

St Botolph's Church Magazine

June 2024

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Knottingley



Parish News

The Parish Church

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Church Wardens	Linda Brown	673463
	Janet Laycock	662028
Deputy Wardens	Ray Wilson	
	Wayne Evans	
Organist	Daniel Fretwell	
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Deanery Rep.	Wayne Evans	
Safeguarding	vacant	
Health and Safety Officer	Sheila Hutley	
Flowers Co-ordinator	Janet & Linda	
Parish Room Bookings	Linda Brown	673463
Tower Captain	Paul Hargrave	678741

Organisations

Rainbows/Brownies /Guides	Janet Laycock	662028
Friends of St Botolph's	Linda Brown	673463

Knottingley Parish News

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Vice Chairman	Janet Laycock	662028
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Electoral Roll Officer	Janet Laycock	662028

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.

St Botolph's Diary Dates

Saturdays throughout June

Coffee Morning 10 am - 12 noon

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

19 June Market Stall in Pontefract, 9am - 12 noon

28 June Concert in church, 5 pm

7 September Heritage Open Day

The Editor

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The Butterfly Story

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly.

One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had got as far as it could, and could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would shrivel in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight, once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

*Sometimes struggles are exactly
what we need in our lives.
If God allows us to go through our
lives without any obstacles, it would
cripple us.*

*We would not be as strong as we
could have been.*





Summer Coffee Mornings

at St Botolph's



Every Saturday in June

In the Parish Room



10 am - 12 noon

Come along for a delicious bacon butty, cuppa and a chat

We would love to see you there.

Can't get out?

No problem, just contact Linda (01977 673463)
and we will arrange for it to be delivered.

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.

On Father's Day

Today is filled with memories
All gathered through the years,
With thoughts of Dad on Father's Day:
The laughter and the tears.
We think of times when we were small
And we walked hand in hand,
And though he didn't say a lot,
He seemed to understand.

Then as we grew and time slipped by
So many things we shared,
As we went rushing through our lives



We knew how much he cared.
And even though the years have flown
The bonds are strong and true,
Not just today, but every day,
Dear Dad we think of you.

Iris Hesselden

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
And nobody helped us along,
If each, every minute, looked after himself
And the good things all went to the strong;
If nobody cared just a little for you,
And nobody thought about me,
And we all stood alone in the battle of life,
What a dreary old place this would be!

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

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

DETAILS OF THE DECEASED

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Date of death _____ Age _____

Additional short inscription (if required) _____

DETAILS OF PERSON REQUESTING ENTRY

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Today's date _____

Donation enclosed _____

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

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

Full date of death, day-month-year _____

Name of deceased _____

Date request received _____

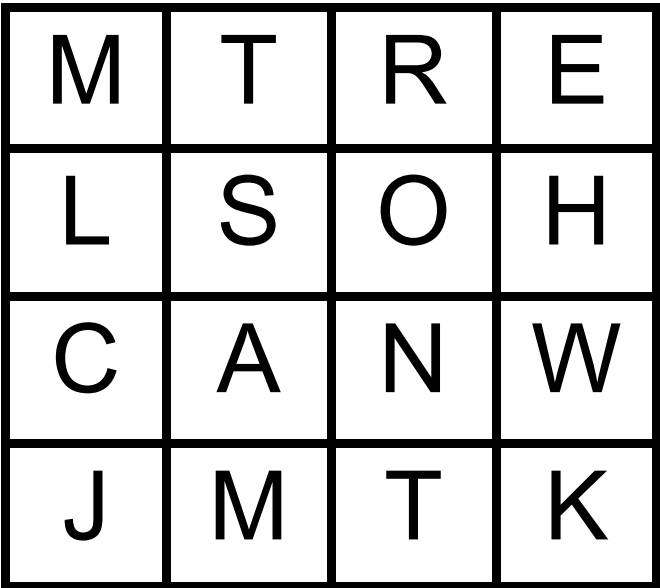
Names of Jesus
Word Search



Jesus has many different names. Can you find them all?

- Messiah
- Friend
- Christ
- Deliverer
- Teacher
- King
- Saviour
- Beloved
- God
- Advocate

How many names of the books of New Testament can you find in this Boggle?



St Botolph's



Handbell Ringers

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

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

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

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



The Royal British Legion Knottingley Branch

Will be holding a two minutes silence
And laying a wreath
At the War Memorial
Thursday 6th June 2024
At 11.00 am

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the
D-day landings (Operation Overlord)

Everyone welcome to join them



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Saturday - 9.00am - 3.00pm

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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.



St Botolph's Church Knottingley Garden Party & Gift Day

Saturday 15th June 2024
10.00 am - 2.00pm



Various stalls including:

Books, Bric-a-brac, Raffle,
Tombola, Cakes and many more.

Refreshments

Everyone Welcome

Calendar - June 2024

1st Plant Sale, St Edward's, Brotherton
Coffee Morning, St Botolph's, 10am - 12 noon

2nd SUNDAY - TRINITY 1
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

8th Coffee Morning, St Botolph's, 10am - 12 noon

9th SUNDAY - TRINITY 2
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
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15th St Botolph's Church, Knottingley
Garden Party and Gift Day
10 am - 2 pm

16th SUNDAY - TRINITY 3
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

22nd Coffee Morning, St Botolph's, 10am - 12 noon

23rd SUNDAY - TRINITY 4
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

28th Concert, St Botolph's Church, 5 pm
29th Coffee Morning, St Botolph's, 10am - 12 noon

30th SUNDAY - TRINITY 5
JOINT EUCHARIST, ST EDMUND'S KELLINGTON 10.00 am

St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday
Tuesday

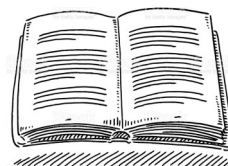
Saviour Trust
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
Hand Bells

Wednesday Children's Dance

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

Friday

Church Rotas



2 June	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
9 June	Glenis	Ann	Colin
16 June	Sheila	Iryna	Sheila
23 June	Renée	Edna	Janet
30 June	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
7 July	Glenis	Ann	Colin

Church Funds/Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge donations from

Small change collection, Anne, Linda and Janet





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

7 April	54	Simon Ward	£40
	138	Sandra Wood	£10
14 April	139	Linda Wood Stones	£40
	37	Sheila Hutley	£10
21 April	77	Dennis Wilson	£40
	48	Brenda Barlow	£10
28 April	45	Katherine Carr	£40
	71	Margaret Booth	£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

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

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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)

A Thank You

I am writing to say thank you so much to all the Friends of St Botolph's, for your kind gift of £600 raised through your Lent Lunches. With your help we can continue to provide expert hospice care to families across West, North and East Yorkshire, remaining with them on their journey and giving their children the best possible chance at life.

It is important that families receive our care in the setting of their choosing, so as well as coming to Martin House, we also support families at home and in hospital. Our doctors spend time at local hospitals each week - where they can see children who are on the Martin House caseload who may be in hospital. It also gives them a chance to meet families who have just found out their child has a life-limiting condition and introduce them to the idea of using the hospice.

Our community care team will also visit families at home, giving parents a break, but also an opportunity to talk about their concerns and worries. Our music therapists and artists also do outreach work - going into hospital and homes to provide sessions to children and their families, which brings a piece of Martin House to them, if they are not able to come to the hospice. We can only provide this kind of service to families thanks to your support, making sure we provide care when and where it is needed most.

Kindest regards from the team here.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Brownutt
Regional Fundraiser (West Yorkshire)



hospice care for children
and young people

Summer Concert in St Botolph's Church

Friday 28 June 2024

at 5 pm

Varied program including organ
music, singing, hand bells

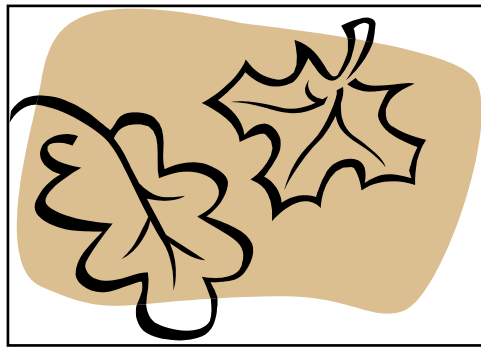
Tickets £7 (including refreshments)

Do come along and join us



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Fancy a cuppa?

**The 3rd Saturday of each month
16 June**

10am until 12 noon

at

The Knottingley Club



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





**WE NEED YOUR
SUPPORT!**

**£20,000 needed to
restore our clock**

St Botolph's Church Knottingley Clock Restoration Appeal

Currently we are running at a £1000 a month deficit to keep the Church and Parish Room safe and well maintained so that our community has place available for prayer, services and life events like baptisms, weddings and funerals. The Parish Room is also available for groups to meet, social events and parties.

Our church clock needs major renovation so we are appealing for your help.

Any donation small or large will be gratefully accepted.

Cheques payable to St Botolphs Parish Room or go to our Just Giving Page. Contact Janet (07790939025) for bank transfer details.

Thank you



11th June is St Barnabas Day. Although not one of the original Twelve Apostles, Barnabas was referred to as an apostle by the early Christian Church. There is also a Church tradition, which says that Barnabas was "First of the seventy disciples of our Lord". His real name was Joseph and he came from Cyprus. He was given the nickname Barnabas, which means 'son of encouragement' for good reasons. He made a generous gift to the first Christians in Jerusalem and later he persuaded them to accept St. Paul into their number after his dramatic conversion. He also travelled with Paul both to Cyprus and later to the area we now call Turkey in order to tell others about the story of Jesus. He seems to have been someone who naturally reached out to welcome outsiders and also someone who stuck by people who had experienced a hard time or made mistakes. You can read more about him in the Bible in Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-30; 11:19-26; 13:1-3 and 15:36-41

The symbols for Barnabas are a book, because he preached the gospel with Paul on his missionary journeys and to the people of Cyprus, and an olive branch because he was an effective peacemaker.

Father God,

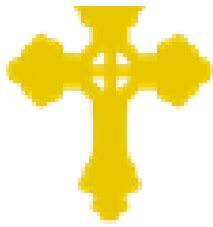
Thank-you for Barnabas the encourager and all that he teaches us about encouragement.

Help us to find ways in which we can say and do encouraging things for others today.

Help us to notice others who feel left out or let down.

Thank you for the encouraging story of Jesus who can help us become encouragers.

Amen.



St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram



Our usual service times are below:

Sunday

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

Wednesday

9.15 am	Eucharist	St Edward the Confessor
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Thursday

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

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

Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk

Website: www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk

Events

1st June Plant Sale St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton

14th June Coffee & Chat, St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm

28th June Coffee & Chat, St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm
Everyone welcome

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

God Bless

Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

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

New Vicarage

Pontefract Rd

Ferrybridge

WF11 8PN

Tel: 01977 671415



Kellington, Eggborough and Whitley

Church of St Edmund King and Martyr



Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am

Events

18th May Plant Sale St Edmund, Kellington, 11am - 3 pm
Look around church and try Bellringing.
Please come along and join us

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415

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

Womersley

Church of St Martin

Sunday Mass 11am

To arrange Baptisms and Weddings
contact Mother Sharon Brown on 01977
671415



Events

2nd June Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon

14th June Afternoon Tea, 2 - 4pm, £6, Ticket only, available from
members of the church

Everyone Welcome

1st Knottingley, St Botolph's 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 blue rectangular background.

The Rainbows have been having lots of fun making dens, learning all about St George and completing various challenges,



The Brownies have been Having Fun Out of Doors, making gadgets, designing a bag and making up their own dance moves to keep fit.

The Guides have been busy learning about contour lines, making energy rich foods that can be taken along by walkers and campers and trying to make a watertight container to hold breakfast for an astronaut. They found this last task very challenging.



More adventures ahead and hopefully a trip to the cinema this month for everyone.

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

Diocesan News

May 2024

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds
www.leeds.anglican.org

Loving.
Living.
Learning

Diocese marks 10th anniversary with service at Bradford Cathedral



The Diocese of Leeds has marked its 10th anniversary with a special service at Bradford Cathedral.

The service was in part led by the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, who has been visiting our region as part of the celebrations, and was attended by civic dignitaries from across the diocese.

The service featured worship led by the Bradford Cathedral Choir and the worship band from Fountains Church Bradford, and was organised by the Revd Pete Gunstone, Minor Canon for Worship & Nurture at Bradford Cathedral.

Archbishop Stephen was welcomed by the Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, before moving to a time of hearing about the work of God in our five episcopal areas.

As part of his sermon Archbishop Stephen said: "The story of the Diocese of Leeds is nothing other than the story of God's love for us in Christ – the story of persistent love, and the story of a love that lives and learns.

"The Diocese of Leeds – its people, parishes, the beautiful, complex, diverse, challenging communities it serves; this is the place where God is pleased to dwell, and out of this fair land, and built upon this rock, the people of God here, by the power of the Spirit, bear fruit."

The service ended with a commission from the Archbishop to all to carry on faithfully serving God in our region, before Bishop Nick and students from Lepton School cut the cake made to mark our anniversary.



Rambling Revd to walk some 160 miles to raise money



One of our Ripon area priests is going to be walking some 160 miles to raise money for his churchyard and support his local fell rescue group.

This spring the Revd Darryl Hall, Vicar of the United Parish of Upper Nidderdale, is looking to walk both the Rob Roy Way and the Great Glen Way, in the highlands of Scotland, a total of approximately 157 miles.

Along with his wife Sharon, and friends Richard and Helen, Revd Darryl will be doing this walk to raise money for much-needed works in the Wayside Cemetery, which belongs to the church of St Mary's Greenhow.

Revd Darryl said: "As part of our mission action plan, we are committed to making our churches and churchyards fit for purpose as a spiritual and community resource."

Walking with purpose

Revd Jo Jones

Assistant Curate at Leeds Minster and Deputy Head of Chaplaincy at Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust

Working as a deacon in chaplaincy has been an enlightening journey, shaping my perspective and deepening my understanding of ministry. Each day presents unique opportunities for growth, reflection, and service. One of the most profound aspects of this role is the sense of purpose it instils. Being able to provide spiritual care to individuals in their moments of vulnerability reaffirms my calling and strengthens my commitment to serving others.

In chaplaincy, empathy is not just a virtue but a necessity. Engaging with people from diverse backgrounds and accompanying them through their struggles has expanded my capacity for empathy. Whether consoling a patient in the hospital or supporting a grieving family, I've learned to truly connect with others and share in their joys and sorrows.

Chaplaincy has exposed me to the resilience of the human spirit. Witnessing individuals facing illness or loss draw upon their faith and inner strength to persevere has been incredibly inspiring. Their stories serve as powerful reminders of the enduring presence of hope and the transformative power of faith.

Spiritual growth is inherent in the chaplaincy journey. Through prayer, reflection, and



engagement with various religious traditions, I've deepened my own spiritual understanding and developed a richer relationship with God. Each encounter serves as an opportunity for both ministry and personal enrichment.

Collaboration lies at the heart of chaplaincy. Working alongside healthcare professionals, religious leaders, and community organizations, I've learned the value of teamwork and the importance of collective efforts in meeting the needs of those we serve. Together, we form a supportive network dedicated to holistic care and support. In chaplaincy, the sacred is found in the everyday. Whether it's offering a prayer, lending a listening ear, or simply being present, every interaction holds the potential for profound spiritual connection. It's a humbling experience that emphasizes the importance of humility, openness, and the transformative power of presence.

Overall, working as a deacon in chaplaincy has been a journey of profound significance. It's a privilege to walk alongside others in their spiritual journeys, offering support, compassion, and companionship along the way. As I continue this path, I am grateful for the opportunities for growth, learning, and service that chaplaincy offers.

Diocesan Interns prayed for by Bishop Nick

Our Bradford Mission Apprentices and Leeds & Harrogate Interns, all part of our Diocesan Internship Programme, enjoyed a great start to their summer term thanks to Bishop Nick's invitation to a lunch at Hollin House recently.

After a morning of worship and prayer at St Michael's Parish Hall, with a reflection on Luke 2 and 'The Boy Jesus at the Temple' led by the Revd Jude Smith, Diocesan interns and leaders were welcomed by Bishop Nick and his wife Linda at their home for a lunch provided by Nurture, the food and catering arm of St George's Crypt.

In response to their many questions, Bishop Nick shared about the joys and challenges of his role, the spiritual disciplines and approaches that sustain him in his busy schedule and his experience as a member of the House of Lords.

Reflecting on Jesus' encounter with blind Bartimaeus in the gospel of Mark, he encouraged each one of them to "Take heart. Get up. He is calling you."



Archbishop of York visits many of our confident Christian communities



The whole diocese of Leeds welcomed the Archbishop of York on a missional tour that helped launch our 10th anniversary year.

The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell met Christian communities and projects from the region's tip to its toe as he visited each of our five Episcopal Areas.

Leyburn is where the visit began, first at the church of St Matthew's.

Leyburn Auction Mart was next, for a guided tour by its chaplain, Revd Chris Lawton, who works within the farming community.

Young people convicted of serious crimes are looked after to the best of everyone's abilities at Wetherby Young Offenders Institution and Archbishop Stephen was keen to talk with some of them and its managing chaplain, Revd Andy Rowe who has been in post since 2023.

Some of the brightest and best at Bishop Young Academy in the heart of Seacroft, welcomed Archbishop Stephen and the Rt Revd Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall, when he moved into our Leeds EA on the Friday afternoon.

Children, cake and fun featured at St Richard's, Seacroft – an estate church which engages lovingly with its people in a hard-pressed part of Leeds.

An early start on Saturday at Lighthouse at St George's Crypt, Leeds gave Archbishop Stephen the chance to join its morning service for a Christian community "battered and bruised by the storms of life" in the words of founder Revd Jon Swales.

A "resurrected church" is how Revd Jimmy Hinton describes St Stephen's West Bowling, which Archbishop Stephen visited along with the Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford

Sunday morning began at St Mary's in our Wakefield EA with the Rt Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield and Revd Phil Maries of the Central Barnsley Benefice welcoming the Archbishop for a Eucharist service in the town centre church.

The Jo Cox More in Common Centre at Huddersfield University hosted a large gathering of lay people, clergy and guests including local MP Kim Leadbeater, for a discussion of the diocesan prayer project Rhythm of Life.

As the sun dipped over Mixenden, Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Smitha and Archdeacon of Halifax, Bill Braviner went to a Rock Mass at its Holy Nativity church.



Revd Ian cycles and runs 75 miles to mark diocesan 10th anniversary



One of our clergy has raised some £2000 for our parishes with a 75 mile sponsored journey to mark the diocese's 10th anniversary.

The Revd Canon Ian Greenhalgh, Area Dean for the Bowland and Ewecross, and his son Tom, rode on his bike and ran across the Ripon and Bradford areas raising funds to help support our churches.

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

"A special thanks to our backup team Melanie and Rye, to Tom especially, and to all who supported us!"



A month for celebrating?

Revd Sonia Kasibante
Trust Chaplain, Leeds
Teaching Hospitals NHS
Trust

"That must be really difficult" – this is frequently the comment from friends and strangers when we talk about me being a hospital chaplain. And yes, it is the case – indescribably difficult at times. This is not where it ends, however. It is a privilege to be alongside people in hospital including those who embrace death as part of their journey with God. More often, I witness people being discharged from hospital, healed or well on their way to recovery. There is a sense in which the hospital is the world in concentrated form – a world that is tormented by suffering and untimely deaths, and still with much to celebrate.

The month of May, it would seem to me, is designated by the Church as a season for celebration. The many occasions for celebration include Ascension Day, Pentecost, Trinity, Corpus Christi and the Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.



In addition, we have a few Saints' days as well: Philip and James, and Matthias (Apostles). And if you were to Google "significant days in May 2024" (please do!) you will find a long list of other very interesting dates to mark, including, on Sunday, May 5, "World Laughter Day" – this, I trust, is not cruel humour, but in the spirit of celebration of good humour.

The Christian faith is good foundation for holding in tension the paradoxes of our world. We have, once again, marked the violent death and celebrated the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus. As senseless violence and various forms of injustice continue to mar the lives of many, hope is kept alive by those who respond with compassion and care. Christian hope is kept alive by Jesus' defeat of death. May the opportunities for celebrations in May be a resource for facing whatever comes our way.

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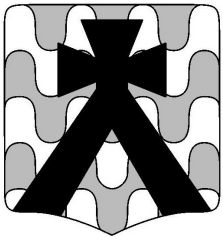
Trinity All Saints Church of England Primary School in Bingley and St Matthew's Primary in Leeds both have been inspected as part of SIAMS, the Church of England's statutory inspection mechanism.

Trinity All Saints Primary was found to be a welcoming and supportive community: 'Everyone is welcomed and accepted for who they are at this loving Church school.'

Of their recent very positive SIAMS result, Gemma Crawford, Headteacher of St Matthew's Primary, said: "The whole school community at St Matthew's C of E Primary School are incredibly proud of our most recent SIAMS outcome.

"It was an extremely positive experience and a joy to be able to share how St Matthew's is living up to its foundation as a church school.





From the

Baptism

14 April

Corban Michael James David Curry

Shine as a light in the world

Funeral

16 April

Pauline Garbutt

80 yrs

St B

30 April

David Anthony Collins

79 yrs

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.

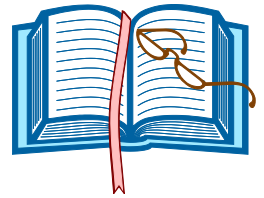
May your spirits be lifted,
May your heart be filled with peace and
May the light of God's promise fill you with
joy and hope.

Amen



Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

2	Adino Tunningley	1998		Joseph Raynor	1987
	Margaret Ann Carr	2000	15	Eva Barker	1977
	Lee Robert Johnson	2018		Eric Wormald	1997
3	Ernest Charles Haigh	1963		Beatrice Cotton	2007
	Elsie Baxter	1982		Clarice Hemingway	2009
4	Roland Cartwright	1971		David Scatchard Moon	2020
	Norris Vause	1991		Dorothy Aaron	2011
5	William Horton	1976	16	Frank George Cotton	1977
	Constance Mary Elliott	1991		Dennis Vause	1979
	Norman Clayton	2022		Peter Coultas	1984
6	John Eddie Thornton	1991		Doris Conroy	2006
	Ronald Grayson	1992		Barbara Georgina	
	Samuel Fowles	1993		Austerberry	2017
	Doris Sharp	1998		William Swingley	2021
	Roger Rowling	2008	17	Victor Hargraves	2000
7	Alfred Charles Reeves	1974		Ian Hodgson	2010
	Colin Mowbray	1998	19	Marjorie Henry	1977
8	John Henry Brown	1991		Christopher Stuart	
	Miriam Branford	1962		Penistone	2010
	Jane Hibbitt	2021		Elsie Moon	1987
9	Dean Robinson	1979		Leonard Frederick Mitchell	
	Sharon Briggs	1998			2019
	John Penty	2008	20	Clive Monks	1998
10	Charles Thomas Askin	1974	21	Harry Williamson	1975
	Evelyn Mary Hawkins	2021		George Henry Bedworth	
11	Edith Ramskill	1966			1982
	Clifford Samuel Walker	1986		Tracy Cuttle	2002
	Vera Evelyn Lowe	2007	22	Marjorie Durkin	1987
	Beryl Charlesworth	2012		Hilda May Wren	1996
12	Kathleen Lightowler	1978		Sidney Downing	1999
	Elsie Miller	1986	23	John Fairbairn K.I.A.	1944
	Joseph Stones	1993	24	Frank Buckley	1991
	Stephen Bryan Stogden	2001	26	Tom Tunningley	1975
13	Dick Mons Etherington	1968	27	Lilian Hemingway	1991
	Rose Ann Miller	1991	28	John Henry Brown	1991
	Emma Dyson	1994	29	Clare Gant	2008
14	George Hobman	1982	30	Annie Elizabeth Skelton	1984
				William Dunn	1957

Holy Days and Commemorations

Eucharist Readings

June

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2 TRINITY 1

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7 The Divine Compassion of Christ

8 Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath, 1711

9 TRINITY 2

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11 Barnabas the Apostle

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13 Anthony of Padua, Friar, 1231

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16 TRINITY 3

17 Alban the first Martyr of Britain, 150

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23 TRINITY 4

24 The Birth of John the Baptist

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27 Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria,
Teacher, 444

28

29 Peter and Paul, Apostles

30 TRINITY 5

July

1

2 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

3 Thomas the Apostle

2nd June

TRINITY 1

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

John 4:7-21

9th June

TRINITY 2

1 Samuel 8: 4-11

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

16th June

TRINITY 3

1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4: 26-34

23rd June

TRINITY 4

1 Samuel 17: 32- 49

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Mark 4: 35 - 41

30th June

TRINITY 5

2 Samuel 5:1 - 5, 9 - 10

2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10

Mark 6: 3 - 11

7 July

TRINITY 7

2 Samuel 6:1 - 5, 12 - 19

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Mark 6: 14 - 29

The Aire Benefice Events

1st June	Plant Sale St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton
2nd June	Coffee Morning St Martin, Womersley, 10.30am - 12 noon (first Sunday of the month)
9th June	Coffee Morning, St Botolph's, 10am - 12 noon Coffee Morning, St Botolph's, 10am - 12 noon
13th June	Knit and Natter St Botolph's, Knottingley, 1.30 - 3.00 pm
14th June	Coffee and Chat (every two weeks) St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm Afternoon Tea, St Martin, Womersley, Ticket only £6 2 - 4pm, Community Hand Bells will be playing
15th June	Garden Party and Gift Day St Botolph's, Knottingley, 10am - 2pm
19th June	Market Stall, Pontefract, 9am - 12 noon
22nd June	Coffee Morning, St Botolph's, 10am - 12 noon
27th June	Lunch Club, St Botolph's, Knottingley, 12 noon
28th June	Coffee and Chat (every two weeks) St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm
29th June	Coffee Morning, St Botolph's, 10am - 12 noon
30th June	Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)



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

Lunch Club

Fourth Thursday of the month

12 noon

Tickets £5 available from Linda

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

Knit and Natter

**Second and fourth Thursdays of the
month**

1.30 - 3 pm

All welcome