

St Botolph's Church Magazine

February 2026

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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

17 Feb - Ash Wednesday Services with the
Imposition of Ashes
9.15 am St Edward, Brotherton
6.30 pm St Botolph, Knottingley

18 Feb - 2 April
Thursdays Lent Lunches, 12 noon, £6

The Editor

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

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April :- 8 March 2026

May:- 4 April 2026

St Botolph's Christmas Appeal 2025.

What a success!!!



We raised over £600 to purchase gifts for local children this Christmas and along with generous donations of gifts too, managed to help the following

- 19 children in care between the ages of 7 and 16. We were given the gender and ages of the children which allowed us to put together age appropriate bundles of gifts for each individual child.
- A young child in a local primary school who's family are experiencing extreme financial difficulty.
- A number of other local primary school children between the ages of 4 and 11.

We also helped to support the visiting Santa at the community shop in Knottingley. Giving a big bag of gifts to be wrapped and handed out to children during their visit to see Santa.

We are incredibly proud of the success of the appeal and extremely thankful to all that donated, shared and supported the appeal along the way.

God Bless.

Father Phil and Charlotte xx

Wreath making at St Botolph's.



At the end of November, we ran our first wreath making workshop! Using moss as a base, and foliage that was all from the Vicarage garden, decorating with baubles, bows, bells, dried orange slices, and more, 22 people created their very own uniquely stunning wreaths! The accompanying home-made sausage rolls, mulled wine and mince pies went down a treat, too.

A wonderfully festive evening, right at the beginning of advent. Tickets were £20 each, and a total of £330 was raised for St Botolph's. The funds raised will help to fund other events during 2026.

We have been inundated with requests for another wreath making evening in 2026, with the hope of maybe running two evenings as tickets sold out so quickly this time - keep an eye out for the date(s).

God bless,
Charlotte xx

Friends of St Botolph's

What a fantastic time the group has had this year .

The Lent Lunches raised £426 which we sent to Martin House, our charity.

Ann, the lady who sells Knit and Natter knitting for Martin House, held sales during the year

December 2024 raising £ 1450

May 2025 raising £1500

December 2025 raising £1579.

Well done to our ladies who do all the knitting. The ladies are Glenis, Ann, Mary H, Janet L, Ann Middleton and Avril; sorry if I have missed anyone off.

We will be getting ready for the Lent Lunches in February. They usually run for 7 weeks and start on 18 February 2026. Soup, a roll, a sweet, bingo and raffle. The meal is £6.

In May we are going on a trip to the seaside to treat the ladies for all their hard work .

We donated £75 towards the Good Friday Children's event with crafts and Easter Egg Hunt.

We at Friends of St Botolph's wish you all a blessed 2026 x



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

A couple of poems for February

The Shortest Month by Adeline Whitney

Will Winter never be over?
Will the dark days never go?
Must the buttercup and clover
Be always hid under the snow?

Ah, lend me your little ear, love!
Hark! 'tis a beautiful thing;
The weariest month of the year, love,
Is shortest and nearest to spring.

The Snowdrop by Alfred Lord Tennyson

Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid,
Ever as of old time,
Solitary firstling,
Coming in the cold time,



Prophet of the gay time,
Prophet of the May time,
Prophet of the roses,
Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid!



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 _____

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 _____

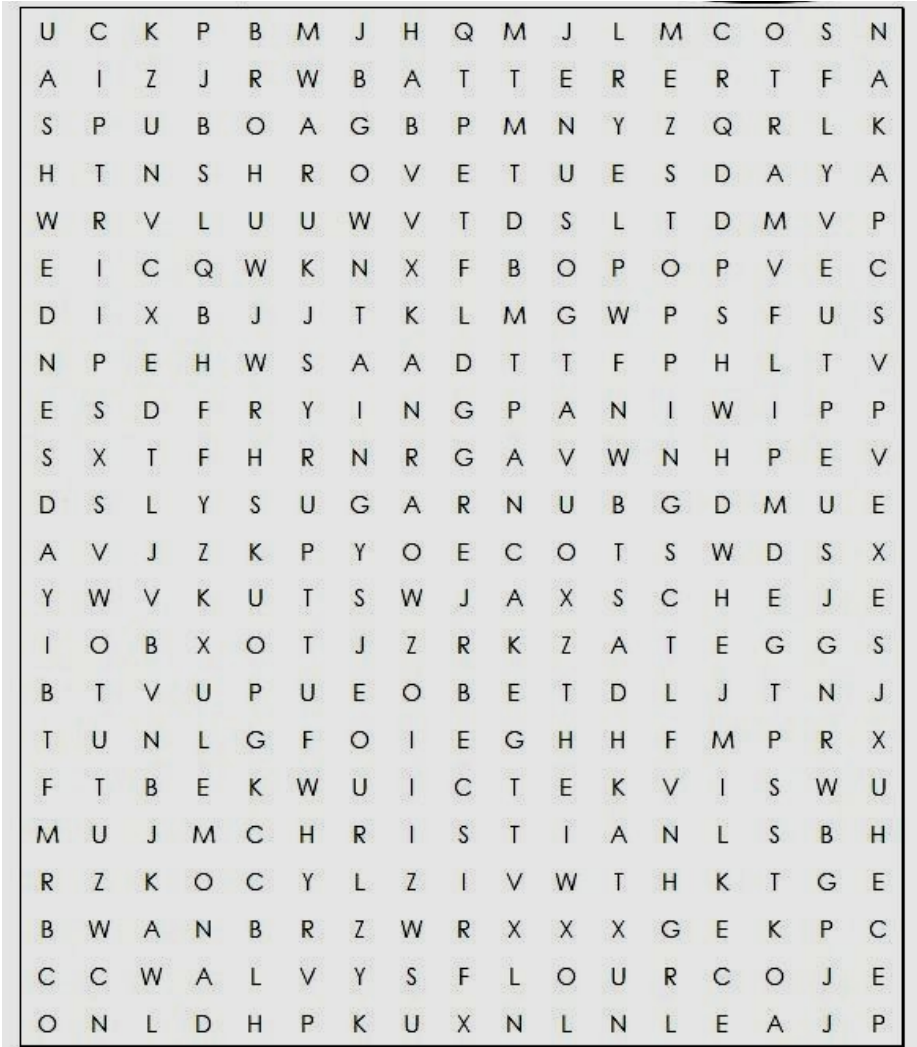
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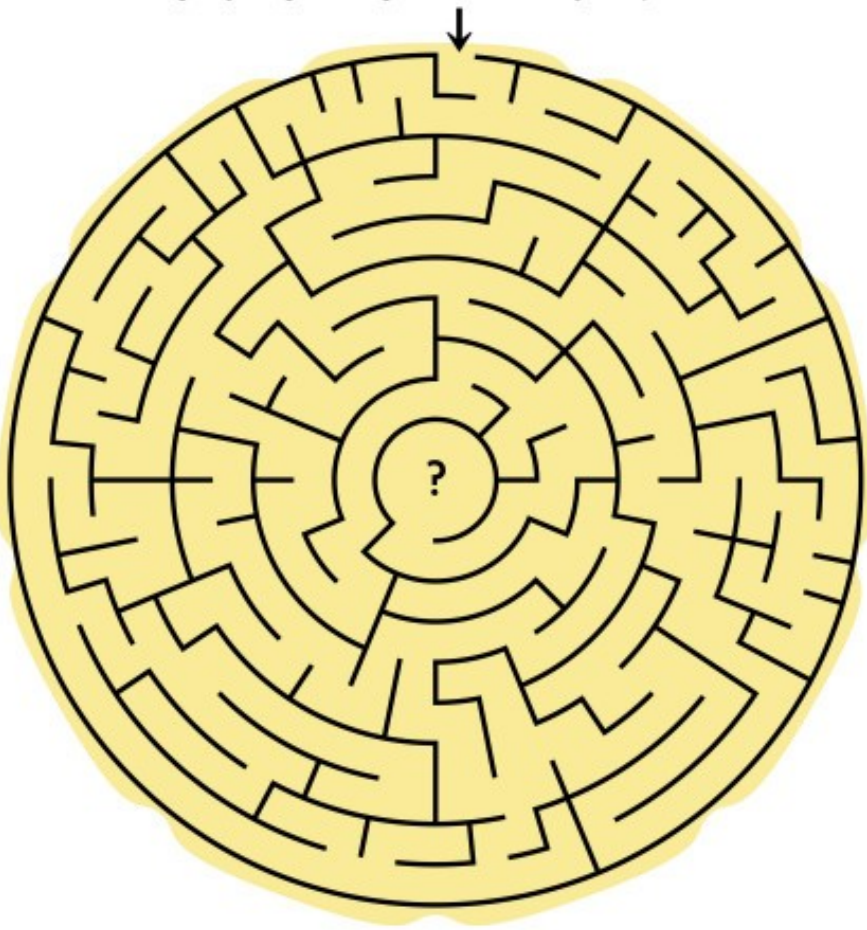
Puzzle Corner

Can you find the words

- FLIP
- FLOUR
- FRYING PAN
- PANCAKE
- BATTER
- LEMON
- EGGS
- SYRUP
- LENT
- MILK
- SHROVE TUESDAY
- ASH WEDNESDAY
- CHRISTIAN
- TOPPINGS
- SUGAR



Can you find your way to the centre of the pancake?



How many words can you make using the letters of

ASH WEDNESDAY ?



"We always have pizza for Easter dinner because that's what my mom gives up for Lent."

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 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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Knottingley
West Yorkshire
WF11 0DG

Mrs Ann Penistone
34 Womersley Road
Knottingley
West Yorkshire
WF11 0DJ

Telephone : 01977 672855

Could I on behalf of the Knottingley Branch of the Royal British Legion, thank everyone who so generously donated to this years Poppy Appeal. The total raised in the Knottingley and surrounding areas so far is £27,217. 18p, which is a tremendous amount.

Thanks must go to all shops, offices, schools, pubs and clubs who had our Poppy boxes in their premises. Morrisons, Lidl and Moto service station who allowed our volunteers to collect on their premises and made us all extremely welcome. Plus a massive thank you to our loyal band of volunteers who gave their precious time to man these sites.

Thanks also to the wonderfully talented people who made handcrafted items for us to sell, helping us to raise further funds.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to the Knottingley Silver Band who started our appeal off in brilliant flag waving style with a wonderful evening of entertainment in the Knottingley Club, and who once again provided the music at our annual Service of Remembrance at the Knottingley War Memorial. This was led by Father Phillip and was once again very well attended.

My sincere thanks to everyone once again – what a brilliant team effort.

Kind regards

Ann Penistone – Knottingley Branch Royal British Legion

Calendar - February 2026

1st SUNDAY - EPIPHANY 4 (SEPTUAGESIMA)
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
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8th SUNDAY - 2 BEFORE LENT (SEXAGESIMA)
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

15th SUNDAY - NEXT BEFORE LENT (QUINQUAGESIMA)
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

17th SHROVE TUESDAY



**18th ASH WEDNESDAY - EUCHARIST WITH IMPOSITION OF
ASHES**

9.15 am St Edward, Brotherton
6.30 pm St Botolph, Knottingley



19th Thursday - Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon

22nd SUNDAY - LENT 1
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

26th Thursday - Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon

Christmas St Botolph's

Thank you to everyone who came along to help decorate our church and make Christingle Oranges ready for our services over the Christmas period. The church looked beautiful and we made 100 Christingle Oranges. Thank you to Coop Funeralcare for sponsoring our oranges.

It was lovely to welcome so many families to church on Christmas Eve to our Christingle and Crib Service to hear the story of Jesus birth and receive oranges. It was a lovely way to begin our Christmas celebrations. Thank you to Jackie who made the cake that everyone took home; all agreed it was absolutely delicious.

Church was open at 9.00pm on Christmas Eve for the First Mass of Christmas and at 9.00am on Christmas Day for Mass. It was good to be able to welcome so many to our church. Thank you to

the Tower Bell ringers for ringing on Christmas morning.



Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was a great success.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in any way. Everyone who ran stalls, donated items or money, baked items, made items, worked hard in the kitchen serving soup, etc. It was great to see Santa and his naughty elf.

Thank you to the hand bell ringers, adding a Christmas feel with tunes and carols.

Thank you also to everyone who came to shop. We raised over £1000 for our funds. Unfortunately we have suffered a spate of vandalism during



December so we may have to spend some of this on additional security measures. This is such a shame as we like to welcome everyone to share our Church and Hall.

Bottery



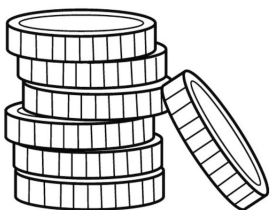
Club

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

2 Nov	47	Katherine Carr	£40	7 Dec	81	Mark Hutley
	14	Peter Greenwood	£10		93	Joan Clayton
9 Nov	123	Janet Tucker	£40	14 Dec	54	Simon Ward
	16	Jenny Atha	£10		9	Ruth Blackburn
16 Nov	78	Molly Fox	£40	21 Dec	57	Ann Middleton
	21	Louise Wrigley	£10		45	Katherine Carr
23 Nov	53	A.H.	£40	28 Dec	72	Michael Daniels
	132	Jane Williams	£10		180	Mary Bagley
30 Nov	48	Brenda Barlow	£40			
	40	June Haggan	£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.



Thank you for donations to our funds and flowers including

Many contributions towards our Christmas Flowers

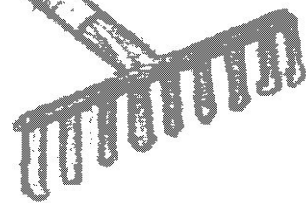
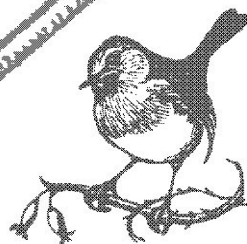
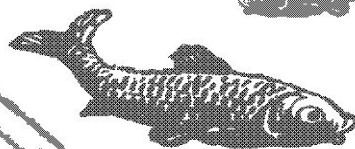
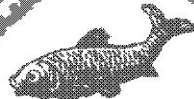
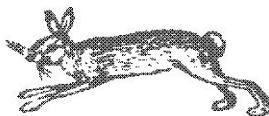
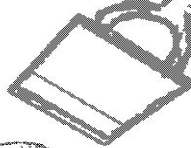
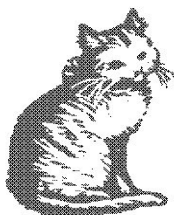
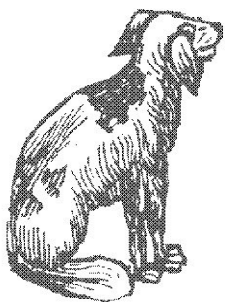
The family of Percy Shay in his loving memory.

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fish, Biscuits, Sugar,
Tinned Soup

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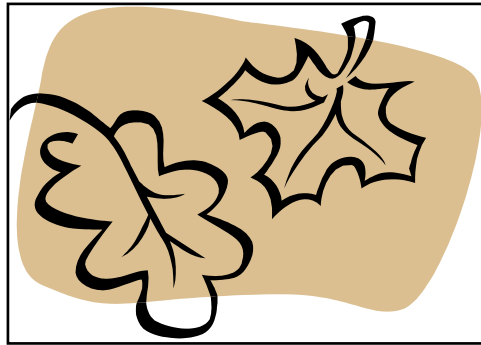
You can set up a Direct Debit to donate regularly to St Botolph's:

**via gift form available from Janet Laycock
07790939025 or janet.laycock@yahoo.cpm**

**or directly via the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271
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The 3rd Saturday of each month

21 February 2026

10am until 12 noon

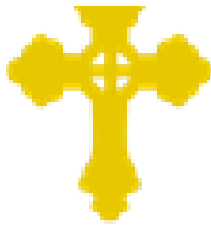
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The Knottingley Club



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





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
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

22 February Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)
Everyone welcome

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

7th February Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30 am

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 Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415

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1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

The logo for Guides, featuring a white star above the word "Guides" in a white, sans-serif font, all set against a dark blue rectangular background.

At the end of 2025 two of our Brownies achieved their Gold Award. Congratulations to Myla and Poppy, a wonderful achievement.

A good start to the 2026 as the girls explore the 'Take Action' Theme. We will also be thinking about the Lunar New Year which begins on 17th February. This year it is the year of the Horse. According to Chinese astrology, Horse is confident, agreeable, and responsible, although they also tend to dislike being reined in by others. They're fit and intelligent, adoring physical and mental exertion; they're decisive but also easily swayed and impatient.

A very special day in Girl Guiding is 22 February, Thinking Day. It was the birthday of our founder, Olave Baden-Powell. The theme for World Thinking Day 2026 is "**Our Friendship,**" celebrating 100 years of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). We will be taking part in our Division Sleepover on 21-22 February. following the virtual theme, "Voyage under the Stars".

The logo for Brownies, featuring a magnifying glass icon above the word "Brownies" in a bold, dark brown font, all set against a yellow rectangular background.The logo for Rainbows, featuring a colorful rainbow icon above the word "Rainbows" in a bold, red font, all set against a light blue rectangular background.

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

Lent Lunches

Thursdays during Lent

18 Feb - 2 April 2026



12 noon

in the Parish Room



Please join us for soup, a roll, sweet and
tea/coffee

£6.00

Proceeds to Martin House Hospice

Martin House

hospice care for children
and young people

A memorable day out

I love snowdrops and so like to visit places to see them. *Galanthus* (from Ancient Greek γάλα, (*gála*, "milk") + ἄνθος (*ánthos*, "flower")), or snowdrop, is a small genus of approximately 20 species of bulbous perennial herbaceous plants in the family Amaryllidaceae. The plants have two linear leaves and a single small white drooping bell-shaped flower with six petal-like (petaloid) tepals in two circles (whorls). The smaller inner petals have green markings.

Snowdrops have been known since the earliest times under various names, but were named *Galanthus* in 1753. As the number of recognised species increased, various attempts were made to divide the species into subgroups, usually on the basis of the pattern of the emerging leaves (vernation). In the era of molecular phylogenetics this characteristic has been shown to be unreliable and now seven molecularly defined clades are recognised that correspond to the biogeographical distribution of species. New species continue to be discovered.

Most species flower in winter, before the vernal equinox (20 or 21 March in the Northern Hemisphere), but some flower in early spring and late autumn.



Not too far away and well worth a visit is Burton Agnes Hall. This is an Elizabethan manor house in the village of Burton Agnes, near Driffield East Riding of Yorkshire. It was built by Sir Henry Griffith in 1601-10 to designs attributed to Robert Smythson. So, this winter, let the spectacular sights of snowdrops at Burton Agnes Hall bring you out of hibernation.

Wrap up warmly this winter, put on some stout footwear and enjoy the breathtaking display of snowdrops at Burton Agnes Hall. Every February thousands of hardy snowdrops push through the cold winter ground to create a magnificent 'white carpet' across the woodland floor.

Walking peacefully among these makes a truly memorable day out at the end of the long winter. The beautiful little flowers grow in numbers each year and are a welcome sight. This Biblical symbol of hope reminds us that winter eventually gives way to spring, and announces the new season.

Last time I visited I also enjoyed the sight of some small yellow aconites. They spread very easily under the shade of the trees.



A galanthophile is an enthusiastic lover, collector and identifier of snowdrops. The term combines the Greek words galantos (milk-white flower) and philia (love) and refers to dedicated gardeners who seek out rare and unusual snowdrop cultivars.

Galanthophiles may like to buy some Burton Agnes propagated snowdrops 'in the green' which is the best way of building a collection.

When you have completed your stroll it is a good idea to make a detour into the café. In the Carriage House Café you will find delicious hot chocolate or other beverages to wrap your hands around and just enjoy the warmth. Tasty, freshly prepared food is also available.

Please note that in gale force winds the woodland walk will close for safety. You can phone the office to check. 01262 490 324

The woodland walk is open for walking among the snowdrops from 31st January to 1st March 2026, from 11am to 4pm daily.



Matthias the Apostle

24 February

Matthias died c. AD 80 was, according to the Acts of the Apostles, chosen by God through the apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following the latter's betrayal of Jesus and his subsequent death. His calling as an apostle is unique, in that he was elected by fellow disciples following Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, though Matthias knew Jesus throughout his earthly ministry.

There is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of disciples or followers of Jesus in the three synoptic gospels, but according to Acts, he had been with Jesus from his baptism by John until Jesus's Ascension. In the days following, Peter proposed that the assembled disciples, who numbered about 120, nominate two men to replace Judas. They chose Joseph called Barsabbas (whose surname was Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all [men], show whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so, he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

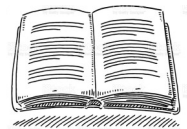


The reliquary of St Matthias in Padua, Italy.

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



1 February	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
8 February	Renée	Edna	Colin
15 February	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
22 February	Glenis	Ann	Janice
1 March	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
8 March	Renée	Edna	Mark
15 March	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
22 March	Glenis	Ann	Colin
29 March	Sheila	Rita	Sheila

Friday 6 March 2026
World Day of Prayer

“I Will Give You Rest: Come”
Matthew 11:28-30

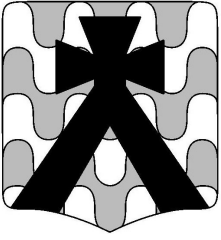


The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.

Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

As we prepare for WDP 2026, may we learn to embody Jesus' invitation: 'Come to me, all you who are weary.' Together, let us become channels of God's rest in our troubled world.





From the

Funeral

20 November Terence Evans 89 yrs St B

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

In Times of Sorrow

May you see God's light on the path ahead

When the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear,

Even in your hour of sorrow,

The gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard may hardness

Never turn your heart to stone,

May you always remember

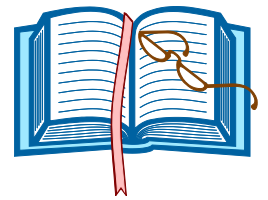
when the shadows fall,

You do not walk alone.



Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	John Atha	1999	17	Lily Harland	1975
	Albert Edward Shay	2009		Nora Dickinson	1979
2	Jean Marley	2005		Sara Barker	2019
3	Reginald Draper	1989	18	Arthur Broughton	1977
	Minnie Daw	2003		Robert Glendenning	1979
5	Jane Amelia Hodgson		19	Nora Hepworth	2019
		1947	20	Louisa Barling Dowle	1963
	Wilhelmina Hutchinson			Violet Ward	2000
		1988	21	Leslie Jordan	1975
	Sydney Fowles	1994	22	Nora Huscroft	1 996
	Ivy Fairbairn	2005	23	Herbert Woodall	1986
7	Clarence Hinchliffe		24	Emma Dickinson	1981
	Littlewood	1975		James Sellers	2005
	Jack Charlesworth	1999	25	Esme Bagley Hargrave	
8	Margaret McNee				1977
	Scott-Richardson	1989		Ellen Dorothy Shay	1978
	Granville Walker	1952		Bertha Markham	1982
	Brenda Malpass	2006		Horace Rayner	2000
9	Thomas Fairbairns Birch			Joyce Crabtree	2012
		1978	26	Dorothy Violet	
	Wilfred Newby	2015		Bedworth	1997
10	Mary Jane Bell	1998		Arthur Charles Fish	2004
11	Joseph Harvey	1960		Pauline Ann Willis	2002
12	Angela Louise		27	Kathleen Spence	2021
	Macintosh	2005	28	Kenneth Victor Lowe	1984
	Denis Wilcox	2010		Peter Hardy	1998
14	Derek Gill	2004	29	William Alfred Fuller	1976
	Susan (Betty) Fussey			Peter Lancaster	1988
		2025			
15	Henry Stockdale				
	Fletcher	1992			
16	Murial Winterbottom	2000			
	Joseph Hardy	2003			



Holy Days and Commemorations

February

1 EPIPHANY 4
2 CANDLEMAS - PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
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5 Agatha, Martyr of Sicily, 251
6 The Martyrs of Japan
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8 2 BEFORE LENT
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14 St Valentine, Martyr at Rome, 269
15 NEXT BEFORE LENT
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17 SHROVE TUESDAY
18 ASH WEDNESDAY
19
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22 LENT 1
23 Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr, 155
24 Matthias the Apostle
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March

1 LENT 2, St David's Day
2 Chad, Bishop and Missionary, 672
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8 LENT 3

Eucharist Readings

1st February EPIPHANY 4

1 Kings 17:8-16
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 2:1-11

8th February 2 BEFORE LENT

Genesis 1:1-2:3
Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 6:25-34

15th February NEXT BEFORE LENT

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

22nd February LENT 1

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

1st March LENT 2

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

8th March LENT 3

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:1-14

15th March LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY

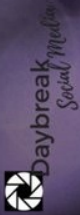


Ash Wednesday

Father in Heaven,
Protect us in our struggle
against evil.

As we begin the discipline of
Lent,
make this season holy by our
self-denial.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever



Ash Wednesday: The first day of Lent, characterised by receiving ashes on the forehead in the shape of a cross, a reminder of mortality and the call to repentance.

Lent: A solemn 40-day season (not counting Sundays) for spiritual renewal, involving prayer, fasting, self-examination, and giving to the poor.

Significance: Christians use this time to prepare for Easter, focusing on drawing closer to God through sacrifice and devotion.

Knottingley, St Botolph's Church
in the Parish Room

Lunch Club
Fourth Thursday of the month
12 noon



Tickets £6 available from Linda

Friends of St Botolph's
in the Parish Room
Knit and Natter
Second and fourth Thursdays of the
month
1 - 3 pm



Knit & Natter

All welcome

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