

St Botolph's Church Magazine

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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: Mother Sharon 01977 671415

Churchwardens : Linda 07939967800

Janet 07790939025

Or email **stbotolphchurchknott@yahoo.com**

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

Diary Dates

29 Nov - Christmas Wreath Making Workshop,
6.30 - 8.30pm

6 Dec - Christmas Fayre, 10 am - 2 pm

24 Dec - Crib and Christingle Service in church, 4.00 pm

28 Dec - Team Benefice Service, St Edward,
Brotherton, 10 am

The Editor

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Web site - **www.stbotolphsknottingley.org.uk**

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Dear friends,

Christmas is coming!



Perhaps you are excited, writing Christmas cards, planning special menus, organising family visits, and singing Christmas carols.

Perhaps you are already fed up of seeing Christmas decorations and Christmas food in the shops.

Perhaps you are preparing for a different type of Christmas this year, with new members of the family, or without others.

Perhaps you are wondering how we can sing 'Peace on Earth' with everything going on around the world.

This year the Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas this year is Joy. Thinking about joy I have come to realise it is different from happiness. The main difference is that happiness is often a temporary emotion linked to what is happening around us, while joy is a deeper, more lasting feeling that comes from within. Happiness can be short lived, whereas joy is a more consistent, sense of well-being or contentment

Loving another human being and being loved by someone brings us immense joy. Many people find joy in doing work they love. But, for Christians, the greatest and most enduring joy comes from knowing God through Jesus Christ and being a part of his joyful kingdom.

At Christmas God came to earth in Jesus, fully human as well as fully divine, as a tiny baby, born in a dark and smelly stable, not in a palace or a castle. Jesus came to give us life in abundance (John 10.10), and that life is one of joy. At Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birth, together with people around the world, and we are joyful, because it reminds us how much God loves each and every one of us.

Whatever you are feeling this year about Christmas, come and celebrate with us in church, we would love to see you and share

Christmas with you (the you will find all our benefice services in this magazine).

I'd like to leave you with a poem.

Christmas is a Time of Joy - Cat Strawberry

Christmas is a strange affair, a time that we are made aware,
Of people that we all do wish, could share our many Christmas dish.

Christmas is a time of love, of those on Earth and those above,
Spent together or apart, time of peace, of giving heart.

Christmas is a time to cherish, all we have but not embellish,
While others live in greater need, we shouldn't entertain our greed.

Christmas is a but once a year, a time to live in joy not fear,
A time to wisely use your voice, to choose happiness and rejoice.
Christmas is a special day, presents, food and time to play,
A time which we can all now start, to think, act, not from mind but heart.

Christmas is a strange affair, a time when you can show you care,
Enjoy your day, let others be, dance around the Christmas tree.

Christmas is a time to mend, broken ties to family, friend,
A time to think from heart not mind, to know what's true and not be blind.

Christmas is a time of joy, for all adult, girl and boy,
A time to come together and share,
Peace on Earth and loving prayer.

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God's blessings from all our
clergy team, and peace and
joy for Christmas and the New
Year,

Mother Sharon



Christmas Services 2025 Aire Benefice

Sunday 14th December

3pm	Carol Service	St Edmund, Kellington
6pm	9 Lessons & Carols	St Andrew, Ferrybridge

Friday 19th December

7pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Martin, Womersley
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Christmas Eve

1pm	Crib Service,	St Edward, Brotherton
3.30pm	Crib Service	St Andrew, Ferrybridge
4pm	Crib & Christingle	St Botolph, Knottingley
9.30pm	First Mass of Christmas	St Botolph, Knottingley
9.30pm	First Mass of Christmas	St Edward, Brotherton

Christmas Day

11pm	Midnight Mass	St Martin, Womersley
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Edmund, Kellington
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Andrew, Ferrybridge

Christmas Day

8am	Christmas Day Mass	St Andrew, Ferrybridge
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

Sunday 28th December

10am	Benefice Team Service	St Edward, Brotherton
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*please
join us*



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

‘Tis the season to be jolly
Chase away the winter gloom,
Look around for light and laughter,
Let it fill and warm each room.

See the stars, they shine more brightly,
See the lights on Christmas trees,
Everywhere there’s joy and wonder,
Ours to share and sure to please.

Winter isn’t all that dreary,
See the sun shine on the frost,
Feel excitement in the music,
Magic never to be lost.

Share your love with those around you,
Brother, sister, mum and dad,
Warming hearts and lifting spirits,
‘Tis the season to be glad!

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.

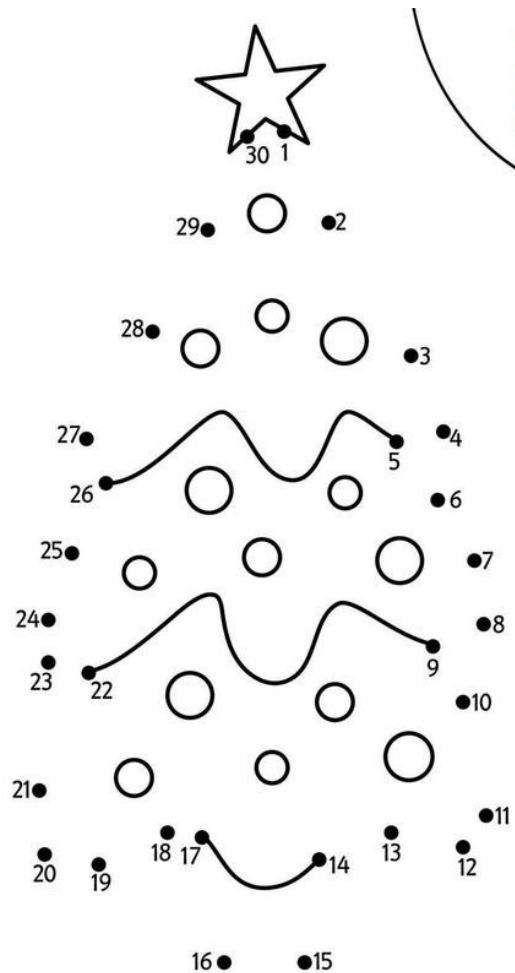
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Name of deceased _____

Date request received _____

Puzzle Corner



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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St Botolph's



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

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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 Church Bell Ringers

Tower Bell Ringers

St Botolph's Church, Knottingley has a beautiful ring of 10 bells.

Unfortunately we have only 6 ringers.

If anyone is interested in tower bell ringing, please get in touch.

Paul Hargrave 01977 678741



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Call in for your shopping or a tasty meal.





Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life —
Each day a sweet surprise
Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.
Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food
Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!
Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.
If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December

Calendar - December 2025 January 2026

7th SUNDAY - ADVENT 2
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



14th SUNDAY - ADVENT 3
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



21st SUNDAY - ADVENT 4
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

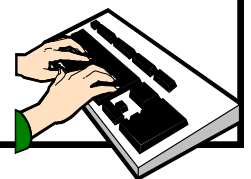


24th - Wed CHRISTMAS EVE Crib and Christingle, 4 pm
First Christmas Mass, 9.30 pm

25th - Thu CHRISTMAS DAY - Mass 10 am

28th SUNDAY- THE HOLY INNOCENTS
TEAM EUCHARIST, St Edward, Brotherton 10.00 am

4th SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS 2
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
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11th SUNDAY - EPIPHANY 1 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



18th SUNDAY - EPIPHANY 2
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

25th SUNDAY - EPIPHANY 3 THE CONVERSION OF PAUL
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr

26 December

St Stephen was appointed as one of the first deacons

The early Christian community in Jerusalem faced confusion over the fair distribution of food to the poor and widows.

In order to solve this problem the apostles appointed seven men, including Stephen, to serve as deacons, a role that allowed the apostles to focus on their preaching and teaching.

St Stephen was known as a fervent preacher

Stephen was known for his eloquent speeches and performed miracles, making many converts.

His powerful sermons and direct criticism of the Jewish leaders for their role in Jesus's death led to accusations of blasphemy.

He was brought before the Sanhedrin, the supreme Jewish court, where he delivered a speech recounting the history of Israel and accusing the leaders of resisting the Holy Spirit and murdering the prophets who foretold Jesus's arrival.

St Stephen was a visionary and martyr

As he was speaking, Stephen reportedly had a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, which he shared with the court. **This** enraged the crowd who dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

As the stones rained down, Stephen's last words were a prayer to "receive my spirit" and a plea to God, "do not hold this sin against them," mirroring Jesus's prayer on the cross.

The legacy of St Stephen

Stephen's martyrdom led to increased persecution, which scattered many Christians from Jerusalem and helped spread Christianity to new areas.

His unwavering faith and ultimate act of forgiveness deeply impacted the early church.

Saul of Tarsus, who would later become the apostle Paul, was present and approved of Stephen's execution, and Stephen's martyrdom is said to have been a pivotal moment in Saul's conversion.



Dear Lord,
we thank You for giving us St. Stephen as an example of holiness.
Help us to imitate the love of You he showed in choosing to
devote himself to Your service as a deacon in the early Church.

Amen

Bottery



Club

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

5 October	9	Ruth Blackburn	£40
	13	Ray Wison	£10
12 October	75	Sandra Cooper	£40
	87	Annie Jones	£10
19 October	66	Lesley Tucker	£40
	16	Marlene Tunningley	£10
26 October	175	R A W	£40
	54	Simon Ward	£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.

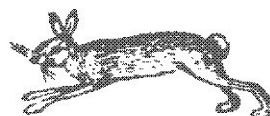
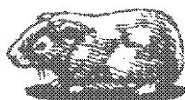
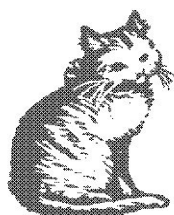
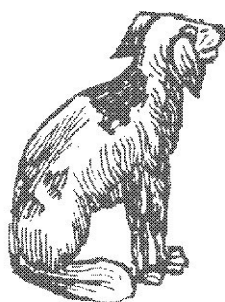
If anyone would like to join the weekly bottery, which is £1 per number per week, please contact Sue Barlow on 07485170704 or any member of the church.



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We rely on donations!

Items we run short of

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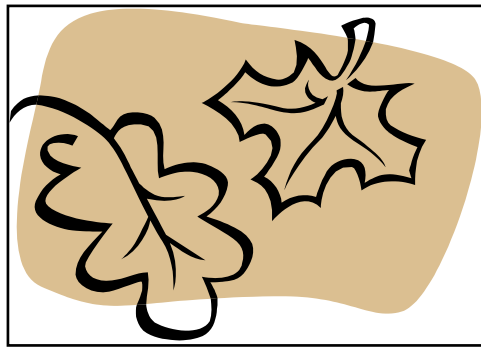
You can set up a Direct Debit to donate regularly to St Botolph's:

via gift form available from Janet Laycock
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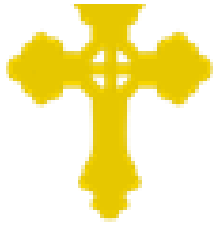
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The Knottingley Club



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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

St Edward the Confessor

3rd Sunday of the month

St Andrew

Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.

Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk

Website: www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk

Events

28 December Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

God Bless
Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

Team Rector of the parishes of Ferrybridge, Brotherton,
Knottingley, Kellington & Whitley with Eggborough, and
Womersley.

New Vicarage
Pontefract Rd
Ferrybridge
WF11 8PN
Tel: 01977 671415

Womersley

Church of St Martin

Sunday Mass 11am

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings
contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415



Events

6 December Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am-12 noon

3 January Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am-12 noon

Everyone Welcome

Kellington, Eggborough and Whitley

Church of St Edmund King and Martyr

Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am



Please come along and join us

Arrangements for Baptisms and
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1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Guides

We have been delighted to welcome a new helper in our Guide unit. Caludia joined us in September. Also Hannah has moved on as young leader after being with us from the age of 7 as a Brownie and then a Guide.

This term the girls have enjoyed thinking about and trying out ways of keeping well both physically and mentally, also picking up some first aid tips on the way.

Our units were well represented at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Well done girls and thank you.




Brownies


Rainbows

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 111

Childline: you can talk to us about anything, call us on 0800 1111 or chat to us online.

Women: can call The Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge on 0808 2000 247 for free at any time, day or night. The staff will offer confidential, non-judgemental information and support

Men can call Respect Men's Advice Line on 0808 8010 327 (Monday to Friday 10am to 8pm), or visit the webchat at Men's Advice Line (Wednesday 10am to 11:30am and 2pm to 4pm) for non-judgemental information and support

Men can also call ManKind on 0182 3334 244 (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm)

If you identify as LGBT+ you can call Galop on 0800 999 5428 for emotional and practical support

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

1ST KNOTTINGLEY RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES



COFFEE EVENING

*Tuesday 18th November
St. Botolph's Parish Room*

6.00 - 7.00 pm

Admission £1

including refreshments.

raffle, tombola, etc.



Everyone Welcome



Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January

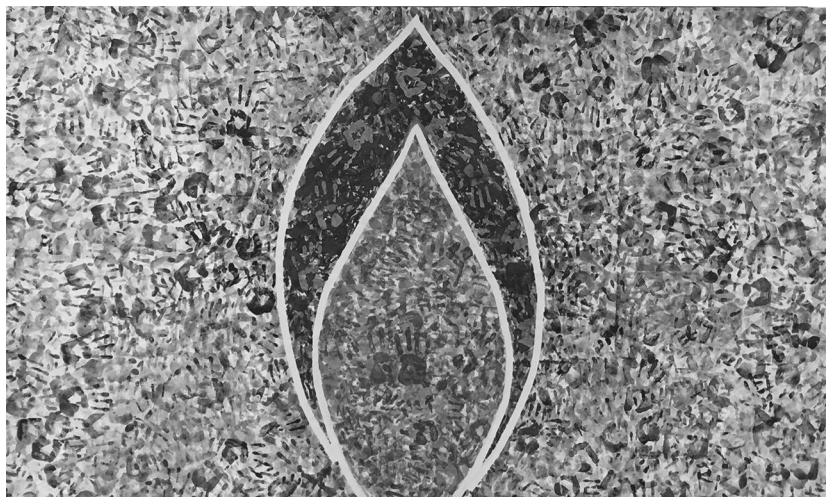
The word 'holocaust' is a compound of the Greek words holos ("completely") and kaustos ("burnt"). It originally referred to a specific type of religious sacrifice, particularly in ancient Greek and Jewish traditions, where an animal was fully consumed by fire. It was used in its general sense of "burnt offering" or "destruction by fire" for centuries, and later used metaphorically for a large-scale massacre.

The Holocaust is central to Holocaust Memorial Day when we remember the six million Jewish men, women and children who were murdered. We also commemorate the millions more people murdered through the Nazi persecution of other groups and the genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust encourages remembrance in a world scarred by prejudice and systematic, targeted persecution.

The date for Holocaust Memorial Day was chosen to remember that on the morning of 27 January 1945 the Auschwitz-Birkenau camps, still holding some 7,000 prisoners, was liberated. Over a million people deported to Auschwitz perished there. It is estimated that six million Jews were exterminated in the death camps.

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2026, 'Bridging Generations', is a call-to-action. A reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors - it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past - to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future.

As the years pass, we're growing more distant in time from the Holocaust and from the other, more recent genocides that are



commemorated on Holocaust Memorial Day. That distance brings a risk – memory fades and the sharp reality of what happened becomes blurred, abstract or even questioned.

Bridging Generations highlights the crucial role of the next generation in preserving the memory of the Holocaust and carrying it forward. It highlights the power of intergenerational dialogue – of listening to those who came before us and of sharing those stories with those who come after. In doing so, we don't just preserve memory – we connect it to the present.

Genocide doesn't discriminate by age: infants, children, adults and the elderly have all experienced unimaginable suffering in different ways. In many cases, entire family lines were erased. *Bridging Generations* invites us to honour each life – and honour those who left no family to carry their legacy – whose





St Botolph's Church

Please join us for our
Christingle Service with Crib
Service

24 December 2025
4.00 pm

Followed by refreshments
Everyone welcome



St Botolph's Annual Christmas Fayre Saturday 6 December 2025

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

Come along to see Santa

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

**Refreshments available
Listen to our hand bells**

Everyone welcome

St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday	Judo
Tuesday	Saviour Trust Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Hand Bells
Wednesday	Homestart - parent and toddler Dance Addicts
Thursday	Friends of St Botolph's (second Thursday) Lunch Club (fourth Thursday) Judo

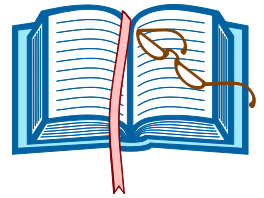
Church Rotas



7 December	Renée	Edna	Mark
14 December	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
21 December	Glenis	Ann	Colin
28 December	Team Service, St Edward, Brotherton		
4 January	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
11 January	Renée	Edna	Janice
18 January	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
25 January	Glenis	Ann	Mark

Parish Registers

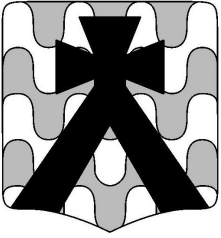
IN MEMORIAM



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

2	Fred Guy	1997	20	Eleanor Glenn Day	1988
3	John Joseph Parker	2014		David Kiernan	1994
	Clarence Airey	2015		Edward Smith	2005
4	Doris Parkin	1987		Lilian Charlesworth	2021
	Alfred Albert		21	Olive Parkinson	1994
	Hutchinson	1992		Nora Shaw	2021
	Lilian Heseltine	1997	22	John William	
5	Thomas Lawrence			Tunningley	1983
	Chapman	1991		Mary Rhodes	1997
	Arthur Robinson	1992		Mary Ridge	2003
	Leslie Tunningley	1999		Paul Anthony Morrell	2016
	Stephen France	2015		Mary Harrison Stones	1994
6	Florence Victoria Maud		23	Willans Schofield	1974
	Hambrook	1967	24	Peter James Titley	1988
	Elizabeth Asquith	1968		Dennis Hayton	2002
	Henry Barker	1994	25	Alice May Holt	1996
7	Harold Wood	1979	26	Harold (Mick) Aaron	1996
8	William Joseph Bastow	2025	27	Edward David Burns	1984
9	John Cecil Harker	1978	28	Albert Greenwood	1999
	Claude Eskriett	1985		Carol Anne Cottter	2019
	John Fairbairn	1991	29	Eric Fussey	1990
10	James William Hepworth			Jane Eskriett	1991
		1960		Jean Flynn	2001
	Kelsey Taylor	1998		Laurence Trevor Limbert	
11	Vincent Morrell	1977			2008
12	Alison Mary Love	1990		Eileen Carrington	2021
	Lucy Agnes Horton	1993	30	Albert Thrush Durkin	1974
13	Gertrude Schofield	1987		Nevile Anthony Henry	
14	Olive Elizabeth Reeves	1975		Lawrance (Priest)	1972
	Sidney Crabtree	2002	31	Harry Shorthouse	1994
	Thomas Hudson	2004			
15	Ambrose Askin	1979			
16	George Taylor	1995			
17	John Francis Cartwright	1985			
	Margaret Southern	1997			
18	Charles Ernest Miller	1987			
19	Eva Dyson	2008			





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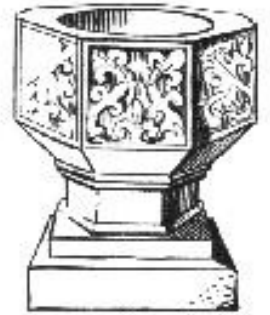
Baptism

26 October

Oliver Robert Jack Lister

Jack Darren Baker

Shine as a light in the world



Heavenly Father,

We rejoice over these your children who have been baptised into the family of the church. We give You thanks for their spiritual rebirth and entrance into Your kingdom.

We ask that You would fill them with the power of Your Holy Spirit to overcome temptation and live abundantly for Your glory. Grant them spiritual discernment to know Your truth from deception.

Protect their minds from the lies of the enemy. Surround them with godly influences and Christian community to encourage them in their newfound faith. May their lives be a brilliant light shining boldly in this dark world as a testimony to Your saving grace.

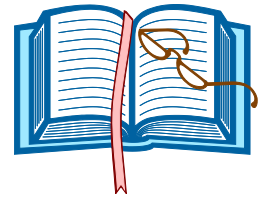
We pray they would be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

In the name of Jesus we pray,

Amen

Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	Gareth Ashley Moffat	1986	19	Amos Harold Wilcox	1985
	Harry Copley	1997		Clarence Airey	2004
	Peter Moon	2018	20	John David Littlewood	
2	Margaret Ramona			(infant)	1945
	Richardson	1995	20	Albert Ernest Keating	1969
	Steven Hobman	2007		Charles Hughes	1969
3	William Henry Parkin	1959		Derek James Adams	1997
4	Colin Sherwood	2022		Nellie Houlden	2020
5	Harold Hutchinson	1965	21	David Peter Young(infant)	1968
	Annie Lightfoot	1972		Snowden Bairstow	1980
	James Edgar Dibb	1978		Frank Daw	1966
	Mary Titley	1999		Joan Sidwell	2024
6	Margaret Sinclair	1992	22	Gladys May Wilcox	1984
	Raymond Branford	1996		Philip Graham Chadwick	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	
	Irene Rosa Keating	1973		Hutchinson	1993
	Olive Marjorie Hargrave	1968		Walter Dixon	1993
11	George Arthur			Leslie (Nen) Williamson	1996
	Gartside	1988		C. P. Dearden (Tom)	2001
	Sara Hanna Armitage	1989	25	Margaret Taylor	2023
	Bernard Cooper	1993	26	Thomas Whitton Harker	1956
13	Roy Costello Kiernan	1996		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	
18	Albert Juniper	1982		Rowett	2016
	George Edwin Baxter	1988		Gwen Surtees	2023
			31	William Henry Dunn	1981

Holy Days and Commemorations

December

1 Andrew the Apostle
3 Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552
4 John of Damascus, monk, 749
6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, 326
7 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8 The Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
13 Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1784
14 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
19 Root of Jesse
21 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
22 Thomas the Apostle
24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
26 St Stephen, first Martyr
27 John the Apostle
28 Holy Innocents
29 Thomas Becket, Archbishop of
Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

January

1 The Naming and Circumcision of
Jesus
4 **CHRISTMAS 2**
5 Twelfth Night
6 **THE EPIPHANY**
8 Lucian, priest and martyr, 290
11 The Baptism of Christ
18 **EPIPHANY 2**
21 Agnes, child martyr at Rome, 304
25 **EPIPHANY 3**
The Conversion of Paul
26 Timothy and Titus
27 Holocaust Memorial Day

18 January
EPIPHANY 2
TBA

Eucharist Readings

7 December
ADVENT 2
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

14 December
ADVENT 3
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

21 December
ADVENT 4
Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

28 December
CHRISTMAS 1
TBA

4 January
CHRISTMAS 2
TBA
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1: 10-18

11 January
EPIPHANY 1
Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-40
Matthew 3:13-17

18 January
EPIPHANY 2
Isaiah 49:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42



Christmas Services 2025 Aire Benefice

Sunday 14th December

3pm	Carol Service	St Edmund, Kellington
6pm	9 Lessons & Carols	St Andrew, Ferrybridge

Friday 19th December

7pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Martin, Womersley
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Christmas Eve

4pm	Crib & Christingle	St Botolph, Knottingley
9.30pm	First Mass of Christmas	St Botolph, Knottingley
11pm	Midnight Mass	St Martin, Womersley
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Edmund, Kellington
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Andrew, Ferrybridge

Christmas Day Services

8am	Christmas Day Mass	St Andrew, Ferrybridge
10am	Christmas Day Mass	St Botolph, Knottingley



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



Knit & Natter

All welcome

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