

St Botolph's Church Magazine

February 2024

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Knottingley



Parish News

The Parish Church

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Church Wardens	Linda Brown	673463
	Janet Laycock	662028
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	Wayne Evans	
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Deanery Rep.	vacant	
Safeguarding	vacant	
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

14 February Joint Team Ash Wednesday Service
7.00 pm

Thursdays in Lent - 15 February - 28 March 2024
Lent Lunch in the Parish Room,
12 noon

The Editor

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

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April:- 10 March 2024

May:- 7 April 2024

Friends of St Botolph's

We at Friends St Botolph's has had another successful year. We have been knitting blankets and we have sent around 30 to the Rivers Care home since it reopened.

The charity we support is Martin House Hospice for children, at Wetherby. We have knitted baby clothes for them, then the lady who sells the knitting for the Hospice asked if we could knit items for dolls as it was near Christmas, the lady made £650 at her sale for the hospice .

We have also donated £1000 towards our new Paschal candle stick for church. We are so proud what we have achieved in the last few months.

We would like to thank all who have helped us achieve this by attending our meetings; Knit and Natter on 2nd Thursday of every month @ 1pm till 3pm also our lunch club the 4th Thursday of every month, this starts @ 12noon.

On the Thursday 15th February 12noon we will be starting our Lent Lunches for 7 weeks. We will donate the money to the Martin House Hospice. If you know anyone who is house bound, who would like a Lent Lunch delivering, could you let Glenis or Linda know? We would like to thank Glenis and Linda for all the hard work they put in the group & Church work.

In December we had our Christmas lunch and most of the congregation came along, we had quite a few new faces this year at the lunch Kerry, Ben, Iryna, Daniel and Colin; which was lovely.

Sadly, we had one lady missing at our lunch Janet Taylor, who passed away recently. She is dearly missed at St Botolph's and our events.

We would like to wish everyone a blessed 2024.

Love from us all at Friends xx



Lent Lunches

Thursdays during Lent

15 February - 28 March 2024

At 12 noon

Soup, roll, dessert and tea/coffee

£5.00

Everyone welcome

All proceeds for Martin House Hospice



Here when families
need us most

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who came along and helped us to make 100 Christingles and decorate the Church so beautifully for Christmas. Many people have commented on how lovely the Church looked this year.



It was lovely to see so many people at our Christingle Service; a lovely way to begin our celebrations and think about the true meaning of Christmas. The collection from the service was sent to The Children's Society to support their work with vulnerable young people.

Thank you to all involved including the hand bell ringers, Jackie for the delicious cake and Julie and Karen for serving the refreshments.

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.

The Dormouse

I'm someone secretive and small;
You'll hardly know I'm there at all,
But one day, should you get a chance
To catch a glimpse, a fleeting glance,
With whiskers brushed and eyes shut tight
I make a most appealing sight.
And when you see my fluffy tail,
To love me you can hardly fail;
I wrap is neatly round my head
Then curl up in my cosy bed.
In Britain, I'm the only kind
Of rodent very hard to find
In wintertime, because you see,
No rodent hibernates like me.
But there is one creature I can name
Who, though he does not share my fame,
Looks and acts a lot like me
And is a special rarity.
The smallest mouse of any kind -
The little harvest mouse, you'll find.
And just like me, his nest he weaves
So cleverly from grass and leaves.
One has to search most patiently
To catch a glimpse of him - or me.

Dawn Lawrence



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 _____

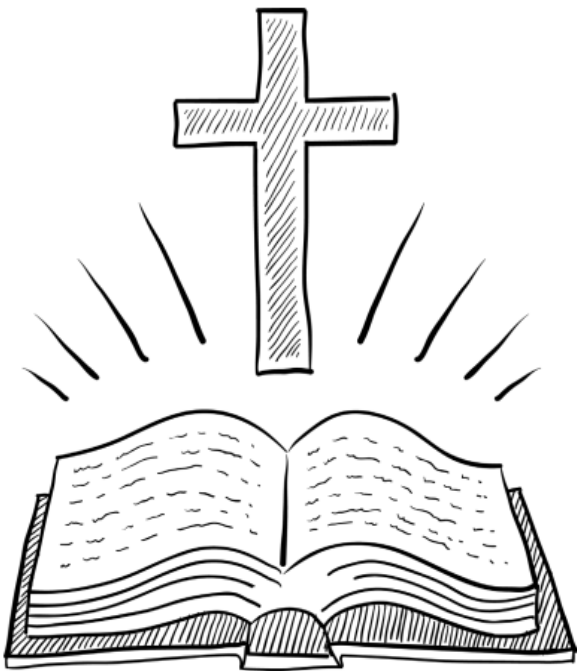
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Date request received _____

Puzzle Corner

Ash Wednesday

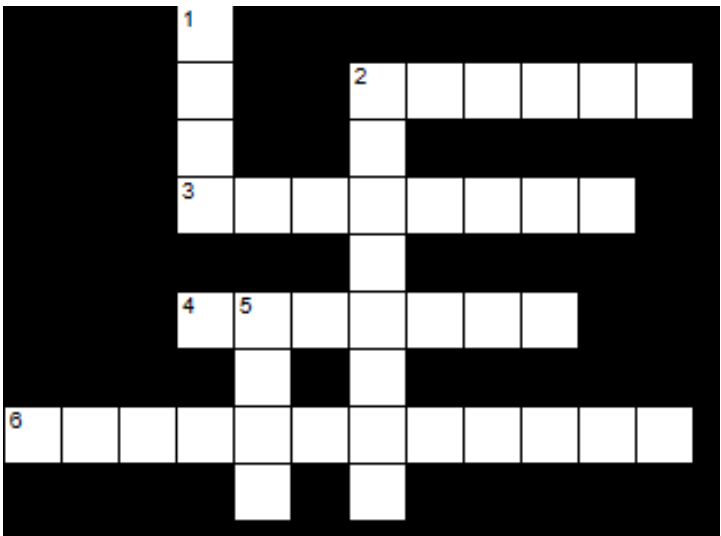
DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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ABSTAIN, ALMSGIVING, ASH WEDNESDAY, ASHES, BLESS, CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, CROSS, DESERT, DUST, EASTER, FASTING, FOREHEAD, FORTY DAYS, JESUS, LENT, MASS, MORTALITY, PALM SUNDAY, PENITENCE, PRAYER, PURPLE, REPENTANCE, SACRIFICE, SHROVE TUESDAY, TEMPTATION

Can you complete this Ash Wednesday crossword?



Across

- 2. a sacred time of talking with God and giving thanks (6)
- 3. appreciation for one's blessings (8)
- 4. praying while giving up food and drink (7)
- 6. the first day of Lent

Down

- 1. a period set aside to remember the 40 days Jesus

- was in the wilderness (4)
- 2. sorrow for your sins or mistakes (8)
- 5. said at the end of a prayer, so be it (4)

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.



Chairman Mr Richard Spacey
Royal British Legion | Knottingley Branch |
rbl.org.uk
Registered charity number: 219279

Could I on behalf of the Knottingley Branch of the Royal British Legion, thank everyone who so generously donated to the Poppy Appeal this year? The total raised in the Knottingley and surrounding areas so far is £27,579.54, which is a tremendous amount when you consider the economic climate.

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.

A special thank you to Bev Rooker who sang at our fund raiser for the Kings Coronation Celebrations in the Knottingley Club, with the funds raised going to the Poppy Appeal.

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, which was once again very well attended.

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

Kind Regards

Ann Penistone - Secretary and Poppy Appeal Organiser,
Knottingley Branch of the Royal British Legion

SIMON COCKCROFT

D.Pod.M, M.ChS.

112 Weeland Road
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(01977) 671791

CHIROPODIST

Our Crib

We have a new crib at St Botolph's this year. Thank you to John who kindly made a new stable for the new wooden figures.



Knottingley Community Shop

Opening Hours

Mon - Fri - 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday - 9.00am - 3.00pm

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

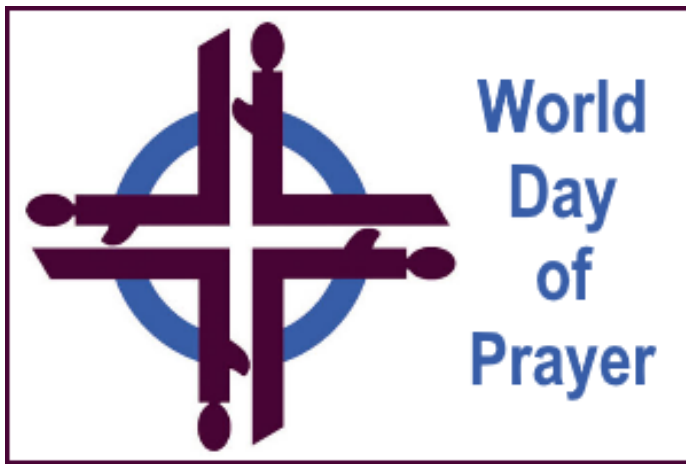


Membership is free and open to those who live locally to a Community Shop store and are in receipt of a means tested benefit (e.g. JSA, ESA, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support).

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**



World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March 2024
The Salvation Army
Weeland Road
Knottingley
2.00 pm

Theme:

“I beg you, bear with one another in love.”

This year materials were prepared by the women of Palestine.

Artist for the Day of Prayer 2024: Halima Aziz
“Praying Palestinian Women”

The artwork, shows three Palestinian women praying together in a peaceful, outdoor space and is aptly named ‘Praying Palestinian Women’.



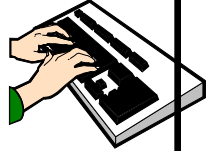
Halima has used motifs and symbols which indicate the origin and cohesiveness of these women: Olive trees are a sign of everlasting and abundant life because they can live for thousands of years. The Palestinian people are deeply rooted in their country and this is underlined by the golden roots of the tree. Poppy flowers are abundant and meaningful as they are a reminder of loved ones who have given their lives for their country. Traditional Palestinian dress such as the tatreez (embroidery), thobe (dress) or the white scarf symbolise the people’s creativity and their country’s rich heritage. The keys are a symbol of the hope to return back to Palestine.



Calendar - February 2024

4th SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

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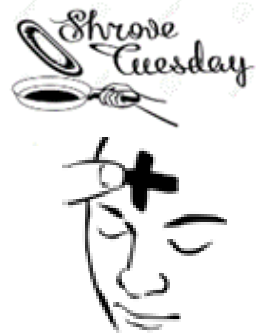


11th SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

13th Tue Shrove Tuesday

14th Wed **Ash Wednesday**
Joint Team Eucharist, 7.00 pm

15th Thu Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon



18th SUNDAY - LENT 1
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

22nd Thu Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon

25th SUNDAY - LENT 2
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

29th Thu Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon

March
1st Fri World Day of Prayer, The Salvation Army, 2.00pm

St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday

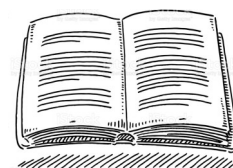
Tuesday Saviour Trust
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
Hand Bells

Wednesday

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

Friday

Church Rotas



4 February	Renée	Edna	Janet
11 February	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
18 February	Glenis	Ann	Colin
25 February	Sheila	Iryna	Sheila

Church Funds/Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge donations from everyone who donated towards the flowers for Christmas.

Stella Talbot





Knottingley Judo Club

**BRITISH
JUDO**



Knottingley Judo Club can be found in St Botolphs parish rooms on Thursday evenings. We pride ourselves on the fun, friendly, family atmosphere in the club and welcome all new members regardless of experience and ability. The club is run by Ian Sidaway (3rd Dan) with the help of Catriona Barber (1st 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

5 November	16	Marlene Tunningley	£40
	116	Jennifer Atha	£10
12 November	25	Linda Brown	£40
	8	Carol Talbot	£10
19 November	100	Avril Chisem	£40
	50	Glenis Moon	£10
26 November	4	Susan Barlow	£40
	160	Avril Chisem	£10
3 December	9	Ruth Blackburn	£40
	75	Sandra Cooper	£10
10 December	87	Annie Jones	£40
	56	Mary Patterson	£10
17 December	66	Lesley Tucker	£40
	36	Susan Barlow	£10
24 December	126	Wendy Watson	£40
	90	Janet Taylor	£10
31 December	12	Janet Laycock	£40
	17	John Bywater	£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



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

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
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

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

My Life as a TV and film “Extra”

I've been an extra for 30 plus years and I have enjoyed every minute of it, juggling my 'bread and butter' jobs with stage and clubs, modelling, auditions for adverts and taking part in the adverts themselves. As in most showbusiness ranks it is an extremely busy and tiring job going round talking to W I and old people's clubs about TV work, filming and modelling. They usually say, "Oh, so you are only an 'Extra then', you work in the background." Which I have to retort most strongly that, "No we are not just extras. They are the non-equity people picked up off the street to fill in a space. These people often cost the film, TV and video people a lot of money on takes because they don't know what to do or they keep changing their dress/clothes after each take, etc. We are artistes in our own right; club turns, DJs, models, actors, dancers, instrumentalists, teachers, singers including local opera stars. One thing that I also include, and maybe I should not, is that a walk-on is asked or told to do something and it has to be done on the spot, sometimes with little rehearsal. The main stream actors/principals have the script for weeks and many rehearsals prior to the camera rehearsals and takes. So, an "extra"/walk-on really has to know their job which also, as the stars admit, help them with theirs.



People ask me what we talk about on set. Well, most of the time it is mime talk (animation) and the murmurs/murmurings are put on sound later if it is required. This is also the case for the sounds of traffic, tractors, animal noises, etc. Also with clapping and laughter at meetings and even doors closing. Sometime we are asked to actually speak but 'low' and not to refer to TV programme themes, particularly Emmerdale, or the people, just generalisations basically. All good fun!

Being a walk-on artiste lets you automatically join an exclusive

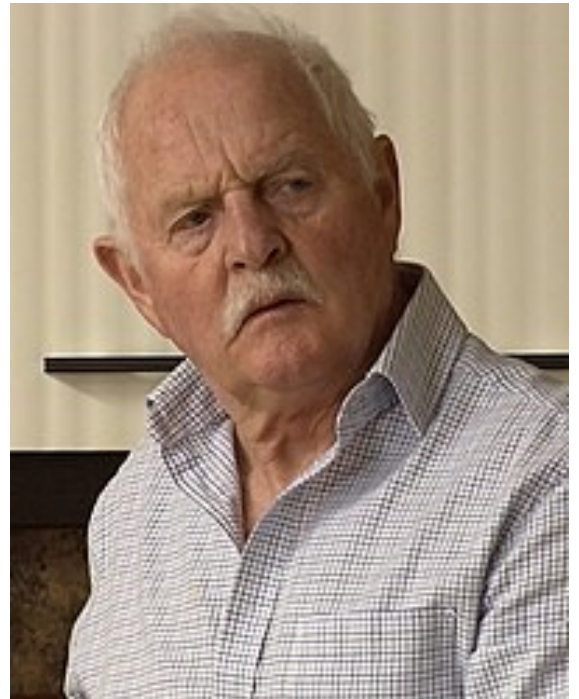
club. When you are down, the others will all gather around and perk you up be it at the studios, or by telephone calls or cards. If you have been bereaved, they are the most supportive of people to help you over the bereft period, you are never at a low for long (unfortunately you have to come home to an empty house) but, for a while at least, you can forget and live again for the moment. Professionals are some of the best people you can work with, they help and assist you through your downmost moments and, when you are called to action stations, the full professionalism takes over for the take, then it is back to support. I always remember one lady who lost her husband and started crying floods of tears on set. We all surrounded her grief until she managed to control herself again. (This is an act that all walk-ons have perfected in our assistance to our screen brothers and sisters to help them cope and come back to normality. It is remembered and appreciated by all.)

The walk-ons also make and keep as friends, the principals. One memory I have is one day I was booked for a slot on Emmerdale Farm (before it dropped the 'farm'). I was in the studio canteen on Kirkstall Road, all on my own, the only other people there were 2 canteen staff preparing the counters for lunch. In walked a dream of a lady, long legs, high heels, very fetching. She got a coffee and came to sit near me. I nodded and smiled, she acknowledged me and came over, cup in hand and said, "Excuse me, may I sit with you please?" Of course, I said yes. She then told me that she was a stranger up here and she was booked on a short contract with Emmerdale Farm. She was replacing Catherine Barker as Dolly, she was Jean Rogers. So, I told her I was Dennis and from that day to this we have been best of friends even though she has now, unfortunately, left Emmerdale. That lady started the whole line of the most glamorous ladies in soaps as they, as a line up, beat any of the other soaps.



That same year, at Christmas, on the final walk-on day filming before breaking up (the stars still had a couple to do), Dolly “Jean Rogers” came over to our table with a couple of bottles of wine for us. It was never done before and has never been done since. That is the woman she is. Thanks, Jean!

I am glad to say I can still number 2 dozen stars who are still personal friends after many years with Emmerdale and other programmes. I am well known for my scrap books, photos, paper cuttings, panto leaflets sent by stars. Diane Davies is usually the first received and the others follow. One year I did the dirty on Christopher Chittell (Eric Pollard) at York. I had understood him to be the Dame but he was the lead baddy, Ebenezer. I got a bouquet of ‘flowers’; cauliflowers, spray of sprouts, spray of carrots, couple of leeks and I forget what else. The lady at my local florist did me proud. Chris was taken aback but it provided him with all his veg for him and his family for Christmas and Boxing Day. That will be one he will not forget, a good friend to have. As is Tony Pitts (Archie Brooks), glad to see him popping up in the occasional play and soap.



Yes, over the years, I have been in many soaps, series and plays but one for Granada had us for a while rehearsing 2 dances in formation in beautiful costumes and evening dress, then 3 days of dress rehearsals with Principals in the studio on set then final 2 days of takes. I lost a stone (honest) and we got the dances off to perfection, but we were never used in the final edit, how I wish I could have seen the final numbers, as we worked our socks off and we never saw the end products. Such is life! I don't think I should write the production name here as I may be breaking rules/copywrite, but it is true that some of us proper dancers trained those who couldn't dance but not to a high standard. It was two wonderful but tiring weeks but, as I say, no end product to pat our

backs with, sometimes that is a walk-on's lot. It doesn't often get to me but this one programme did and I felt cheated as did the others who were chosen.

To continue with the question of talking, I have to mention that the new microphones can pick up a hair blowing in the wind, they are tuned in so well, so we really have to stay dumb in the background or the star's dialogue would be over spoken and it could be trouble for them, us and the sound editor. We are often asked to reveal the storyline by other people, but we don't. There is an unwritten law that forbids us from doing so and really many times, as in Emmerdale, 17 pub scenes are filmed in one day and they are filmed in any order, not in sequence, so we have to watch for ourselves when it is transmitted to find out which is what and fits in to what we did on set. We don't in all fairness see the full story line.

Coronation Street is different, they usually film three weeks in advance in transmitted sequence order but we are cleared after each pub (the Rovers) scene so we don't see the set stories being done, so again we don't get the full story.

I do hope you all find this meander exposé of interest.

Dennis Wilson (walk-on, 'extra')

PS I did an advert for Japanese TV Billboards, etc. I was seen by an estimated 950 million people in Japan, China, Indonesia, Northern Territories, North and South Korea, Philippines and Thailand, and they don't even know about it in England. Funny old world, isn't it?



Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was very well attended this year. Thank you to everyone who supported us in any way. Stall holders, people who donated, and people who came along.

Thank you also to the hand bell ringers for entertaining us with sing-a-long carols.

We raised £522 for church funds; a wonderful result.



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God is with us in this dark world, said Bishop Nick in his Christmas message



God comes into the difficult world we find ourselves in to be with us, the Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, said in his Christmas message.

In a year of darkness and uncertainty, Bishop Nick spoke of the conflicts in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan, and of "the baby who opts into this world", bringing Christmas hope by being with His people, not apart from them.

Bishop Nick said that, "God chooses to come among us as one of us, subject to everything the world can throw

at us, and doesn't walk away from it."

He also talked of the message of Christmas: "It's not merely romantic or escapist, but actually it goes to the heart of what Christian faith has to say.

"God among us as one of us; not exempting us from all that the world involves, that being human involves, that being mortal involves, but saying I will never leave you, I will never forsake you, and whatever comes your way, I have walked that path before you."

Royal Opera House comes to Bradford to sing for Ukraine

Over 350 people came to Bradford Cathedral on Sunday, December 10 for 'Songs for Ukraine Chorus', a Christmas Concert collaboration with Royal Opera House.

'Songs for Ukraine' is a creative exchange between the Royal Opera House and displaced Ukrainians produced by ROH Learning & Participation.

The concert featured the Songs for Ukraine Choir alongside, from Bradford, the Fiyalka and Dibrova choirs, as well as lay clerks from Bradford Cathedral and the Grace Notes, the Cathedral's young community choir.

The Revd Ned Lunn, Canon for Intercultural Mission and the Arts, said: "It was wonderful to welcome the Ukrainian choirs from the Royal Opera House and Bradford to join with our own Grace Notes choir for a poignant event of music and reflections.

"It demonstrated the strength of our unique offer to the City of Culture 2025 as a place to host events of this nature and size."



Together in love

Bishop Anna

One evening in December, having got through security, I sat alongside teenagers and volunteers in the Faith Space at Wetherby Young Offenders Institution delighted to be at their carol service. The invitation had come from its chaplaincy team and was one of the carol services I attended at the invitation of different chaplaincies working across the Ripon Area.

The service at Wetherby felt vulnerable and tough, all at once, while exuding a joy hard to imagine would be possible. With St Aidan's school, Harrogate, its service was polished, but certainly not a performance - every song and reading came from the heart and the church was filled with a profound spirit and energy of youth; and Leyburn Auction Mart's was real, earthy and shone with the need we have of each other when working relentlessly against the odds. In each and every place Jesus was there in hearts, minds and the body gathered as one.

As I've dipped into various chaplaincies over the years there is something in them all which I admire and am drawn to. Chaplains work



at the sharp end of the Kingdom of God. They are one of the best examples of ecumenism and inter-faith work, as differences are laid aside to simply respond compassionately to deep human need. As a Christian, in chaplains, I observe Jesus at work who goes out to the margins and the front line, sees the child in all and responds with God's healing word and action. And in the work of chaplaincies we see that God's redemption can be found even in the darkest corner and all things really are being made new.

As we start this New Year, hopefully with fresh eyes and renewed strength, we can give thanks and be inspired by the example chaplaincies give us. Our world is divided and hurting, but what matters is how we respond, together, in love. What matters as Christians is meeting human need with compassion in and way beyond our churches. What matters, is joining in with Jesus to heal the earth, comfort God's people and make all things new.

Rural Forum considers 'missing generation' at Ripon Cathedral

The struggles of young people living in rural areas were the topic of a recent Rural Forum held at Ripon Cathedral.

Two years ago The North Yorkshire Rural Commission, chaired by the Dean of Ripon, the Very Revd John Dobson, found that there is a missing generation in North Yorkshire; a staggering 45,000 fewer 18 to 45-year-olds than expected for the size of population.

At Ripon Cathedral's Rural Forum younger people from that 'missing' generation told delegates that finding affordable housing and secure employment in their home county were key challenges that made living in rural North Yorkshire difficult, even for those with higher degrees.

Dean John said: "Every community wants to see its children and younger people have the opportunity to grow and flourish, not least in their home area, if they wish to stay there.

"It is tragic that so many young people from this area are unable to stay in their own area.

"There is a moral issue here, a question of how we can enable older generations to ensure justice for the young.

"Equally, the common good is often served by young people having the opportunity to move into the region to provide skills upon which we all depend."



Our Interfaith Adviser attends Buckingham Palace talks with King Charles



Our diocesan Interfaith Adviser Revd Jenny Ramsden has been privileged to take part in important discussions at Buckingham Palace, hosted by His Majesty, the King.

Revd Jenny was with some 30 community and faith leaders brought together by King Charles to discuss the positives and challenges of interfaith and community cohesion, as well as come up with practical suggestions on how to work together moving forwards.

"It was a privilege to be invited to Buckingham Palace as one of a group of ten women and have such important conversations and with the King taking an active part," Revd Jenny said.

"Our table of women were incredible - each from different faith backgrounds and all engaged in interfaith dialogue or community cohesion in various different ways."

She said how King Charles joined each table to hear the conclusions of their discussions.



"He was very attentive, listened to our ideas and was encouraging and positive. At the very least, it was great to see people from different faiths gathered together at Buckingham

Palace, wonderful to see women and young people given such prominence, and encouraging that we all felt heard.

"The King sat with us to listen to our discussions, which included our concerns about the Israel-Hamas conflict on communities here in the UK and practical solutions to bringing diverse communities together in meaningful ways.

"It was especially encouraging that the King wished to hear the voices of women - actively recognising our contribution to dialogue and peacemaking and we left excited by the possibilities for working together moving forwards. It was definitely a day to remember!" Revd Jenny said.

Dazzling star appeared over Keighley

A new Christmas star appeared above Keighley, thanks to team work by Revd Mike Cansdale of St Andrew's, local councils and businesses.

Bradford Council's Festival Lights team made the two metre high star and Keighley Town Council paid for it. Town Clerk Joe Cooney said "When Rev Mike Came to us with the idea we were really keen to help add something a little extra special."

Two Keighley firms helped fund the installation, which took three men with ropes and winches to carry everything to the top of the tower.

"I'm really grateful for the sponsorship by brewers Timothy Taylor's and Gallagher Family Funeral Directors that made this a reality," said Revd Mike.

Tim Dewey, Chief Executive of Timothy Taylor's added: "We are proud to support the initiative of this star and providing joy to all".

David Gallagher added: "We're delighted to be part of this project."



Connecting with 'God with us'

Theo Sheridan-Watts
Chief Officer, Wellsprings
Together

It's one of the paradoxes of modern life that the more 'connected' we are, through social media, video calls and other technologies, the more 'disconnected' we also feel from one another. This can be particularly true in the month of January, as the hubbub and connections of the Christmas season fade, the long cold nights are still with us and the weather drives us indoors.

The epidemic of loneliness is one which impacts all communities with a landmark report commissioned by the British Red Cross and The Co-op in 2016 finding that over 9 million people are affected by loneliness in the UK.

We would do worse at this time of the year to remember one of the names of Jesus that we spent so much time reflecting on over the previous season, that of Immanuel, God with us. The truth of the Christmas season is a God who enters into the world with all its loneliness and isolation and promises to be with us.

He also is a God who having



invited us in, calls us to invite others to receive a welcome into community. One of the ways that many of our churches choose to do this is through opening up their spaces for those who are feeling isolated and lonely. In community cafes, and coffee mornings across the Diocese we find a simple and yet profound expression of the good news of connection and welcome. At Wellsprings Together we have the privilege of supporting many of these spaces through our Places of Welcome Network which is national network of churches and other community organisations. Each venue opens its doors every week to offer free refreshments in an inclusive, non-judgemental environment, one in which people can relax, share their stories and their concerns and find friendship and blessing.

Our team are able to support with training, advice and on occasion funding for these spaces. To find out more or join the network get in touch at team@wellspringstogether.org.uk.

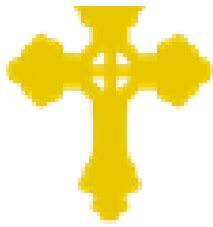
Lots of joyful song at Dales auction mart carol service

Bishop Anna enjoyed her first ever carol service in a livestock auction mart just before Christmas and declared it the perfect venue for such a joyful community celebration.

Reflecting on her visit with the auction mart's chaplain Revd Chris Lawton, The Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon said: "Unbelievable as it may sound, an auction mart is almost purpose built to act as a church if required. The auctioneer's rostrum becomes the lectern or pulpit. The sales ring was perfect for the Leyburn band and the tiered seating was great for the congregation.

"But we must not detract from the incredible place the mart is for the business of farming and the community which surrounds it. We learnt from the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute, (a charity that helps farming families in any kind of need), how important the mart is simply as a place for those who farm to connect and talk and support one another. Farming is relentless hard graft and can be quite isolating in the dales or on the moors, so being with those who 'get it' can be a life-line."





St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram



Our usual service times are below:

Sunday

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

Wednesday

9.15 am	Eucharist	St Edward the Confessor
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Thursday

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

1st Sunday of the month	St Edward the Confessor
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3rd Sunday of the month

St Andrew

Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.

Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk

Website: www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

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Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

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Clerk to the Council, Janet Smith, 662809
kellington.clerk@outlook.com**

Womersley

Church of St Martin

Sunday Mass 11am

Events



3 February Coffee Morning with various stalls

Everyone Welcome

1st Knottingley, St Botolph's Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Guides



Well, what a wonderful time the girls had at the Deep Sleepover. They had a guided tour, looking at all the fish. They also made a badge and a pencil case. They really wanted to sleep in the shark tunnel but got to sleep in front of the shark tanks. They had lots of tales to tell and memories to share when they arrived home.

Most of the girls achieved their 'Be Well' Theme Award as well as challenge badges including Remembrance Day and Parliament Week, this term. Congratulations to those who achieved awards
Brownie Bronze Award - Eva and Millie
Bronze Silver Award - Ellie, Esme and Petal
Guide Bronze Award - Genevieve
Guide Silver Award - Ellie

The girls also enjoyed visiting Paint a Pot in Castleford and painted some terrific Christmas pots. They joined Brownies from Castleford and Ferrybridge to visit the cinema to see the Disney film Wish. They also made some beautiful Christmas crafts and thought about the meaning of the Christingle.

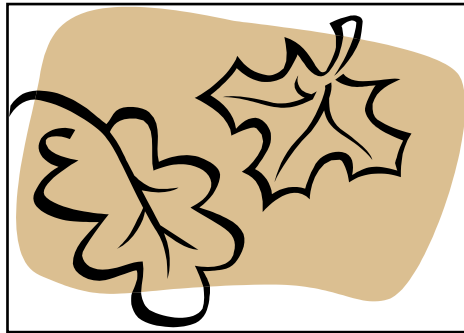


Next term will be all about Taking Action and starts on 16 January 2024. Rainbows will start in January, for further details contact Janet on 07790939025.



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Through the decades the 2000s

The new millennium was welcomed all over the world with fireworks and celebration. Luckily worries about the Y2K bug, which was projected to create havoc with computers and networks at the start of 2000, were largely unfounded. The International Space Station became fully operational with the arrival of its first resident crew.



2001 was the year of the 9/11 disaster when planes were hi-jacked by al-Qaeda and flown into the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. Apple's iPod went on sale towards the end of the year; this being one of the most ground breaking devices of the decade.

In 2002 the euro became the sole currency in 12 European countries; the mark, lira and other currency ceased to be legal tender. In the same year, led by the play of Ronaldo, Brazil defeated Germany to win its fifth World Cup.



In 2003 the Disney Pixar animation film, Finding Nemo was very popular. The final film in the trilogy Lord of the Rings, The Return of the King, was released. Also, the first of the Pirates of the Caribbean films; The Curse of the Black Pearl was shown.

2004 saw the launch of Facebook and became the world's largest social media platform.

In 2005 the TV show Dr Who returned to our screens, with David Tennant as the Doctor, more than 25 years after it's initial run ended. Pope John Paul II, one of the most popular popes, passed away at the age of 84 years. Soon after, Jospeh Ratzinger was enthroned as Pope Benedict XVI.

Pluto, the farthest planet from the sun in our solar system, was demoted and given the new classification of dwarf planet in 2006.

The Internet retailer Amazon.com debuts the Kindle in 2007. A wireless electronic reading device, it became huge success and it popularised e-books. In the same year a mortgage crisis hit the UK and quickly spread around the world triggering a great recession.

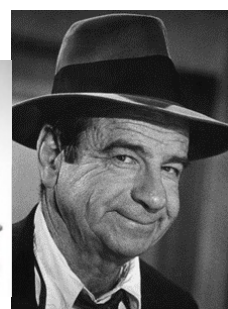
In 2008 NASA revealed the first photograph of Mercury's previously unseen side and in the same year The Large Hadron Collider, the world's most powerful particle accelerator, situated near Geneva in Switzerland, ran its first test operation.

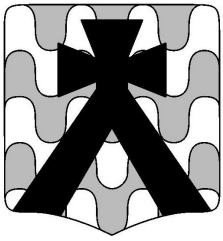
In 2009 Barak Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States, becoming the first African American to hold office. The film Avatar had its world premiere this year, it went on to dethrone the blockbuster Titanic (1997) as the world's highest grossing film. Both films were produced by James Cameron.

UK Prime Ministers during this decade were Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. US Presidents were Bill Clinton, George W Bush and Barak Obama.

Deaths during the decade included the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, the star of the Superman movies, Christopher Reeve and the former Beatle, George Harrison. Probably best known for his role in the film, Bridge over the River Kwai, for which he won an Academy Award, and also for his role in Star Wars, Alec Guinness, also died, as did Hedy Lemarr (actress and technology pioneer), Walter Matthau and Sir John Gielgud.

What memories will the next decade revive?





From the

Holy Baptism

19 November

Arthur Jack Oliver Camm

Shine as a light in the world

Funeral

7 November	Allan Hargrave	70 yrs	St B
10 November	Ronald Smith	47 yrs	St B
11 November	Kathleen Rubery	67 yrs	St B
28 November	Lauren Elizabeth McCredie	29 yrs	St B
7 December	Kerise Dean	92 yrs	St B
5 January	Deborah Jane Heckingbotton	56yrs	St B

May they rest in peace
And rise in glory

A prayer for those who mourn

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

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

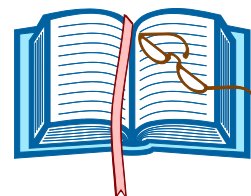
May your spirits be lifted,
May your heart be filled with peace and
May the light of God's promise fill you with
joy and hope.

Amen



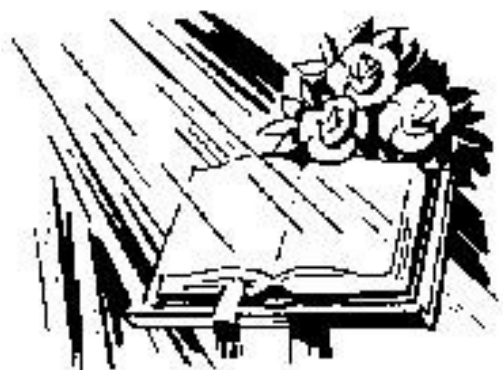
Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	John Atha	1999	20	Louisa Barling Dowle	1963
	Albert Edward Shay	2009		Violet Ward	2000
2	Jean Marley	2005	21	Leslie Jordan	1975
3	Reginald Draper	1989	22	Nora Huscroft	1996
	Minnie Daw	2003	23	Herbert Woodall	1986
5	Jane Amelia Hodgson	1947	24	Emma Dickinson	1981
	Wilhelmina Hutchinson	1988		James Sellers	2005
	Sydney Fowles	1994	25	Esme Bagley Hargrave	1977
	Ivy Fairbairn	2005		Ellen Dorothy Shay	1978
7	Clarence Hinchliffe			Bertha Markham	1982
	Littlewood	1975		Horace Rayner	2000
	Jack Charlesworth	1999		Joyce Crabtree	2012
8	Margaret McNee		26	Dorothy Violet	
	Scott-Richardson	1989		Bedworth	1997
	Granville Walker	1952		Arthur Charles Fish	2004
	Brenda Malpass	2006		Pauline Ann Willis	2002
9	Thomas Fairbairns Birch		27	Kathleen Spence	2021
		1978	28	Kenneth Victor Lowe	1984
	Wilfred Newby	2015		Peter Hardy	1998
10	Mary Jane Bell	1998	29	William Alfred Fuller	1976
11	Joseph Harvey	1960		Peter Lancaster	1988
12	Angela Louise				
	Macintosh	2005			
	Denis Wilcox	2010			
14	Derek Gill	2004			
15	Henry Stockdale				
	Fletcher	1992			
16	Murial Winterbottom	2000			
	Joseph Hardy	2003			
17	Lily Harland	1975			
	Nora Dickinson	1979			
	Sara Barker	2019			
18	Arthur Broughton	1977			
	Robert Glendenning	1979			
19	Nora Hepworth	2019			



Holy Days and Commemorations

Eucharist Readings

February

- 1 Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, 525
- 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemass
- 3
- 4 **Sexagesima**
- 5 Agatha, Martyr at Catania, 251
- 6
- 7 Ina, King of Wessex, 726
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11 **Quinquagesima**
Transfiguration Sunday
- 12
- 13 Shrove Tuesday
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18 **First Sunday of Lent**
- 19
- 20 Saints, Martyrs, Missionaries of Africa
- 21
- 22
- 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, 155
- 24 Matthias the Apostle
- 25 **Second Sunday of Lent**
- 26
- 27
- 28
- 29

March

- 1 St David. Patron Saint of Wales, 601
- 2
- 3 **Third Sunday of Lent**

4th February

2 before Lent

Proverbs:8 1, 22-31

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1: 1-14

11th February

Next before Lent

2 Kings 2: 1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9: 2-9

14th February

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-12

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Matthew 6: 16-21

18th February

Lent 1

Genesis 9: 8-17

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

25th February

Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

3rd March

Lent 3

Exodus 20: 1-17

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

10th March

Lent 4

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