

# St Botolph's Church Magazine

November 2023

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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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Health and Safety Officer	Sheila Hutley	
Flowers Co-ordinator	Janet & Linda	
Parish Room Bookings	Linda Brown	673463
Tower Captain	Paul Hargrave	678741

## **Uniformed Organisations**

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

Memorial Service, 29 October, 4 pm

Service of Remembrance, 12 November, meet at the War Memorial at 10.50am

Christmas Fayre, 2 December, 10 am - 2 pm

The Editor

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## Friends of St Botolph's Parish Room

Duncan from Martin House joined us a few weeks ago and he gave us figures as to how much it costs to run the Children's Hospice and he also explained the care they give.

£9 million to run the Hospice a year.

£50 means a child can enjoy a music therapy.

£12 enables a young person to join a virtual support group.

£20 helps buy vital medical equipment.

£10 buys a baking session with ingredients.

£30 helps grieving parents to have a bereavement session with a counsellor.

£5 helps to man their 24-helpline so that anxious parents can get support.

£15 supports a child in a play session.

There are 15 bedrooms at Martin House, these are split between Martin House and the Whitby Lodge which offers more for the children and their families. The care unit at Boston Spa was opened in 1987, for babies children and young people. Every year Martin House offers care 24/7 365 days a year, supports 440 children and young people, over 160 families have bereavement support.

Their help is mainly from volunteers Donating, Doing Challenges, sending Gifts in Memory of a loved one, organising events, working their shops etc.

Our group has been busy knitting, we met up with the lady to sell our knitting for Martin House. The charity was very grateful. This was mainly baby knitting now we have been asked to knit dolls clothes as the lady said they will go well for Christmas. We will be meeting up again with the lady as she is wanting to price the knitting up, for their Christmas sale in the next week or two. Thank you ladies for the knitting and your help in the charity.

Last week went out to lunch with the group at the Fig and Olive in Womersley. It was lovely meal and surroundings, we will be going back again. Thank you, Sarah for looking after us so well and the lovely food.

Love From Friends xx

We are arranging our Christmas meal and members of the church join us, which is lovely, we are going to Kellington Manor on 14 December.





# **St Botolph's Annual Christmas Fayre Saturday**

## **2 December 2023**

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

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

**Join us for soup and a roll  
for lunch**

**Proceeds to church  
Do come along, everyone welcome**

## 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.*

### **Through the Seasons**

We think of you in Summertime  
When days are long and light,  
We send you happy, Summer thoughts  
To cheer a restless night.

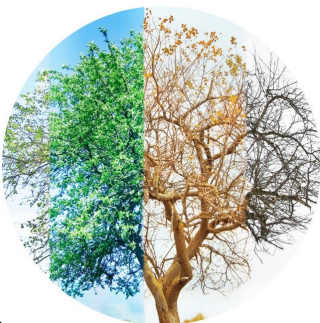
We think of you in Wintertime  
When trees are stark and bare,  
And we remember joyful days  
When youth was ours to share.

We think of you at Christmastime  
All through the festive glow,  
We feel one star forgets to shine  
Because we miss you so.

Through all the seasons of the year,  
Though you are far away,  
We hold you always in our hearts  
And think of you each day.

No time or space can separate,  
No ocean, land or sky,  
For love transcends all boundaries  
And love can never die.

*Iris Hesselden*



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

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

**DETAILS OF THE DECEASED**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Additional short inscription (if required) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILS OF PERSON REQUESTING ENTRY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Donation enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

☐

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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Remembrance Day Word Search

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| Heroes    | Parade   |
| Medal     | Battle   |
| War       | Veteran  |

Some poppies to colour.



# 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.***



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September we had our Coffee Morning and it was a beautiful sunny day, people came and supported us.

We had a raffle prize donated by Peter Greenwood which we appreciate, this was a food hamper. Our church warden won the prize. We raised £200 .

Thank you to all who came and supported the charity.

## Harvest Thanksgiving

On the evening of 29th September we had our Harvest Pie and Pea Supper. The evening went well, the pies from the Real Meat Company were delicious and were followed by an equally tasty fruit crumble (thanks Linda). The clergy team won the quiz.

Thank you to everyone who came along. We raised £155 for church funds.



On Saturday morning a happy little band met to decorate church and bring along harvest gifts. Thank you to the Flower Shack who supplied a beautiful floral arrangement. Church looked lovely and was well

prepared for our Service of Thanksgiving on the Sunday morning. The church resounded with harvest hymns.

The harvest produce was distributed to a local care home on the Monday. It was very much appreciated.



**SIMON COCKCROFT**  
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**CHIROPODIST**

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

at the Knottingley War Memorial

Gather at the Memorial for the service to start at 10.50am  
with the playing of Nimrod by the Knottingley Silver Band.

2 minutes silence and Acts of Remembrance at 11am.

Tea and coffee at the Knottingley Club afterwards



Everyone welcome



## 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**

# 1ST KNOTTINGLEY BROWNIES AND GUIDES



## COFFEE EVENING

*Tuesday 14th November*  
*St. Botolph's Parish Room*

*6.00 - 7.00 pm*



*Admission £1*  
*including refreshments.*

*Raffle, Tombola, etc.*

*Everyone Welcome*



# Calendar - November 2023

**5th      FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT  
TRINITY XXII  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

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**12th    THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT  
TRINITY XXIII  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am  
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 10.50am**



14th Tue    Brownie and Guide Coffee Evening, 6.00 - 7.00 pm

**19th    SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT  
TRINITY XXIV  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**26th    SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT  
CHRIST THE KING  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**



30th Thu    St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland

2nd Sat    Christmas Fayre in the Parish Room, 10 am - 2 pm



## St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday

Tuesday      Saviour Trust  
Brownies and Guides  
Hand Bells

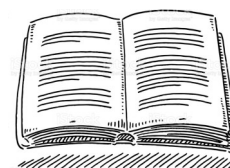
Wednesday

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

Friday

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## Church Rotas



5 November	Glenis	Ann	Anne
12 November	Sheila	Iryna	Jackie
19 November	Renée	Edna	Sheila
26 November	Dianne	Jackie	Janet

## Church Funds/Flowers

*We gratefully acknowledge donations from:*

*Everyone who contributed to the Harvest Flowers*







# 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan) with the help of Catriona Barber (1<sup>st</sup> 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**

6 August	90	Janet Taylor	£40
	32	Ann Barker	£10
13 August	126	Wendy Watson	£40
	54	Simon Ward	£10
20 August	110	Carol Talbot	£40
	108	Martha Turver	£10
27 August	73	Renée Huby	£40
	15	Avril Chisem	£10
3 September	76	Wilma Tucker	£40
	48	Brenda Barlow	£10
10 September	56	Mary Patterson	£40
	80	Jack Hall	£10
17 September	138	Sandra Ward	£40
	4	Susan Barlow	£10
24 September	7	Agnes Fife	£40
	82	Emma Wilson	£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**



# **2's**

**COMPANY**

**HAIR SALON**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:richardbagley99@gmail.com)**

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



## Through the decades

### The 1980s

In 1981 Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer. In the same year the first London Marathon was organised and the 100th FA Cup Final was played.

The Falklands (undeclared) War broke out on 2 April 1982. Argentina invaded the British Territory of the Falklands and then South Georgia. After ten weeks Britain recaptured the islands but there had been casualties and naval and air losses on both sides. In this year Prince William of Wales was born on 21 June.

Surgeons at Harefield Hospital successfully carried out the first full heart and lung transplant in 1983. The law that all drivers and front seat passengers must wear a seatbelt when driving in the UK was passed.

In 1984 major industrial action was taken in the mining industry. The miner's strike, led by Arthur Scargill, was an attempt to prevent colliery closures. Prince Henry of Wales was born on 15 September, a brother for Prince William.

Bob Geldof and Midge Ure organised the biggest rock concert ever seen in Britain at Wembley Stadium, Live Aid, to help Band Aid. This took place on 13 July 1985 and Philadelphia's JFK Stadium organised a similar event. Millions of pounds poured in from all over the world to help the starving people in Ethiopia.



Also in 1985, David Attenborough was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. This was for his work on conservation of the natural world.

In 1986 explosions in the nuclear power plant in Chernobyl caused the worst ever nuclear disaster.

A powerful storm ravaged many parts of the UK in the middle of October 1987, with winds gusting up to 100 mph.

In 1988 archaeologists uncovered the original Globe Theatre in London. Stephen Hawking published A Brief History of Time in



the same year.

1989 saw the fall of the Berlin Wall that had, for nearly 30 years, been a barrier between East and West Berlin.

Throughout the decade, being elected on 4 May 1979, Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister. She resigned on 28 November 1990. She was succeeded by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, John Major.

American Presidents during the 1980s were Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter and George Bush.

The 1980s saw the deaths of Princess Grace of Monaco, aged 52 years, The Beatles star, John Lennon, aged 40 years, the actresses Anna Neagle, aged 81 years and Margaret Lockwood, aged 73 years, the actors Laurence Olivier, aged 82 years and Orson Wells, aged 70 years. The former Prime Minister, Harold MacMillan died aged 92 years, the comedians Eric Morecambe aged 58 years and Tommy Cooper aged 63 years, the actress Diana Dors aged 52 years and footballer Dixie Dean aged 73 years.

The 1980s saw the rise of the 'yuppie' and an explosion of blockbuster movies like ET,

Rambo, Top Gun and numerous Indiana Jones epics. Television classics like Hi-de-Hi, Yes Minister, Juliet Bravo were enjoyed and Pudsey Bear made a Children in Need debut in 1985,

Here's to the next decade.

Best wishes

Peter Greenwood





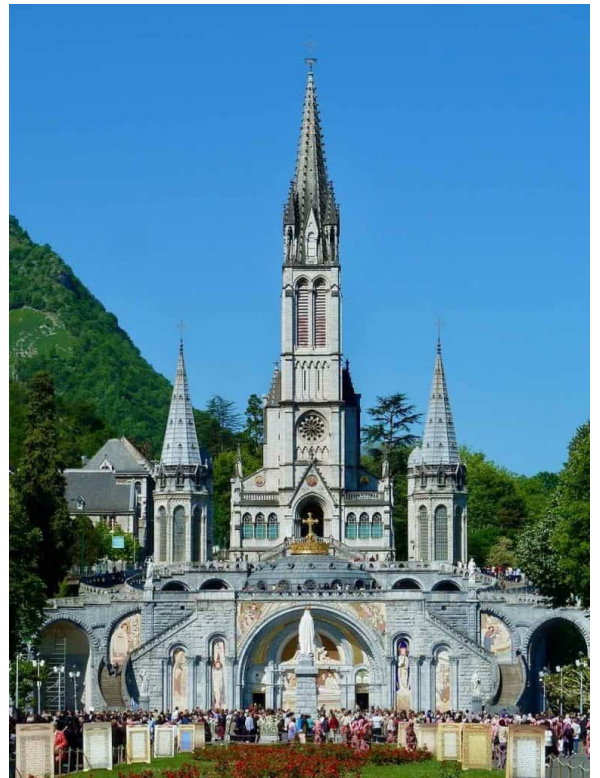
## My Tour “Across” to Lourdes (1994) contd

Tuesday we should have gone to Biarritz for a day at the seaside (is that where Bridget Barot lives? Oh no that is St Tropez). Never mind, we were rained off and went to Gauvnie in the mountains, 1.5 miles above sea level. Beautiful town, good local driver and we watched a mountain rescue by helicopter while eating our picnic lunch. We went shopping, looked around a perfume factory (the prices were ridiculous – expensive) then up a steep hill, in agony, to a service. We eventually got inside this famous church and a group of Germans (bless ‘em) came in demanding to know who we were. We told them we had booked the church in February for a special mass, she, the leader, said she had booked it yesterday, Leave! Some did (6’ 4” and broad as the Titanic). Makes a change from nicking pool side beds though, doesn’t it? So, our driver took us up to a statue on another mountain top called, “Lady of Snows”. It was beautiful and the views were magnificent. The escaping prisoners of war who passed this way in the last war paid for this statue; erection of it as a thank you to God and the Holy Family, for their safe keeping. We had our service here where they should be, Sermon on the Mount, etc absolutely perfect. All content for the return views back to Chalet Across; wonderful day and stories.

Wednesday, all elbows at the quickest as we had to be off at the earliest for the International Mass in the big underground Basilica. Quite takes one’s breath away, I personally have never seen a building like it. It was quite emotional during the service and the emotion is recurring as I write this, remembering the faith, love and devotion of all those there, those who had been before and those who had built such a magnificent room for the Glory of God, Mary, St Bernadette and the Holy Family. Yes, I say room! As it was one compartment, dare I say the size of Wembley Stadium (never been there but seen it on TV) with 4 ramps down to the underground floor level with a central altar. Our priest took an actual part in the mass after the service, what an honour for our group. After lunch (picnic again but plentiful) we had the Blessing of the Sick. We got front line side



places for the wheelchairs and I, with 2 other pushers (personalities), was able to sit on the floor in front of them to watch the proceedings. An estimated ten and a half thousand wheelchairs were there that afternoon (capacity for the Basilica 25000), I have never seen so many chairs ever, plus their pushers and pullers and other general visitors. The service was International and I think 7 different languages were spoken; the music was superb as usual. Had a relaxing evening after dinner. It had been a long day and oh so worthwhile (just hope all the photos of the Basilica and everywhere else come out well).



Thursday was a day to forget. It rained all day so we gave the morning and afternoon up as a bad job.

Friday, we went into Lourdes for a mass in the English Pilgrim Church at the side of the main square. St Joseph's Church was a small, unadorned, perfectly thought-out place for the disabled. The only place I can say that about. Other people came in to take communion but they stayed at the back of the auditorium as it was billed as a private mass of thanksgiving for ourselves. Then into Lourdes for a picnic lunch and shopping. The picnics we had (except) were in the wayside cafes. The owners were quite willing to do this all over Lourdes. We could eat our own food, from Across, as long as we bought drinks from them. Wonder if they do this in England, don't think so!

In the evening I wanted to see the Candle Lit procession that we had been in on Monday from the other viewpoint. So, the doctor and a VIP with me went above the first part of the Basilica to watch it. It was all lit up with candles weaving around, the back cloth was a rocky mass with a castle on top which was also lit up. It was lovely but not as rewarding as actually being in the procession but I was pleased to have seen it first hand from both sides so to speak. We had our official photo taken today, with the Basilica in the far background. (It turned out very well.)

Saturday was packing a cleaning up day. Yes, we had it all to do plus washing all the breakfast pots in the kitchen. Staff were preparing double meals but we managed it. We had mass at the Ukrainian Church, in the grounds known as the Dovecote. We went into Lourdes for a last look and

to get our Holy Water, had our evening dinner and set off home, the Jumbulances flashing their four blue lights, horns blaring all the way down the main road, the staff and new people waving at the garden wall. What emotion, what a send-off, what joy!!

Just a recap on the Wednesday. Before the Blessing of the Sick, we took the VIPs to bathe for Dipping and Submerging. I was asked if I wanted a go, so I said yes thought while I am here, I would like to do everything first hand and know what it is like from my own point of view. I was told the water was TEPID (wrong!!). One strips off to undies then in a private corner you drop these to be covered with a cloth of 'ice', you walk down some steps into a bath of running water, you are asked your nationality and religion. The water felt cold, was it me or what? Then you are asked to sit, by 'ek geebers, just like ice but wet. Then you are lowered quickly backwards, then up, by 'ek again!! and ecky thump goosepimples on goosepimples. But the Miracle of Lourdes was the fact that in 2 minutes you were dry, without a towel, no need for talc or anything before you put your clothes back on. Still would not have missed it.

We left 1915 on Saturday and arrived back in Wakefield at 1745 Sunday; it had been an excellent journey home. No regrets, no complaints and plenty of new friends.

My summing up and advice is as follows. A personality is worthwhile but be prepared to work; you have 9 days on call and no real rest. The VIPs come first always but you do feel rewarded. I wouldn't go again next week but may be next year, sort of thing. I was shattered but content to know that myself and others did our but well for the VIPs and others that we met. To the best of my knowledge, we were good ambassadors for England (or Great Britain if you like). The Across badge and buses do open doors and get respect. There were ramps into the underground Basilica, St Joseph's Church and the Across Chateau but in other areas it was quite difficult to negotiate the wheelchair; shops had steps, the footpaths were high, aisles in the shops were narrow and many churches had steps. This was rather surprising and disappointing as it is an area that many disables visit. I wrote to the Pope about it but I doubt if anything will come of it, but I have done my bit.

If you have the opportunity, have ago yourself; you'll love it.

Thank you  
Dennis Wilson



# Fancy a cuppa?

**The 3rd Saturday of each month  
18 November**

10am until 12 noon

at

The Knottingley Club



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



# Diocesan News

## September 2023

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Leeds  
[www.leeds.anglican.org](http://www.leeds.anglican.org)

Loving.  
Living.  
Learning

### Creationtide Conference to help churches care for and use their green spaces



How we can care for and use our churchyards and green spaces effectively is the topic of an upcoming one day conference hosted by the Diocese of Leeds and Ecclesiastical.

The conference will be on Wednesday, October 4, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi and the end of the Season of Creation.

This event, hosted at St Stephen's West Bowling in the Bradford area, coincides with the launch of a new churchyard toolkit.

The toolkit is designed for anyone who has responsi-

bility for or uses their local churchyard and wishes to explore its potential as a haven of biodiversity; an educational/heritage resource and family friendly space; and as a space for quiet reflection and prayer.

Throughout the day there will be a programme of relevant speakers including Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, the Diocese of Leeds's own Children, Young People and Families team, and case studies to help you make the most of your churchyard, increase biodiversity and create a space for all to enjoy.

### God's blessings shared at Wensleydale Show

Volunteers from across Wensley Deanery came together over the August Bank Holiday weekend to bring The Church about the Dale to the Wensleydale Agricultural Show in Leyburn, in the Benefice of Leyburn and Bellerby.

Members of congregations came together the night before to pray for all those organising and attending the show, and on the day, served nearly 1,500 cups of Fairtrade teas and coffees, juice and biscuits.

There was a prayer tree, and a 'find the lost sheep' trail for children and families to do, with Divine chocolate prizes for each participant and a chocolate sheep for the winner.





# Giving generously

## Bishop Arun

Later this month we will be embarking on Generosity Week as Stewardship teams across the Church of England remind us of the generosity of God and of our own call to be generous with the gifts He gives to us.

Giving is an intensely personal business. Like many vicars, I made it a point of principle when I served in parish ministry never to know who gave what financially to church.

Fundamentally, giving is part of discipleship and an individual's relationship with God. If people are going to short-change what they offer to God, they will be answerable to someone much more important than the vicar. The account in the book of Acts about Ananias and Sapphira withholding money is a cautionary tale.

I can't remember exactly when I discovered the official Church of England policy on financial giving but I do remember that I had been worshipping in the Church for a number of years and was more than a little surprised to discover what it said. Perhaps that was because we didn't really talk about money much in the parish where I worshipped.

The official policy of the Church of England on individual giving is that church members are encouraged to commit only 5 per cent of their net income to the Church and a further 5 per cent to other



charities. My Christian upbringing in the Baptist tradition provided a different approach rooted in the biblical concept of tithing; that you gave 10 per cent of your income to the Church. If you wanted to give more, either to the Church or to other charities, that was fine but 10 per cent to the Church was the baseline. I naturally thought this would apply in the Church of England too.

The Bible does talk about money a great deal and it is something that Jesus consistently addresses in his parables and teachings, as with the widow giving all that she has to live on to the temple treasury; the parable of Dives and Lazarus; the sadness of the rich young ruler; or the warning to give to the poor discreetly so your left hand does not know what your right hand is doing.

The Bible also talks about the wonderful generosity and abundance of God who gives to us our every breath. We are reminded of this each week in the words of the thanksgiving prayer 'all things come from you and from your own do we give you.'

As we give thanks for the generosity of God so we too recognise our call to give first to the Lord and for what we do with our resources to be an integral part of our discipleship individually and collectively.

## Check up on your giving this coming Generosity Week

PCCs from churches across the Diocese are encouraged to carry out a Generous Church Check Up to mark Generosity Week, which runs from Sunday September 24 to Sunday, October 1.

The Generous Church Check Up is a simple task that will help PCC members to talk about and explore how to encourage giving and generosity in churches and the wider community.

The check up list helps churches work through a series of short questions and relaxed group activities enabling a review of giving practice, acknowledging the positive steps already taken to encourage giving in church and growing a generous culture, but will also help to identify new opportunities to grow further.

Senior Stewardship officer, Janet Edmond, said: "If your PCC hasn't carried out a review of giving this year why not start this Generosity Week and make it an annual event during every National Generosity Week?

"You should come away from your session with a vision of how God is calling you to be generous as a church and the steps you need to take to get there."



# Bishop Smitha welcomed to diocese in service at Halifax Minster



The new Bishop of Huddersfield, the Rt Revd Smitha Prasadam, was welcomed to the diocese and the Huddersfield area at a service at Halifax Minster.

On Saturday, September 2, the Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, led a service of inauguration of Bishop Smitha's ministry at the Minster.

Bishop Nick spoke about the role a bishop has, as they are called to foster, lead and support God's people in their area, before affirming Bishop Smitha as she begins her ministry in Huddersfield.

Children and young people spoke of their hopes for the region, before Bishop Smitha preached on the story of Mary and Martha, calling on us to be fed both by food but also by the Spirit, in this time of new beginnings.

After leading prayers with the Ven Bill Braviner, Archdeacon of Halifax, Bishop Smitha was presented with oils, a Bible, water and a Communion cup as symbols of her new ministry, before blessing the

congregation as the service ended.

There was then a buffet lunch, and a chance for the new Bishop to mingle and meet many people from her area and across the diocese.

On her first day in the diocese, Bishop Smitha said: "I'm looking forward to working together with parishes, clergy and community throughout Kirklees and Calderdale to encourage people in confident discipleship and relish the thought of embracing cultural, educational, commercial and inter-faith partners so we can support this wonderful place and its people in common cause.

"So, I will be available to you, I will serve you faithfully and diligently.

"I ask for one thing in return, that you will pray for me, and for our ministry, that together God's light may shine on this glorious part of the world."



## Special thanks to a tireless supporter of our link with Mara in Tanzania

The tireless efforts of Lay-Canon Arthur Mauya in nurturing our diocesan link with the Anglican Church in the Mara Region of Tanzania for 27 years will be praised at an official "thank you".

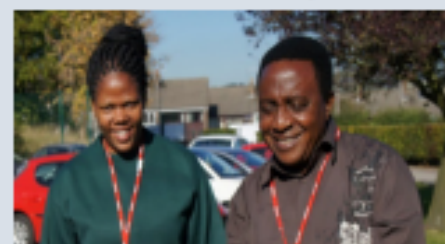
Arthur will be at the event at Christ the King, Battyeford at 4pm, Sunday, September 10 when the Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield will offer great gratitude on behalf of all.

"The link's unusual longevity owes much to the tireless efforts of Arthur - one of the hardest-working people I know," said Bishop Tony.

Arthur gave up a well-paid job as a graduate chemist at Mutex (Musoma Textile Company) when he felt called to serve the then recently created Diocese of Mara.

Bishop Tony continued: "On his numerous visits to schools and parishes here, Arthur's warm and friendly manner has been the personification of our relationship with Mara."

"All are welcome to come and say 'Goodbye' to this faithful servant of Christ and good friend to many in this church who have come to know and to value him over the years."





## Harvesting anytime

**Fiona Schneider**  
Licensed Lay Minister  
Bradford Area

Do you ever find the church calendar unhelpful? Or feel stuck in a church season? Ritual and rhythms help our spiritual journey. Anniversaries give opportunities for remembering. But sometimes, I feel a frustration, almost a play acting whilst we wait to celebrate Christmas or Easter morning. Advent is heavily weighted to expecting Christmas, rather than the second coming of Jesus, that the world is yet to experience. Let's celebrate! Remembering, reflecting but expectantly.

We are in the harvest season. A rewarding gathering of fruits of hedgerows, allotments, and fields.

What of spiritual harvest? Is this as seasonal as plums and marrows? Is it now? Is it even something we expect? Has the seed planting, watering, and nurturing gone well? The Holy Spirit is at work in places, in all seasons, we are not aware of. We might be seasonal as those that plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy.

Part of my lay leader role has been seed sowing amongst worldwide tourists with the Intercontinental Church Society. I don't have a harvest overview, but it's God's worldwide team's mission.



I have been asked to encourage people, new to a town, to seek Jesus. With a longer and more static view, do I expect to see a harvest? Too right I do! This is not just a mission to create cosy feelings of a new place to live, but with expectation that the Holy Spirit will call people to repentance, celebrate his forgiveness, find that faith in Jesus is an anchor in an uncertain world, and become his hope filled followers.

'Isn't there a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! they are ripe for harvest.' Spiritual harvest is available at any time. Our life and ministry may have its seasons, but not necessarily God's harvest. Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters their lives, and they enter the kingdom of God.

Not so seasonal as plums, and marrows. No need to wait until Christmas.

The harvest is plentiful but few harvesters. We can change this by asking the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the areas to harvest. A bumper harvest.

Please pray.

## Modern slavery subject of upcoming workshop

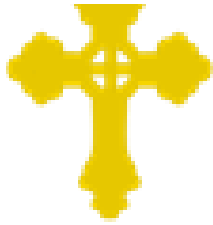
How we can spot and support those affected by modern slavery is the subject of an upcoming workshop.

Wellsprings Together is working with The Clewer Initiative to run a workshop for all to learn more about modern slavery, about spotting the signs, and about the options that victims have.

Attendees will hear from The Clewer Initiative and from people who work with victims of modern slavery.

This workshop will take place on Monday, September 25, at Fountains Church Bradford, and lunch will be provided.





## 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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To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

God Bless

Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

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**To contact Kellington Parish Council;  
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## **Womersley**

### **Church of St Martin**

Sunday Mass 11am

### **Events**



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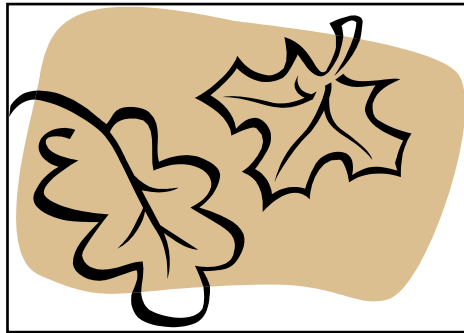


  
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## Janet Taylor

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Janet Taylor on 26 September 2023. She was in hospital and died peacefully with her family around her.

Janet taught in various schools in Knottingley, teaching and supporting the development of a lot of children. She completed her career as Headteacher of St Botolph's Church School. In this role she was very pupil focussed but also stepped in to help and support families when necessary.

As Deputy Churchwarden and Safeguarding Officer, Janet was a valued member our church family. She regularly read in church, served, was on the tea rota and organised and supported events. Janet also visited the sick and bereaved, supporting them as only she could. Her catering skills and attention to detail were admirable. Her Burns Night Suppers complete with 'addressing the haggis' and a tot of whisky were particularly memorable.

Our congregation has lost a very special lady, she will be greatly missed. We all have our own personal memories and there are few tributes to Janet below.

Our sympathies go out to  
members of her family.

May she rest in peace and rise in  
glory.

*If life is not measured by the life  
you've lived  
But by the love you gave and the  
special things you did.  
A life so good, a heart so kind.  
What beautiful memories you left  
behind.*



*She was a remarkable person who will be sadly missed by many.*

*Janet could tell many a good story or amusing tale but she was also a good listener and supporter.*

*She always encouraged the children to achieve and do their best.*

*I remember Janet as a fun loving lady and I enjoyed many happy times with her and Dr Kenneth Keenan in The Sailor's Home after church on Sundays. She will be sadly missed. RHP*

*There are some that bring a light so great to the world  
That even when they have gone it still remains.*

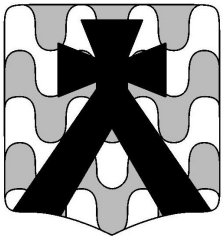
*Janet was a good friend when Wilf died and maintained this friendship in the years that followed.*

*A lovely lady, kind and caring. Happy memories of times spent together. Remembered always with love. Dianne and family.*

*Thank you Janet, it has been a privilege to know you both as a colleague and a wonderful friend; one who was always prepared to 'muck-in' - even feeding the pigs when Roger was ill.*

*It has been a pleasure to serve and sell refreshments alongside Janet over the past years, both after Sunday services and at special events. Janet's creativity, generosity and concern for the welfare of others will be greatly missed as, on a personal level, will the friendship between us.*

*John 14:1-4: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."*



# From the

## Holy Baptism

17 September

Lillie Samantha Green

Shine as a light in the world

## Funeral

25 September

Audrey Rita Clough

84yrs

P.C.

May she 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.

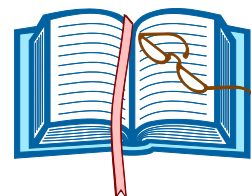
Amen





# Parish Registers

## IN MEMORIAM



*On these days of November please pray for the repose of the souls of:*

1	Hubert Charles	1980	17	Harry Mercer	1962
2	Colin Richard Campion Fletcher	1993		Barbara Atkinson Taylor	1990
3	Mary Randall	1999		Myrtle Joan Lawrance	1993
4	Harry Underwood K.I.A.	1943	18	Minnie Cooper	2004
	Arthur Suggett	1968		Charles William Burden	1978
	Phyllis Mary Burns	1981		Frank Spence-Hirst	1992
	Granville Austerberry	2011	19	Sybil Ward	1993
5	Albert Edward Shay	1954		Rose Kitchen	1980
	Doris Birkitt	1991		Dorothy Sykes	1995
	Kenneth Harry Dubbins	1992	20	Ernest Taylor	1973
	Betty Hughes	2007	21	Jeanette Thompson	1982
	Betty Kaye	2018		Elsie Branford	2002
6	Beatrice Irene Burton	1998	22	Thomas Metcalfe	1996
	Henry Fuller (Harry)	2006	23	Eleanor Isabella Armstrong	1994
7	John Mowbray	1984		David Charles Wilson	2011
	Barbara Richardson	1989	24	John Downes	2003
	Eunice Mary Jackson	2022		Geoffrey Smith	2008
8	Mary Dearden	1985	25	Tom Parkin	1976
	Herbert Henry Haigh	1985	26	Harry Poulson	1972
	Allen Ramskill	1988		William Wilson	1974
10	Roy Ward	2019		Jack Crabtree	1984
11	Dennis Swales	1985		Nellie Lancaster	2007
12	Christopher Burden	1994	27	Millward Bedworth	1976
13	George Fozzard	1972		Harry Austerberry	2008
	Nellie Rosetta Harvey	1964	28	Wilson Dickinson	1970
14	Horace Fairbairn	1968		Muriel Maria Branford	1990
	Harry Harrison	1993		Marion Frost	1993
	Harry Walker	1972	29	Alison King Russell	1995
	Zena Smith	1995		Sidney Ward	1989
16	Phyllis Marion Tunningley	1989		Albert Edward Sherwood	2006
	Freda Blackburne	2003	30	Alice May Hall	1981
	Harold Cooper	1971		Kitson Hall	1981
	Sylvia Dures	2017		Wallace Thomas Preston	
	Kenneth Woodall	2019			2009

## Holy Days and Commemorations

1 November All Saints' Day  
2 All Souls' Day  
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5 **4 BEFORE ADVENT**  
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11 Armistice Day  
12 **3 BEFORE ADVENT**  
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17 Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln 1200  
18 Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 1231  
19 **2 BEFORE ADVENT**  
20 Edmund, King and Martyr, 870  
21 Paulinus of Wales, circa 5th century  
22 Cecilia, Martyr, 230  
23  
24  
25 John Donne, Priest and poet, 1631  
26 **CHRIST THE KING**  
27  
28  
29  
30 St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland

### December

1 World Aids Day  
2 international day for slavery abolition  
3 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## Eucharist Readings

**5 November**  
**4 BEFORE ADVENT**  
Micah 3: 5-12  
1 Thess 2: 9-13  
***Matthew 24: 1-14***

**12 November**  
**3 BEFORE ADVENT**  
Wisdom 6: 12-16  
1 Thess 4: 13-18  
***Matthew 25: 1-13***

**19 November**  
**2 BEFORE ADVENT**  
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18  
1 Thess 5: 1-11  
***Matthew 25: 14-30***

**26 November**  
**CHRIST THE KING**  
Ezekiel 34: 11-16,20-24  
Ephesians 1: 15-23  
***Matthew 25: 31-46***

**3 December**  
**ADVENT 1**  
Isaiah 64: 1-9  
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
***Mark 13: 24-37***

**10 December**  
**ADVENT 2**  
Isaiah 40: 1-11  
2 Peter 3: 8-15  
***Mark 1: 1-8***

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