen times."

"If it had been a school day, I wouldn't have been able to see him," Neil replied.

"All this fuss about a bloke in fancy dress on the box ..."

"Take no notice of your father, Neil," his mother smiled. "If he thought he could make that much money, he'd be prancing about in fancy dress on the box."

Neil laughed.

"Mum do you think he'll come as Captain Vita?"

"I don't know. You'll have to wait and see. Did you remember to get a film for the camera?"

"Yes, I got two, so that I'd be sure of getting some pictures of him."

"You'll be lucky to get near him," his dad observed.

"Don't be such a wet blanket, dad," Mrs Forrester said, "Take no notice of him, Neil. Come and get your breakfast before it gets cold."

Neil sighed heavily and wished that he was seven feet tall. His father had been right. He could hardly see Captain Vita, let alone get near enough for a photograph. It was a pity they hadn't had a float in the avenue where he lived. At least he would have been able to get near him when he did the judging.

Wait a minute. That last float - the one with the space ship on it - they must think he would pick that one as a winner because it was like his own! It was near the trees. If he could climb one ... Neil looked up at the tree. He couldn't even reach the first branch.

"Hey, Neil. Thought you were bringing your camera?" He turned to see one of his classmates.



“I’ve got it, but I can’t get near enough to take any photos. If I could climb up this tree .....

“If you give me fifty pence, I’ll give you a hand up.”

“How?”

“If you climb on my shoulders, you’ll just about reach that big branch.”

Neil took a coin from his pocket. “Help me up, then I’ll drop it down to you.”

His classmate pulled a face, “Don’t you trust me?”

“No.” Neil grinned.

Up in the tree, Neil found that he had a good view of the proceedings and he began happily snapping away. He could even see Captain Vita’s Rolls Royce from there. He would take a couple of pictures of that.



As he took the first, a man popped his head up from the side of the bonnet. Neil wound on the film and prepared to take another shot. The man lifted up the bonnet. Neil frowned as he pressed the button. What was he doing?

He wound on the film only to discover that it was the last frame, carefully he wound it to the end, took it out and put it in his pocket. He quickly inserted the new film and took another shot. The man was looking straight at him and Neil felt he had seen him. He took a couple of shots of the floats, then sat looking at the Rolls Royce. Neil was a television addict, his father claimed. A ‘Cops and Robbers’ fan. ‘The box’ put ideas into people’s heads, he claimed. At the moment, ideas were popping into Neil’s head.

In one of the Captain Vita episodes, someone had planted a bomb in the nose cone of his space ship. It hadn’t taken long and, when one of his enemies had tried to steal the ship, it had blown up, scattering debris all over the place. If that man had planted a

bomb in Captain Vita's Rolls Royce ....

Neil looked at his watch. Captain Vita would be going before long. Everybody would crowd round him. He had seen, on the news, what happened when a bomb went off in a crowd. He looked round the field and saw a policeman.

It was no good. He could tell that the policeman didn't believe him.

"He lifted the bonnet up. I saw him." he insisted.

"You've been watching too much TV, my lad."

"I took his photo."

"With what?"

"My camera, of course." He felt for the camera and discovered that he was only holding the strap.

"It's gone! Somebody's stolen it!"

The policeman took the strap from him and looked at it. The ends had been cut. He looked at Neil.

"Tell me, again, what you saw." Neil told him. "Come with me."

The Territorial Army would be putting on a gymnastics display, later. The policeman led the way to their commanding officer. "Now, tell this gentleman what you just told me."

Neil repeated his story. The officer frowned.

"I'll get my men to put on their display as far away from the car as possible. Can you cordon off the area?"

"I'll have to get reinforcements but there'll be trouble if it's a false alarm."

"I'll come and have a look, I should imagine it will go up when the engine starts. If you can get hold of the organisers, I'll get my men active."

The constable looked at Neil, "You'd better stay with me, young man."

Neil listened, fascinated, as the policeman reported to his superiors before finding the committee and putting them in the picture. They agreed to alter the programme and put on the gymnastic display at the far end of the field.

Neil suddenly realised that there were more policemen about than he thought were there. The one he was with was telling the story to a man in a smart suit, who eyed Neil thoughtfully. Suddenly, over the loud speakers, came a message, “Ladies and gentlemen, we must ask you to, please, leave the field and move into the cricket field, next door, where the show will go on. We have had an anonymous ‘phone call, which we believe to be a hoax, but we would prefer you to all move next door for safety. Thank you.”

Neil looked at the policeman. “You’d better go with this gentleman, Neil. Pity you lost your camera. It looks as if you are right.” Neil put his hand in his pocket. “I’d just put a new film in. There were two on this one, as well.” He handed over the film. The man in the smart suit slapped him on the back. “Come on, young Neil, I’ll take you to Captain Vita. I reckon he owes you a favour.”

The newspapers were full of the story the next day. Neil’s film was quickly developed and the man who had tried to blow up Captain Vita was caught that same day. Neil’s photograph was on the front pages and he was interviewed on television.

The highlight of the episode, however, came a few days later. Captain Vita invited him to the television studios to watch a recording of one of the episodes and presented him with a new, expensive camera and video recorder. Now he could spend as many hours as he wished watching his hero.





## Through the decades 1990s

The 1990s were known as the post Cold-War decade. It was a time of relative peace and prosperity. In 1990 the Hubble Space Telescope was launched, it was the first optical observatory to orbit the earth.

In 1991 Crufts celebrated its centenary, organised by The Kennel Club it celebrates every aspect of the role that dogs play in our lives. In the same year Tim Berners-Lee invented the world wide web.

In 1992 the fire took place at Windsor Castle. It burned for 15 hours and destroyed 115 rooms including 9 state rooms. Bill Clinton was elected President of the USA.



In 1993 Bobby Moore, England footballer, died aged 51 years.

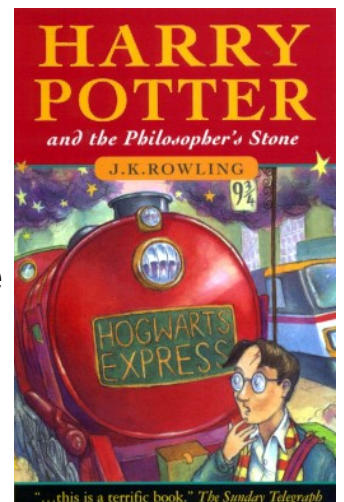


In 1994 the first National Lottery took place, it continues today to raise money for good causes. Nelson Mandela became the first black president of South Africa.

In 1995 the animated film Toy Story was launched in America and became an instant box office hit.

In 1996 the Olympic Games celebrated its centenary. It was held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

In 1997 The Spice Girls made history as their first four singles hit number 1 in the charts. In the same year J K Rowling published the first Harry Potter novel.



In 1997, on the morning of 31st August the world awoke to the tragic news that Diana, Princess of Wales, had been killed in a car accident in Paris, France. She was 36 years old. Also killed in the crash was Dodi Fayed, son of Mohamed Al-Fayed former owner of Harrods store. Within a few days it was also announced that Mother Teresa had also died, aged 87 years. She was later canonised on 4 September 2016.



In December 1997 the film Titanic was released in American theatres. It went on to be the first film to make more than \$1 billion worldwide.

In 1998 Google was founded. It became one of the most popular search engines on the internet.

In 1999 Lindsay Davenport won her only Wimbledon title and Pete Sampras won his third consecutive Wimbledon title.

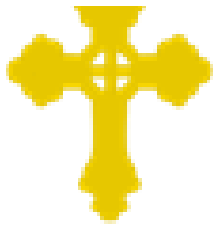
Prime Ministers of Great Britain during this decade were John Major and Tony Blair.

Presidents of USA were George Bush and Bill Clinton.

Deaths during the decade included actor and singer Frank Sinatra, aged 82 years, actress Ava Gardner aged 67 years, singer Anne Shelton aged 70 years, actress Greta Garbo aged 84 years, singer John Denver, aged 53 years, comedians Frankie Howerd aged 75 years and Benny Hill aged 68 years.

King regards

Peter Greenwood



## St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram



Our usual service times are below:

### **Sunday**

8am Said Holy Communion  
9.15am Parish Eucharist  
11.00am Parish Eucharist

St Andrew  
St Edward the Confessor  
St Andrew

### **Wednesday**

9.15 am Eucharist

St Edward the Confessor

### **Thursday**

10.00 am Eucharist

St Andrew

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  
3rd Sunday of the month

St Edward the Confessor  
St Andrew



## Christmas Carol Services

10th December 6pm 9 Lessons & Carols St Andrew, Ferrybridge

17th December 6pm 9 Lessons & Carols St Edward, Brotherton

Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.

Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: [www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk](http://www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk)

Website: [www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk](http://www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk)

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

God Bless

Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

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### **Church of St Edmund King and Martyr**

Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am

10th December Carol Service , 3 pm

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415

Please come along and join us

**To contact Kellington Parish Council;  
Clerk to the Council, Janet Smith, 662809  
[kellington.clerk@outlook.com](mailto:kellington.clerk@outlook.com)**



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## **Womersley**

### **Church of St Martin**

Sunday Mass 11am

22 December Carols by Candlelight, 7 pm

### **Events**

2 December Coffee Morning with various stalls

6 January Coffee Morning



## 1st Knottingley Brownies and Guides

Guides

The girls have been busy following the Be Well Theme, thinking about and taking part in activities to promote well being both physically and mentally. They also spent an evening making crafts to sell at their coffee evening on 14 November. This is an opportunity to raise funds for the annual census which, this year, is £42 per girl and volunteer so this year we will need about £1200.

We have Remembrance Day and Parliament Week activities planned as well as a 'Get Active' evening. The girls are always busy, developing their beliefs and skills, having fun and caring for others.

We have lots of other activities planned for the next few months including a sleepover to The Deep in Hull, a visit to Paint a Pot in Castleford, going to the cinema to watch Wish, the girlguiding Christmas film and in January a trip to Normanton to see the pantomime Robin Hood.



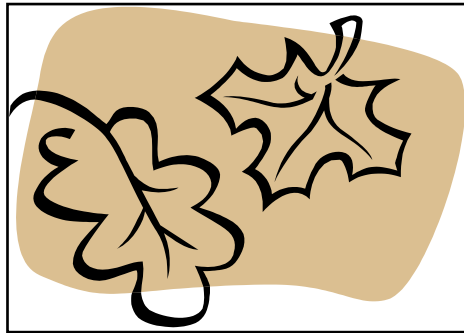
If any girls aged 4 - 7 years (Rainbows), 7– 10 years (Brownies) or 10 - 14 years (Guides) and they are free on Tuesday evenings would like to join us please register your interest on the girlguiding UK website or contact Janet on 07790939025.

Any adults who would like to help and join in the fun also register on the website.



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## Why we eat Mince Pies at Christmas

Thanks to a tradition from the Middle Ages, which saw people eat a mince pie for 12 days from Christmas day to Twelfth Night, these little bites of bliss have become very popular during the festive period. Doing this was believed to bring you happiness for the next 12 months!

One of the favourite sweet treats at Christmas is the mince pie. This crumbly pastry is filled with fruit, often soaked in brandy and flavoured with citrus and mild spice. However, the mince pie was originally a savoury pie – and not even round!

In the Tudor period they were rectangular, shaped like a manger and often had a pastry baby Jesus on the lid. They were made from 13 ingredients to represent Jesus and his disciples and were all symbolic to the Christmas story. As well as dried fruit such as raisins, prunes and figs, they included lamb or mutton to represent the shepherds and spices (cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg) for the Wise Men. It was only later, post Reformation, that the mince pie adopted a round shape.

Even today there are traditions associated with mince pies. When making the mincemeat mixture for the pies, for good luck it should be stirred in a clockwise direction. You should always make a wish when eating the first mince pie of the season and you should never cut one with a knife.

**ENJOY!!**

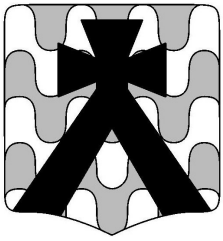


# IN MEMORIAM



*On these days of December please pray for the repose of the souls of:*

1	Gareth Ashley Moffat	1986	20	John David Littlewood	
	Harry Copley	1997		(infant)	1945
	Peter Moon	2018	20	Albert Ernest Keating	1969
2	Margaret Ramona Richardson	1995		Charles Hughes	1969
	Steven Hobman	2007		Derek James Adams	1997
3	William Henry Parkin	1959		Nellie Houlden	2020
4	Colin Sherwood	2022	21	David Peter Young (infant)	
5	Harold Hutchinson	1965			1968
	Annie Lightfoot	1972		Snowden Bairstow	1980
	James Edgar Dibb	1978		Frank Daw	1966
	Mary Titley	1999	22	Gladys May Wilcox	1984
6	Margaret Sinclair	1992		Philip Graham Chadwick	
	Raymond Branford	1996			1991
7	Horace Fox	1976	23	Bill Spence	1981
	Alice Hill	1998		Ann Wilson	1987
	Leslie Dyson	2001		Jim Scatchard Moon	1989
	Leonard Anthony Hewitt	2006		Daniel Crawford	2002
	Juliet Ann Kynman	2018		Muriel Hurst	2021
8	George Thornton	1963	24	Arthur Johnson	1972
10	Donald Birkitt	1948		Audrey Beatrice Hutchinson	1993
	Irene Rosa Keating	1973		Walter Dixon	1993
	Olive Marjorie Hargrave	1968		Leslie (Nen) Williamson	
11	George Arthur Gartside	1988			1996
	Sara Hanna Armitage	1989		C. P. Dearden (Tom)	2001
	Bernard Cooper	1993	26	Thomas Whitton Harker	1956
13	Roy Costello Kiernan	1996	27	Eric Firth	1993
14	Margaret Lilian Pearson	1973		Fred Holt	1993
	Harry James Iverson	1989		Margaret Richardson	2013
16	Percy Shay	2014	27	William Cookson Myers	1988
	Peter Shaw	2020		Rita Fowles	1995
17	Elizabeth Blakeston	1979		Mary Charlesworth	1966
	Miriam Hepworth	1989	28	Violet Brown	1983
	Lucy Guy	1997	29	Harry Burden	1993
	Sarah Wood	1967	30	Katherine Emmeline Rowett	2016
18	Albert Juniper	1982	31	William Henry Dunn	1981
	George Edwin Baxter	1988			
19	Amos Harold Wilcox	1985			
	Clarence Airey	2004			



# From the

## Holy Baptism

22 October Tigerlily Aurora Mai Briggs

29 October Sinead Eva-Anne Devonport

Shine as a light in the world

## Funeral

31 October Janet Johnstone B Taylor 83 yrs StB

May she 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.

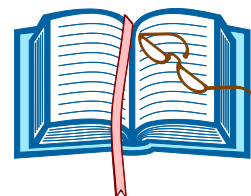
May your spirits be lifted,  
May your heart be filled with peace and  
May the light of God's promise fill you with  
joy and hope.

Amen



# Parish Registers

## IN MEMORIAM



*On these days of January please pray for the repose of the souls of:*

2	Fred Guy	1997		Margaret Southern	1997
3	John Joseph Parker	2014	18	Charles Ernest Miller	1987
	Clarence Airey	2015	19	Eva Dyson	2008
4	Doris Parkin	1987	20	Eleanor Glenn Day	1988
	Alfred Albert			David Kiernan	1994
	Hutchinson	1992		Edward Smith	2005
	Lilian Heseltine	1997		Lilian Charlesworth	2021
5	Thomas Lawrence		21	Olive Parkinson	1994
	Chapman	1991		Nora Shaw	2021
	Arthur Robinson	1992	22	John William	
	Leslie Tunningley	1999		Tunningley	1983
	Stephen France	2015		Mary Rhodes	1997
6	Florence Victoria Maud			Mary Ridge	2003
	Hambrook	1967		Paul Anthony Morrell	2016
	Elizabeth Asquith	1968		Mary Harrison Stones	1994
	Henry Barker	1994	23	Willans Schofield	1974
7	Harold Wood	1979	24	Peter James Titley	1988
9	John Cecil Harker	1978		Dennis Hayton	2002
	Claude Eskriett	1985	25	Alice May Holt	1996
	John Fairbairn	1991	26	Harold (Mick) Aaron	1996
10	James William Hepworth		27	Edward David Burns	1984
		1960	28	Albert Greenwood	1999
	Kelsey Taylor	1998		Carol Anne Cottter	2019
11	Vincent Morrell	1977	29	Eric Fussey	1990
12	Alison Mary Love	1990		Jane Eskriett	1991
	Lucy Agnes Horton	1993		Jean Flynn	2001
13	Gertrude Schofield	1987		Laurence Trevor Limbert	
14	Olive Elizabeth Reeves				2008
		1975		Eileen Carrington	2021
	Sidney Crabtree	2002	30	Albert Thrush Durkin	1974
	Thomas Hudson	2004		Nevile Anthony Henry	
15	Ambrose Askin	1979		Lawrance (Priest)	1972
16	George Taylor	1995	31	Harry Shorthouse	1994
17	John Francis Cartwright				
		1985			





## Eucharist Readings

<p><b>3 December</b>  <b>ADVENT I</b>  Isaiah 64: 1-9  1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  <i><b>Mark 13: 24-37</b></i></p>
<p><b>10 December</b>  <b>ADVENT II</b>  Isaiah 40: 1-11  2 Peter 3: 8-15  <i><b>Mark 1: 1-8</b></i></p>
<p><b>17 December</b>  <b>ADVENT III</b>  Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-11  1 Thess 5: 16-24  <i><b>John 1: 6-8,19-28</b></i></p>
<p><b>24 December</b>  <b>ADVENT IV</b>  2 Samuel 7:1-11,16  Romans 16:25-27  <i><b>Luke 1:26-38</b></i></p>
<p><b>25 December</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p>
<p><b>31 December</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS I</b>  Isaiah 61: 10-62  Galatians 4: 4-7  <i><b>Luke 2: 15 –21</b></i></p>

<p><b>7 January</b>  <b>EPIPHANY I</b>  Genesis 1: 1 - 5  Acts 19: 1 - 7  <i><b>Mark 1: 4 - 11</b></i></p>
<p><b>14 January</b>  <b>EPIPHANY II</b>  1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10  Revelation 5: 1 - 10  <i><b>John 1: 43 - 51</b></i></p>
<p><b>21 January</b>  <b>EPIPHANY III</b>  Genesis 14: 17 - 20  Revelation 1: 6 - 10  <i><b>John 2: 1 - 11</b></i></p>
<p><b>28 January</b>  <b>EPIPHANY IV</b>  Deuteronomy 18: 15-20  Revelation 12: 1 - 5  <i><b>Mark 1: 21 - 28</b></i></p>

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