

St Botolph's Church Magazine

March 2024

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Parish News

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	Wayne Evans	
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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

15 February - 28 March 2024 on Thursdays,
Lent Lunches at 12 noon

11 March Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
10 am - 12 noon

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Dear Friends,

You will have noticed that Easter Sunday is early this year! We are already in the season of Lent, which began on 14th February with Ash Wednesday. During Lent people often give something up or take on something extra.



If you are anything like me, over the years, each Lent you will have started with many ideas. I have often planned to give something up, to spend more time with God in prayer, to spend more time reading the Bible, and to read a book that helps me reflect on the season. In the end I pare my list down to what is physically possible!

We all start with great determination, but what if you have had a lapse in, or even given up on, your Lenten discipline? Perhaps you've eaten that slice of cake, or drunk that glass of wine, how does that make you feel? Do you feel disappointed, disillusioned, or even a failure?

If you do stray from the path of your Lenten discipline, get back on it, don't give up. Sharing your plans with someone else can be a good help, after all our Christian faith is one lived out in relationship and community rather than alone, so make use of your church family and encourage one another. As St Paul writes, "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

I believe a good way to view our lapses is to see them as ways in which we learn to increase our dependence upon God. We are all only human, each of us needs to rely on God, and it is often at times of disappointment or failure that we feel closest to him. When we fail, we are forgiven.

We move towards Holy Week and Easter, and we walk alongside Jesus as he enters into Jerusalem to shouts of Hosanna, as he washes his disciples' feet, as he eats the Last Supper with his friends, as he goes to his death upon the cross, and as he is resurrected. The six weeks of Lent prepare us for Easter, and give us time to learn about the love God has for each one of us, and the love we should have for each other.

By following your Lenten path, however it pans out, you will see even more clearly the glory of the risen Jesus at Easter. Support each other, but most of all depend upon God. Whether you succeed or fail in your plans for Lent this year, I pray that when Easter arrives you have had a holy Lent, and have grown in faith and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ.



Why not come and celebrate with us at St Botolph at 10am on Easter Sunday?

God bless,
Mother Sharon



Lent Lunches

Thursdays during Lent

15 February - 28 March 2024

At 12 noon

Soup, roll, dessert and tea/coffee

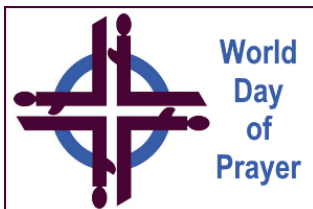
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Everyone welcome

All proceeds for Martin House Hospice

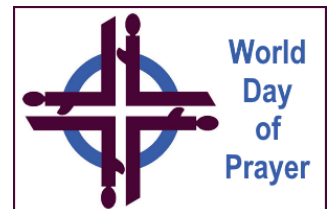


Here when families
need us most



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 the materials were prepared by the women
of Palestine.

Some useful numbers

Ash Grove Drs Surgery 01977 673141

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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.

Mothering Sunday

Give thanks once more on Mother's Day
For mothers everywhere,
For all their help and comfort
And all their loving care.

For mothers who are out of sight.
We think of them today,
The memories will bring them close;
They're never far away.

Give thanks today for Mother Earth
And all each day can bring,
The plants and flowers, fields and trees,
The wonders of the spring.

Give thanks once more fore Mother Church
And all the hope we find,
For love and healing, friendship too
And quiet peace of mind.

And so rejoice, lift up your hearts,
go bravely on life's way.

Remember love, remember joy -
Give thanks on Mother's Day!



Iris Hesselden

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

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

DETAILS OF THE DECEASED

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Date of death _____ Age _____

Additional short inscription (if required) _____

DETAILS OF PERSON REQUESTING ENTRY

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Today's date _____

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

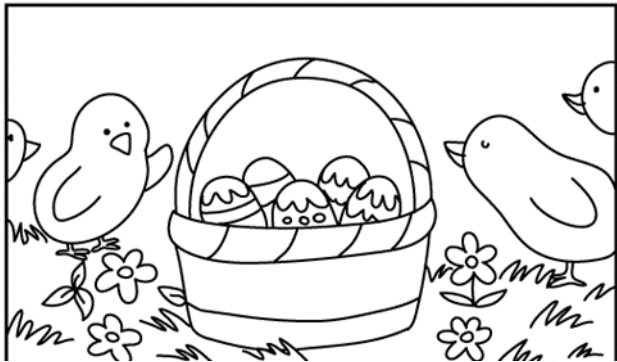
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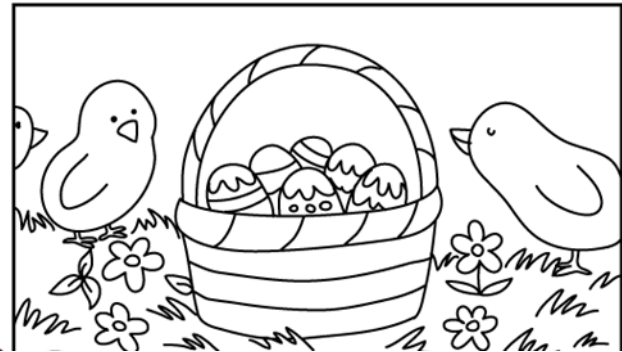
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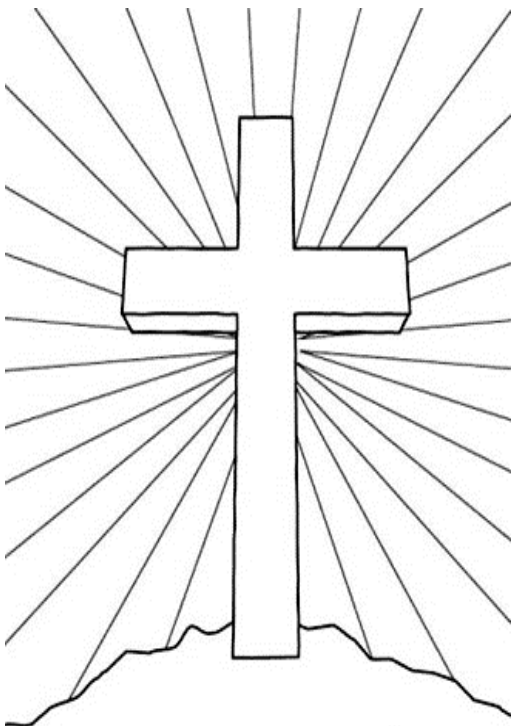
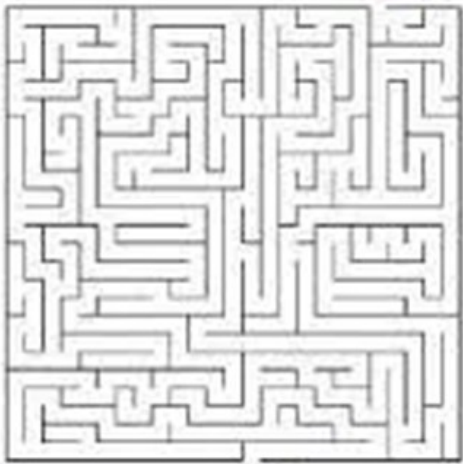
Puzzle Corner



Can you spot 5 differences?



Can you help the chick find his friend?



Jesus is Alive!



Easter Story

Word Search

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St Botolph's



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

Friends of St Botolph's

We have started back after Christmas and we have a busy few weeks ahead.

Ann, the lady who sells our knitting for the hospice, rang me and she has a sale of our knitting and the other knitting that she will pick up from friends in April. If you can do us some knitting for the hospice it would be much appreciated. We do mainly baby knitting, a lady in our group has been doing toys and another lady is knitting blankets so, if you have a few spare hours, we would like anything you can knit.

We now busy with Lent Lunches for 7 weeks every Thursday. They started on the 15th February at 12noon, we have a few deliveries to the people who are house bound. We have a soup, a roll and a sweet, a game of bingo and raffle. The proceeds go to Martin House who we are proud to support.

Please come along you will made very welcome. Please let us know if you are planning to join us to give us an idea of numbers. Thank you.

Lots of love from Friends xx



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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.



Mrs Gwen Surtees

In December we lost another lovely member of St Botolph's Church. Gwen was a member of our congregation for many years. She was friendly with Maureen Harper; they went everywhere together; if you saw Maureen you saw Gwen and vice versa.

When Gwen started to be poorly, she wasn't able to attend church but she always kept in touch and making everyone smile when visiting her or taking her a Lent Lunch. Then Maureen also started to be ill and she is now in a care home, Holyrood House. Last year Gwen moved out of her family home in Knottingley and moved to be nearer to her son, Mark and family, to a care home in Sheffield where she was very happy.

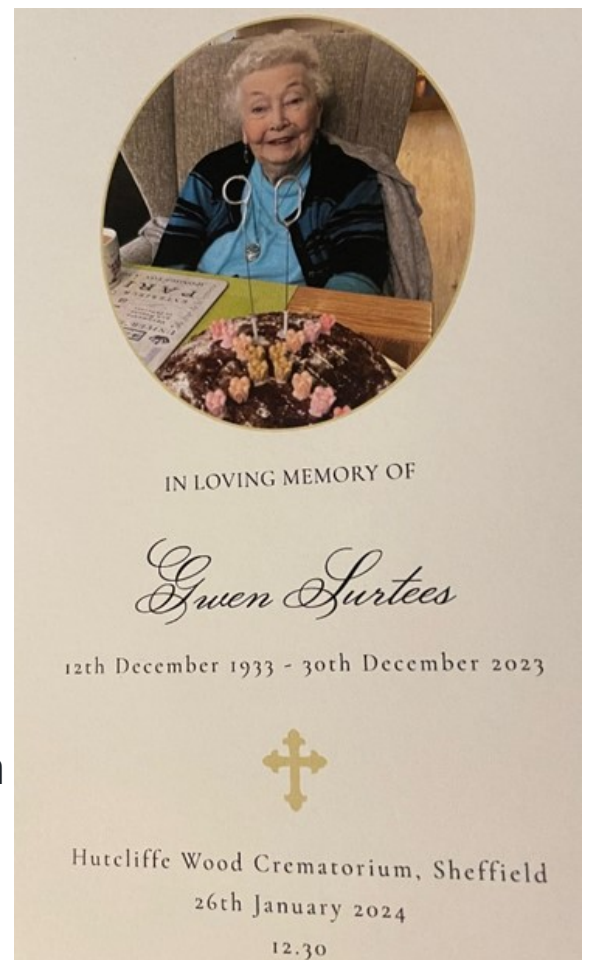
Gwen was very saddened when Janet Taylor died. Janet visited Gwen quite often and was a good friend to Gwen and Gwen never forgot.



I spoke to Gwen in November and she mentioned that she had called Maureen at Holyrood House; friends to the end.

Gwen managed to celebrate her 90th birthday on 12th December and she died on the 30th December. Just before Gwen died she asked Mark to let us know of her passing. We kept Gwen in our prayers for many months and she knew.

Rest In Peace, lovely lady, and Rise In Glory



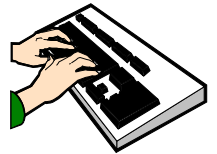
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1st Fri World Day of Prayer, Salvation Army, 2.00 pm

3rd SUNDAY - LENT 3
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

7th Thur Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon

10th SUNDAY - LENT 4
MOTHERING SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
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14th Thur Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon

17th SUNDAY- LENT 5
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

21st Thur Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon

24th PALM SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

HOLY WEEK

25th Mon Stations of the Cross, 2pm

28th **Maundy Thursday** Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon
Mass with washing of feet, 7.00pm with watch until 10 pm

29th **Good Friday** Goof Friday Liturgy, 2 pm

30th **Easter Eve**
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, St Martin's Womersley, 8 pm

31st SUNDAY - EASTER DAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



CLOCKS
SPRING
FORWARD

St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday

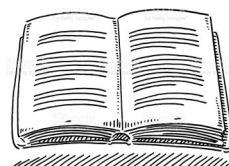
Tuesday Saviour Trust
Brownies and Guides
Hand Bells

Wednesday

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

Friday

Church Rotas



3 March	Renée	Edna	Janet
10 March	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
17 March	Glenis	Ann	Colin
24 March	Sheila	Iryna	Sheila
31 March	Renée	Edna	Janet

Church Funds/Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge donations from
Sally
Alison
Hazel





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 January	32	Anne Barker	£40
	37	Sheila Hutley	£10
14 January	16	Marlene Tunningley	£40
	55	Joan Haigh	£10
21 January	30	Avril Chisem	£40
	39	Sheila Wilson	£10
28 January	176	NSW	£40
	123	Janet Tucker	£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.

Holy Week



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volunteer please do
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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)

Through the decades – 2010's

Our final and most recent decade. How much can you remember? The iPad was released in 2010 and the public launch of Instagram took place. There were two major earthquakes, one in Haiti and the other in Chile.

In 2011, Prince Charles' eldest son, Prince William, married Catherine Middleton. Their first son, Prince George was born in 2013 followed by a daughter in 2015, Princess Charlotte and a second son Prince Louis in 2018.



2012 marked the Diamond Jubilee of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth II. The celebrations included the lighting of Beacons nationwide, a national service of thanksgiving and the Thames Jubilee Pageant. The Summer Olympics took place in London, officially the Games of the XXX Olympiad.

Also, in this year, Tokyo Skytree opened to the public becoming the tallest tower in the world at 643m.



In 2013 there were a number of notable deaths including Margaret Thatcher and Nelson Mandela. Pope Benedict XVI resigned at the age of 85 years, leading to the appointment of Pope Francis

In 2014 Germany won the World Cup. In a referendum Scotland voted against independence from the UK. On 5 July the Tour de France began in Leeds.

After travelling for nine years, NASA's Horizon spacecraft took photographs of Pluto in 2015. They showed ice mountains on this dwarf planet. In this same year NASA confirmed the presence of water on Mars sparking discussion as to whether there really could be life on Mars.

In 2016 around 52% of Britons voted to leave the European Union and so the battle of Brexit began.

2017 was the UK's greenest year ever for electricity production as renewable energy, wind, solar and nuclear created more UK power than fossil fuels. In July England's women lifted the Cricket World Cup, after a thrilling final against India.

In the February of 2018, the Beast from the East, freezing weather from Russia, brought heavy snow and low temperatures to the UK. Prince Harry married Meghan. Professor Stephen Hawking, whose life's work shaped modern cosmology and helped us all to better understand the universe, died at the age of 76 years.

In December of 2019 a cluster of pneumonia of unknown origin was identified in Wuhan, China and thus began the worldwide Covid-19 crisis. Climate change was one of the biggest topics of the year and teenage activist Greta Thunberg came to fame as one of its biggest champions. Notre Dame cathedral in Paris was devastated by a massive inferno.



In the 2010s there were four Prime Ministers of the UK: Gordon Brown, David Cameron, Theresa May and Boris Johnson. In the USA the presidents were Barak O'Bama and Donald Trump.

We hope these articles have invoked some memories.

Thank you for reading them.

Peter

Holy Week to the Ascension Storyboard

Jesus enters Jerusalem



Jesus comes on a donkey to Jerusalem.

The People of Jerusalem Welcome Jesus



People waved palm branches and put them on the road in front of Jesus.

The Last Supper



On Holy Thursday, Jesus washes the feet of his apostles and sat down to eat supper with them.

Good Friday



Judas, one of the apostles, betrayed Jesus to the men in power. Jesus got arrested because he said he was the son of God. He was beaten and soldiers put a crown of thorns on him. On good Friday, Jesus was nailed to the cross. His friends took down his body and buried him in a tomb.

The Resurrection



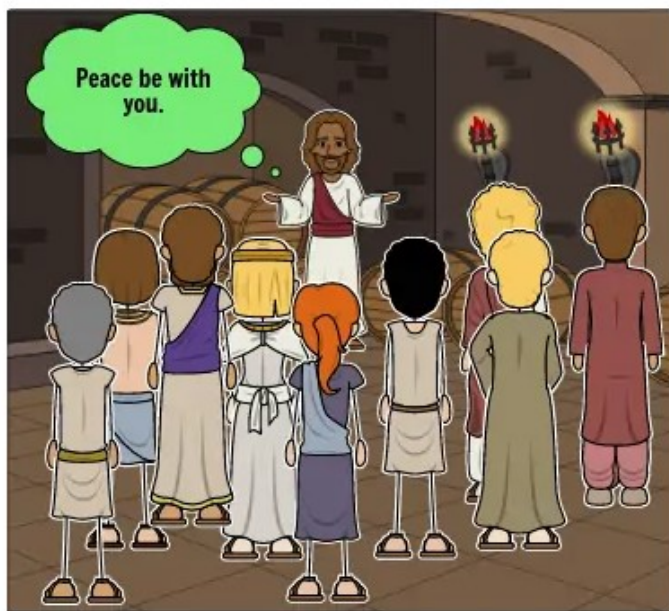
On Easter morning, some women went to visit the tomb but found the stone had been rolled away.

Jesus is alive



Later that day, the women saw Jesus and started worshipping him. Afterwards, they went to tell the apostles.

The Apostles see the Risen Jesus



The apostles were in a room when Jesus came to them and showed his wounded hands to show it is really him.

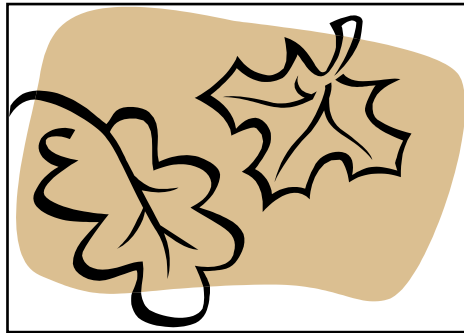
The Ascension



Jesus went to Mount Olivet, blessed his apostles with the Holy Spirit and then rose to the sky. Jesus then went to heaven to be with his father.

The Manse

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Diocesan News

February 2024

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The Archbishop of York's Missionary Journey to Wakefield

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell has been on a special visit to the Wakefield Episcopal Area.

Archbishop Stephen took part the monthly breakfast meeting for Wakefield's business and community leaders, which is hosted by the Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield. Bishop Tony said: "Everyone was uplifted and encouraged by meeting with Archbishop Stephen. We spent a very varied day in Wakefield, meeting with people from across the district, including business and community leaders, those in our prisons, and with people exploring faith and discipleship." Archbishop Stephen and Bishop Tony were welcomed at HMP Wakefield where they preached and presided at a Eucharist service.

After lunch at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Archbishop Stephen and Bishop Tony visited HMP New Hall Prison and Young Offender Institution and helped



in supporting in group-led conversations. Back at Wakefield Cathedral, the Archbishop finished the day by speaking on the topic of vocation at a Follow Me event, one of four sessions hosted by Bishop Tony for lay people in the Wakefield Area to encourage them in their discipleship. Archbishop Stephen said, "Having previously worked as the Diocesan Missioner and Bishop's Chaplain for Evangelism in what was then the Diocese of Wakefield, this part of the country holds many fond memories for me. "It's been wonderful to be back to this place, to hear and see the hope that the present holds for this area. I've had the opportunity to meet with local people from across the social boundaries, each with their own story and experiences."



Our bishops to lead Rhythm of Life retreats this Lent

Our bishops will be leading retreats across the diocese this Lent as part of our Rhythm of Life initiative, helping us to pray, reflect and learn together in the season.

Five retreats are being led by our bishops and others including the Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Revd Toby Howarth; the Bishop of Ripon, the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham; the Bishop of Kirkstall, the Rt Revd Arun Arora; and the Rt Revd John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford.

The retreats will feature a mix of reflection, encouragement, challenge, prayer and worship. The Revd Canon Andrew Norman, Director of Ministry and Mission for the diocese, said: "These Lent retreats are a great opportunity to pause and reflect on our rhythms of life."



That's Temptation

Bishop Tony

A little boy in a grocery store was standing near an open box of peanut butter cookies. "Now then, young man," said the grocer as he approached the young man. "What are you up to?" "Nothing," replied the boy: "Nothing." "Well, it looks to me like you were trying to take a cookie." "You're wrong, mister, I'm trying not to!"

That's temptation!

Jesus was tempted as we are. Temptations are not bad in themselves, but it is what we do with them that can help us turn to God or away from God.

At the beginning of Lent the Church always takes us into the wilderness with Jesus, to face the power that is opposed to the Gospel. The Good News is that we do this with Jesus and in the company of his followers.

None of us should have to face the wilderness alone; none of us should be thrown back on our own resources. We are all tempted; we all fail; we all sin.



Sometimes we might wonder if there is an exit from the wilderness. All of us need to hear, like Jesus, the voice of the Father that recognises us as his beloved children. When we hear that voice, the call to repent is the call to stay in the company of the one who loves us. The Gospel challenges us to change our minds about the way we think, change our hearts about the Gospel we ignore, and change our ways about habits of sin.

This is a lifetime's task. Jesus did not overcome Satan in the wilderness – he achieved that only in his death. Lent reminds us of our need to begin again facing the enemy within us. And the Good News is that when we do that, we take the road that leads us to the kingdom of God.

During Lent try to see your temptations as ways to turn to God rather than rely on our own resources?

Sad news of the passing of the Rt Revd David Smith, former Bishop of Bradford

It is with great sadness that the death of the Rt Revd David Smith, former Bishop of Bradford, has been announced.

Born in Hertfordshire in 1935, he was ordained in 1959 and served the former Diocese of Bradford from 1992 until his retirement in 2002, when he was succeeded by Bishop David James. Prior to that role, he had served as Archdeacon of Lindisfarne, Bishop of Maidstone and Bishop to the Forces.

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds said in tribute: "This is very sad news. Bishop David was loved and respected in Bradford and will be remembered across the faith communities for his faithfulness.

"May he rest in peace and rise in glory. We send our love and condolences to Mary."



Puppets help bring new families to worship in a Bradford church

Bubble Church, an exciting new Jesus-centred service packed with puppets and designed for babies, toddlers and young families has kicked off successfully at one of our Bradford churches.



Revd Chris Chorlton at St Martin's, Heaton has brought the innovative idea to his church as part of renewed engagement with the local community after the Covid pandemic. Based on the idea of a safe social "bubble", families gather on a circular carpet and puppets are used as fun props to engage children in the telling of Christian stories and messages.



At its launch, 19 local children and 15 adults joined nine of the Bubble Church Team for the first ever service.

"Those attending were evenly divided into half regular church members and half first timers," Revd Chris said.



"We were blessed by how many people wanted to thank God for something and how the songs were enjoyed by all.

"Most stayed for food and fellowship afterwards. Considering it was dark and Storm Isha was battering the country we feel it was a very encouraging start."



21 new Headteachers welcomed by our schools this academic year

A cohort of 21 new Headteachers took the reins at our schools this academic year and 14 of them met recently at Church House, Leeds, for a special induction meeting.

It was a chance for the new leaders to share their thoughts and learn about the help and advice offered by our diocesan Education Team. Headteacher Caroline Butterworth of Sandal Castle (VA) Community Primary School said it was wonderful to meet like-minded professionals who are excited about their journey ahead.

"The staff from the Leeds Diocese were hugely welcoming and knowledgeable in their presentation and I can already sense the opportunity of amazing support that will guide me over the forthcoming years," Caroline said.

Helen Lever, our School Adviser to Senior Leadership, said it was great to welcome so many in person and to witness great enthusiasm: "We all look forward to getting to know and work with our new Headteachers in 2024 and beyond," Helen said.



Serving the Church

Revd Ian Greenhalgh
Area Dean, Bowland and
Ewecross

2024 marks a very special year in my life. On January 11th I had my birthday and I find it hard to believe I am now 75 - or as my daughter tells me 27,394 days old.

As I look back over the years there are so many special memories; Ordination in 1977 in Liverpool Cathedral, getting married in 1978, the birth of our daughter in 1981, joining the RAF in 1984 and the birth of our son and then, in 2004, becoming the Vicar of Austwick and Clapham.

One major influence in my life has always been sport, and soon after Ordination I ran in my first Marathon in Bolton. Regular training, improving times and then running for the RAF took me to many amazing locations including Washington DC, Las Vegas, Cyprus, Berlin, Cape Town, Falkland Islands and more recently The Sea of Galilee Marathon. This usually meant raising money for a whole range of charities.



One of my favourite verses is Hebrews 12: 1 - 'Run with Perseverance the Race that is set before you, looking to Jesus the Pioneer and Perfector of your faith'.

As I begin my 76th year, fortunate to still be able to run and cycle, I see that verse as an inspiration for my whole life and also for the coming years.

As the Diocese marks its 10th Anniversary, over the weekend of April 19-21, I thought it would be good to cycle and run 75 miles. I plan to cycle part of The Way of the Roses from Settle to Ripon Cathedral on the 19th and then jog and walk to Bradford Cathedral on the 20th.

I hope my effort alongside my son, Tom, and also some friends and volunteers, will raise some money for the Church I love to serve.

All welcome at a Lunar New Year Fair in Leeds Minster

One of our churches with a thriving congregation from Hong Kong is helping run the first ever Lunar New Year market to be held at Leeds Minster.

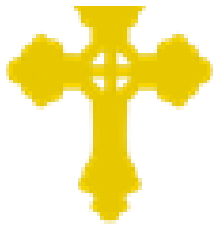
"It takes place on Saturday, February 10 from 11am to 2.30pm," said Dave Ho Young, vicar of St Barnabas, Alwoodley.

Stalls will be set up around the Minster with a chance to enjoy food and drink, Chinese calligraphy, tea tasting, games and music, and to buy from arts and crafts stalls.

Revd Dave said: "We will be celebrating the Year of the Dragon and the Chinese churches we are working with have a large number of people from Hong Kong in their congregations.

"Everyone is invited to join us and celebrate the Lunar New Year, and we would especially love to welcome locals as well as Hong Kongers and the wider Chinese and East Asian community."





St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram



Our usual service times are below:

Sunday

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

St Andrew
St Edward the Confessor
St Andrew

Wednesday

9.15 am Eucharist

St Edward the Confessor

Thursday

10.00 am Eucharist

St Andrew

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

1st Sunday of the month

St Edward the Confessor

3rd Sunday of the month

St Andrew

Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.

Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk

Website: www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

Holy Week Services

March

27th Wed St Andrew, Ferrybridge 5pm Stations of the Cross

29th **Good Friday**

St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton 10am Stations of the Cross

St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton 2pm Good Friday Liturgy

31st **Easter Sunday**

Said Mass, St Andrew, Ferrybridge 8 am

St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton 9.15am Easter Parish Mass

St Andrew, Ferrybridge 11am Easter Parish Mass

God Bless

Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

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

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**Kellington, Eggborough and
Whitley**
Church of St Edmund King and Martyr



Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am

Holy Week

26th Tue Stations of the Cross, 10.00am

31st **Easter Sunday** Easter Parish Mass, 9.30 am

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415

Please come along and join us

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

Womersley
Church of St Martin



Sunday Mass 11am

Holy Week

25th Mon Stations of the Cross, 5 pm

26th Tue Stations of the Cross, 5 pm

27th Wed Stations of the Cross, 5 pm

29th **Good Friday** Good Friday Liturgy, 2 pm

30th **Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil, 8 pm

31st **Easter Day** Easter Parish Mass, 11 am

Events

2 March Coffee Morning with various stalls

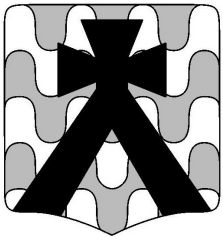
Everyone Welcome

It was lovely to welcome 6 Rainbows to our new unit in January and 5 new Brownies. This means that currently our Brownie unit is full but we will have a couple of spaces in the summer when girls move on to Guides.

The girls have been busy exploring the Take Action Theme thinking about running campaigns about topics they are concerned about like mental health, bullying, wildlife and the environment. They have produced some lovely posters, decorated cakes, badges and patches. They have raised money in support of The Children's Society.

Our Brownie Unit was 80 years old on 10 February so the girls have designed a special badge to mark this birthday. These will be available later in the year.





From the

Funeral

28 November	Lauren Elizabeth McCreadie	29 yrs	St B
8 January	Walter Cockcroft	96 yrs	St B
10 January	John Langfield	90 yrs	St B
24 January	Michael Titley	71 yrs	St B
25 January	Margaret Taylor	88 yrs	St B
30 January	Patricia Jane Wilkinson	75 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.

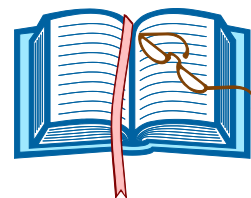
May your spirits be lifted,
May your heart be filled with peace and
May the light of God's promise fill you with
joy and hope.

Amen



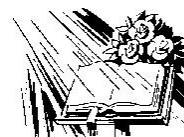
Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	Dorothy Mollett	1972	12	Betty Haigh	2012
	Mabel Winifred		13	Rosa Fozzard	1968
	Bedworth	1999		The Innocents of Dunblane	1996
	Ernest Brown	2007		Edward (Ted) Huscroft	2012
2	Brian Walker	1993	14	Ronald McAuley	1973
	Barbara Strangward	2005		Joan France	2016
3	Julia Mercer	1969	16	Irene Mary Crewe	1991
	William France	2006	17	Arthur Tunningley	1988
4	Mary Ann Askin	1983	18	Frank Seed	1961
	Derek Wrigley	2016	19	Lily Tunningley	1971
	David Alexander Middleton			Edward Beaumont	
		2019		(Priest)	1994
5	Edgar Thornton	1948		Denis Alan Dures	1987
6	Agnes Fairbairn	1963		Joyce Mary Reeves	2002
	Robert Graham		20	Peggy Margaret	
	Bickerdike	1982		Hughes	1997
	Harry Johnson	1989		Olive Rhodes	2001
	Walter Bell	1993		Joseph Sowerby	1994
	Kathleen Arnold	1997		Margaret (Madge)	
	David Michael Moulden	1996		Williams	1998
	Jane (Jenny) Moon	2009	21	Phyllis Pickard	1981
7	Derek Sunderland	1981		Edith Eileen Coulter	1986
	Dorothy Ellenden			Adelaide Swales	1998
	Keating	1988	22	Joe Wood	1984
	Alice Walker	1971	23	Elizabeth Bastow	1998
9	Ernest Miller	1983	24	Lawrence Neyens	1992
	Betty Davis	2005		Vera Wardle	1993
	Joseph William			Alan Nortcliff	2001
	Jefferson	2006	26	Arthur Clayburn	1981
	Florence Annie Pawson	2010	27	Pauline Myers	1992
	Pamela Ann Moon	2007	28	John Edwin Durkin	1978
10	Ralph Harker	1982		Marion Barnard Brown	1998
	Edward Fussey (infant)	1996		Alice Elena Fozzard	2000
	James Edwin Tweedie	1989	30	Nikalaus Gurka	1979
	Maurice Haigh	2002	31	Mary Ann Askin	1997
11	John Percy Bedford	2009			
	Lillian Gibbs	2022			



Holy Days and Commemorations

Eucharist Readings

March

1 St David, Patron Saint of Wales, 601

2

3 Third Sunday of Lent

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5 Piran, Monk, Patron Saint of Cornwall

6

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8 Edward, King, Bishop of Lincoln

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10 Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

11 Commonwealth Day

12 Gregory, Bishop of Rome, 604

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17 Fifth Sunday of Lent
St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland

18 Edward, King of the West Saxons, 978

19 Joseph of Nazareth

20 Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687

21 Benedict, Abbot of Monte Casino, 550
Thomas Cranmer

22

23

24 Palm Sunday

25 Monday of Holy Week

26 Tuesday of Holy Week

27 Wednesday of Holy Week

28 Maundy Thursday

29 Good Friday

30 Holy Saturday, Easter Eve

31 Easter Day

3rd March

Lent 3

Exodus 20: 1-17

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

10th March

Lent 4

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10

Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2: 33-35

17th March

Lent 5

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

24th March

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 15: 1-39

31st March

Easter Day

Isaiah 25.6-9

Acts 10.34-43

John 20: 1-18

7th April

Easter 2

Acts 4: 32 - 35

1 John 1: 1-22

John 20: 19-31

Holy Week Services across the 5 Parishes

Monday 25th March

St Botolph, Knottingley 10am Stations of the Cross

St Martin, Womersley 5pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 26th March

St Edmund, Kellington 10am Stations of the Cross

St Martin, Womersley 5pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 27th March

St Martin, Womersley 5pm Stations of the Cross

St Andrew, Ferrybridge 5pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday 28th March

St Botolph, Knottingley 7pm Mass with washing of feet and Watch until 10pm

Good Friday 29th March

St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton 10am Stations of the Cross

St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton 2pm Good Friday Liturgy

St Botolph, Knottingley 2pm Good Friday Liturgy

St Martin, Womersley 2pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday 30th March

St Martin, Womersley 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

St Andrew, Ferrybridge 8am Easter Said Mass

St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton 9.15am Easter Parish Mass

St Edmund, Kellington 9.30am Easter Parish Mass

St Botolph, Knottingley 10am Easter Parish Mass

St Andrew, Ferrybridge 11am Easter Parish Mass

St Martin, Womersley 11am Easter Parish Mass

Please join us to follow the Holy Week journey



**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