

St Botolph's Church Magazine

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Parish News

The Parish Church

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	Janet Laycock	662028
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	Wayne Evans	
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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.

Diary Dates

3, 10, 17 April Lent Lunches, 12noon,

St Botolph's Parish Room

3 April Lent Taizé with Stations of the Cross, 3 pm

18 April Children's Easter Event, 11am - 1pm

St Botolph's Parish Room

3 May Plant Sale and Coffee Morning,

10am – 12 noon, St Botolph's Parish Room

14 June Church Summer Fayre, 10am - 2pm

The Editor

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Dear Friends,

By the time the magazine arrives on your doormats we will be in the middle of Lent.

Lent is a strange kind of time ...and in many ways it seems to be going out of fashion. There was a time when everyone would be discussing what they would be giving up for Lent... anything from chocolate to wine, caffeine, sugar...etc; I wonder if perhaps it's because it's not understood.

Historically Lent was a when Christians fasted and gave up things they enjoyed in order to help them to remember how Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, and to concentrate and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Many Christians still do this. During Holy Week 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. Lent gives us all time to reflect and prepare for this.

As I write, today is St David's Day, 1st March, the sun is shining and the daffodils are starting to appear, our thoughts may be turning to Spring and all may feel well with the world. Sadly, at the moment the world seems a very uncertain place. We may not have much confidence in the discussions about peace, or in the developing relationships between world leaders, and we may be worried about what the future could hold.

The war correspondent, Christine Lamb, who wrote 'It is in the darkest skies that you find the brightest stars' .The people she met in the extremes of her work, she was reporting, restored her faith in humanity. It is that humanity and God's relationship with it which is at the heart of the Easter story. That first Easter led to the restoration of the faith and the confidence of the followers of Jesus, and it is the restoration of the faith and confidence of disciples today which continues to tell the eternal truths.

Easter is about God's gift of new life to everyone. It is about an eternal Love which goes beyond anything we can imagine. A Love which is the most amazing free gift, restores our confidence and enables us to continue sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others, however difficult the circumstances we, or the world, find ourselves in. Whatever is happening in the world, God never changes, he can always be relied upon, God is love.

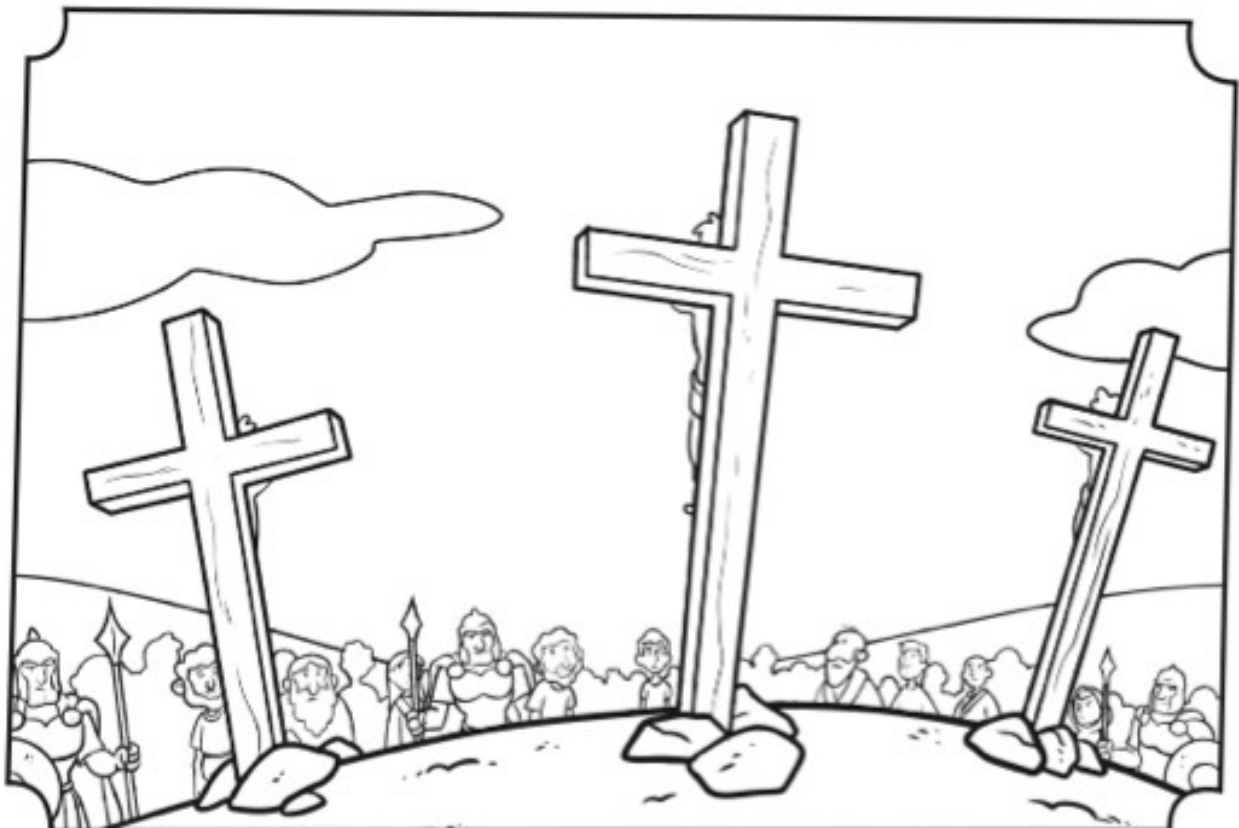
'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
John 3.16

The details of all the services across our benefice (group of churches) for Holy Week and Easter Sunday are in the magazine, it would be great to see you at one of them.

Have a thoughtful Lent and a very happy Easter.

God bless

Mother Sharon



Jesus died to save a world that was covered in sin - He took the punishment for the sin of the world, so that we could all be a part of the Kingdom of God. Mark 15:33-39

Some useful numbers

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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.

Visitors

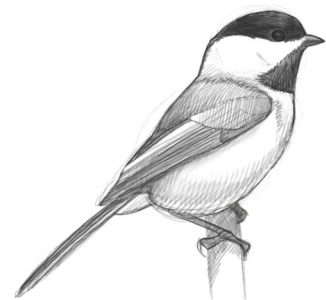
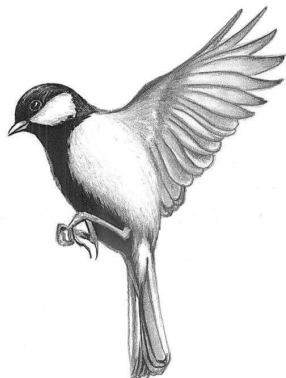
The sparrows squabble cheerfully,
The blackbirds are sedate.
The long-tailed tits arrive as one:
To watch them feels just great.

A sudden flash of colour
And a goldfinch lands nearby;
The chaffinch sings her happy song
From branches way up high.

The timid yellowhammers
Are so nice to have around.
They pick up all the birdseed
That's fallen on the ground.

The birds who choose to visit
My small garden for a while
Can always be relied upon
To raise a happy smile.

Chris Young



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 _____

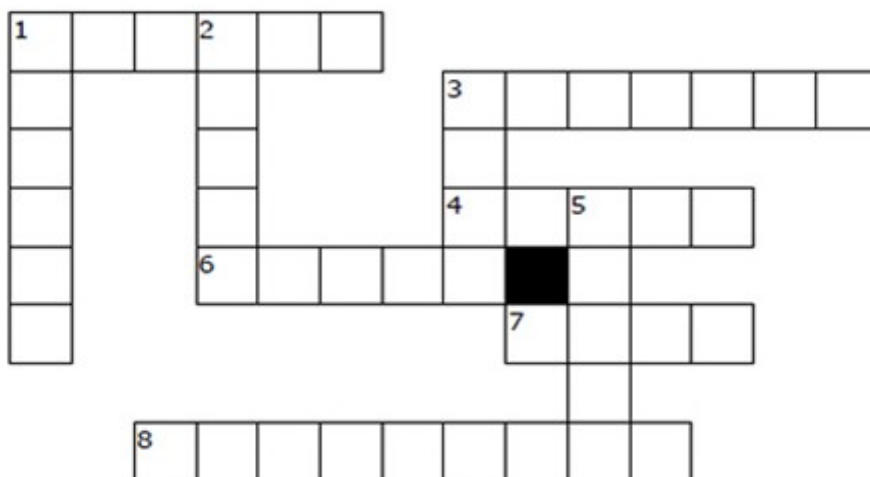
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Puzzle Corner

The Resurrection

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on various Gospel accounts of the resurrection.



ACROSS

1. To be filled with fear
3. The first or early part of a day
4. To return from death
6. To have nothing inside
7. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
8. Having been put to death on a cross

DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. Not dead
3. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb
5. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

An Easter picture 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.

St Botolph's Church Bell Ringers

Tower Bell Ringers

St Botolph's Church, Knottingley has a beautiful ring of 10 bells.

Unfortunately we have only 6 ringers.

If anyone is interested in tower bell ringing, please get in touch.

Paul Hargrave 01977 678741



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Call in for your shopping or a tasty meal.





**St Botolph's Church
Plant Sale
and
Coffee Morning
with bacon butties
in the Parish Room**

**3rd May 2025
10 am - 12 noon**

Everyone welcome

**Proceeds for church funds
and clock appeal**

Calendar - April 2025

3rd Thu Lent Lunch, St Botolph's Parish Room, 12 noon
Lent Taizé with Stations of the Cross, 3pm



6th PASSION SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
Church Vestry Meeting and Annual General Meeting
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10th Thu Lent Lunch, St Botolph's Parish Room, 12 noon

13th PALM SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



HOLY WEEK

17th Thu **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Lent Lunch, St Botolph's Parish Room, 12 noon
Team Service. St Edward Brotherton, 7pm

18th Fri **GOOD FRIDAY**
Stations of the Cross, St Edward Brotherton, 10am
Good Friday Liturgy, St Martin Womersley, 2pm

19th Sat **EASTER EVE**
Easter Vigil, St Edmund Kellington, 8pm

20th EASTER DAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 9.30 am



27th EASTER 2
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday

Tuesday Saviour Trust
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
Hand Bells

Wednesday Children's Gymnastics

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

Friday

Church Rotas



6 April	Renée	Edna	Mark
13 April	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
20 April	Glenis	Ann	Colin
27 April	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
4 May	Renée	Edna	Mark
11 May	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
18 May	Glenis	Ann	Colin
25 May	Sheila	Rita	Sheila



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

2 February	104	Julie Dobbins	£40
	80	Barbara Hall	£10
9 February	45	Katherine Carr	£40
	14	Peter Greenwood	£10
16 February	55	Joan Haigh	£40
	36	Sue Barlow	£10
23 February	84	Jean Hoaksey	£40
	40	June Haggan	£10

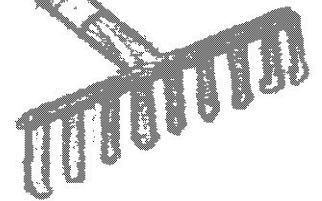
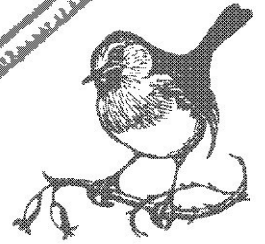
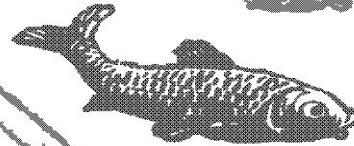
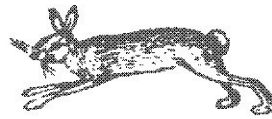
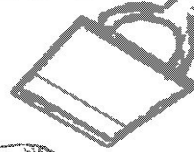
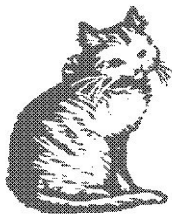
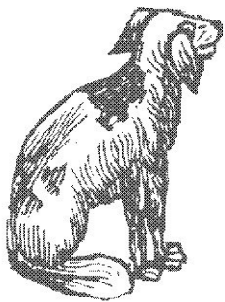
We would be grateful for any additional members to join our Bottery Club, all proceeds go directly to support the upkeep of St Botolph's Church.

If anyone would like to join the weekly bottery, which is £1 per number per week, please contact Sue Barlow on 07485170704



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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:

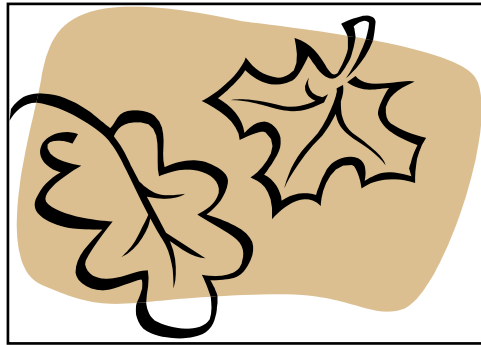
via gift form available from Richard Bagley (Treasurer).

Tel: 07396598237. Email: richardbagley99@gmail.com

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

17 April 2025

10am until 12 noon

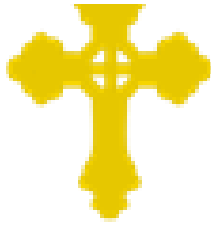
at

The Knottingley Club



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





St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram



Our usual service times are below:

Sunday

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

Wednesday

9.15 am	Eucharist	St Edward the Confessor
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Thursday

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

1st Sunday of the month	St Edward the Confessor
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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

30 March Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)

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

Womersley

Church of St Martin

Sunday Mass 11am

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings
contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415



Events

5 April Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon

Everyone Welcome

Kellington, Eggborough and Whitley

Church of St Edmund King and Martyr

Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am



Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415

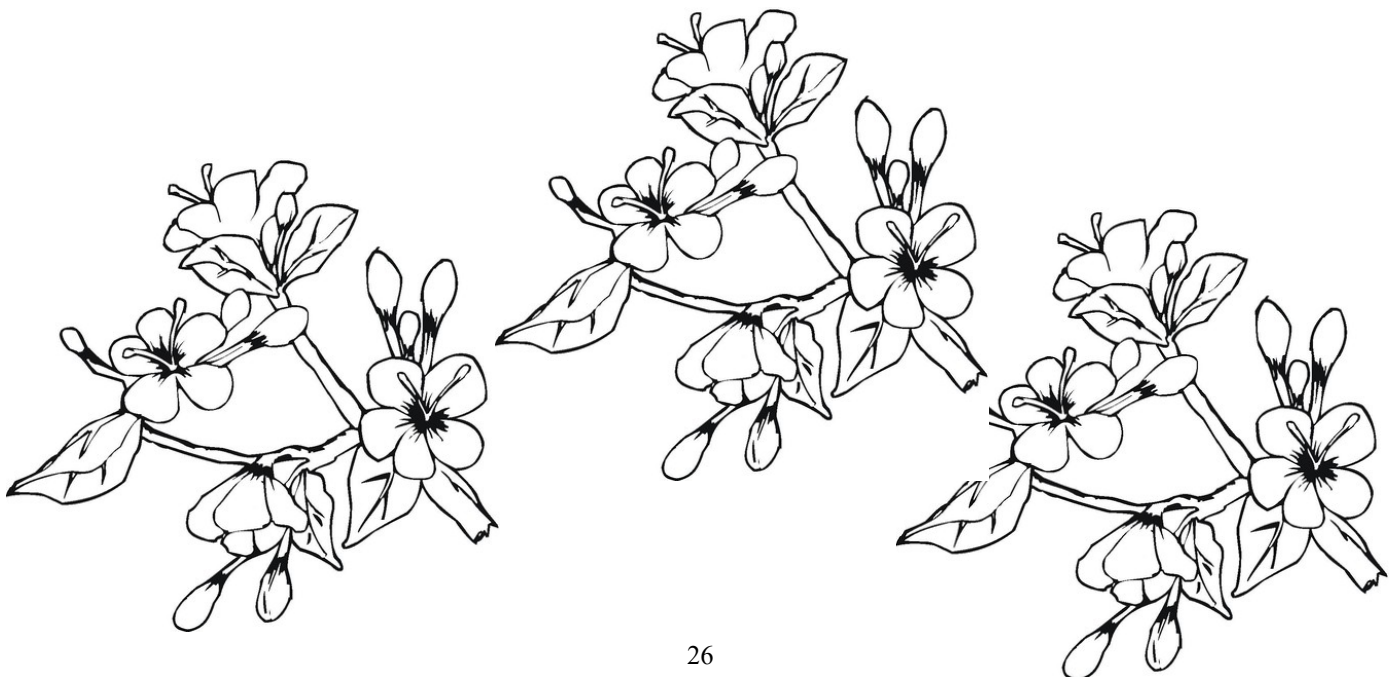
Please come along and join us

Church Funds/Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge donations

Small change collections £11.47 and £11.40

for Easter Flowers



1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



Another busy month for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Most have completed the Express Myself Theme, trying foam art, retelling stories, line dancing and building bridges. We celebrated the Lunar New Year, took the Pancake Challenge and the Rainbows completed the Gruffalo Challenge.

We are also excited and looking forward to our Sleepover to Gulliver's Valley. We will be joining other units, including Rangers, from Whitwood Division.

We look forward to trying the Sea Savers Challenge, Mother's Day and Easter crafts. We





Lent Lunches



in St Botolph's Parish Room

Thursdays during Lent

6 March – 17 April 2025
(No lunch on 27 March)

At 12 noon

Soup, roll, dessert and tea/coffee

£5.00

Everyone welcome

All proceeds for Martin House
Hospice

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Here when families
need us most

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The Knottingley Branch of the Royal
British Legion invite you to join them for a
Memorial Service
on Saturday 10th May 2025
parade to assemble at 10:45am
at the War Memorial.

This is to commemorate the
80th Anniversary of VE and VJ day and to
remember all who gave their lives during
the 2nd World War.

Everyone is welcome.

Everyone Welcome



80th Anniversary

VE & VJ Day
The Knottingley Club

Friday 9th May

8.00pm

1940's dress
optional

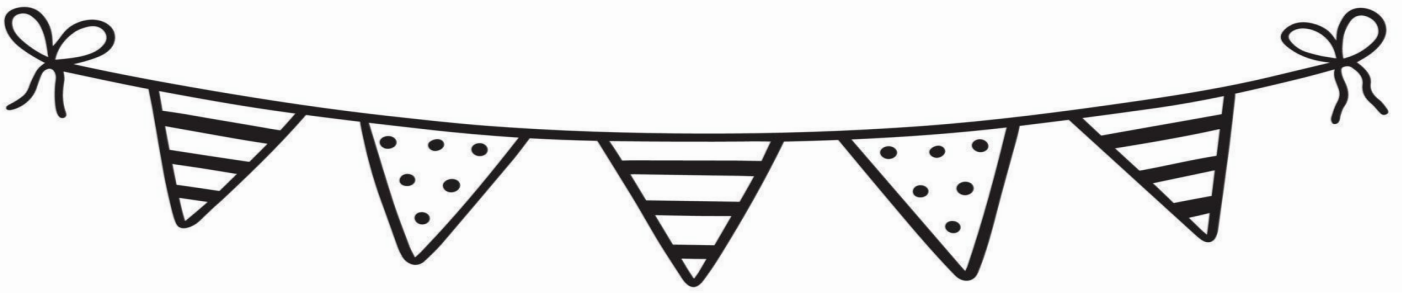


Entertainment by
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CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE EASTER AT ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, KNOTTINGLEY

**Friday 18th April 2025
11am to 1pm**

- * Easter Crafts - including card making, scratch art and more
 - * Plant your own Easter Bloom
 - * Egg Hunt with prize

Cake Stall

**Tea, coffee and cordial
All welcome!**

Free event - small donation asked for tea, coffee and cordial

Our Church Windows

In May 2021 we had our Quinquennial Inspection in church; this is done every 5 years. In the report it was stated that we needed to look at our windows in church as some of them needed repair.

In January 2024 we had a survey carried out, the proposed scope of work was:

Carry out a survey of all windows within the church.

Provide a report on the condition of the windows.

The report the cost, timescale for all recommended works.

The window which needed most work was the East window, this window needed taking away to the work shop of the people who were repairing the window.

This window had been installed straight in the stonework in 1887. In the left-hand corner of this window you could see daylight, it was very dirty so needed cleaning, also the bars on the windows were rusty and needed re leading.

The work started in the summer of 2024 and we finally got the window back in beginning of February.

Once the East window was installed the rest of the windows in the church were cleaned and those that needed repairing such as rusty bars were painted with special paint so they shouldn't rust again.

All the windows in church look splendid, it has taken a while to get the restoration done but been worth the wait.

The work was done by Martin Johnson & Co (York) Ltd Stained Glass and Window Conservation.



Susan Isabel Fussey (Betty)

We were saddened to hear that Susan had passed away on 14 February 2025 at the age of 97 years.

Susan, her husband Eric, with daughter Susan and son Alan lived on Warren Avenue in Knottingley. Her husband sadly passed away in January 1990.

Susan was active in the community being a member of the Townswomen's Guild.

She was a regular worshipper at St Botolph's Church taking part whenever possible in church events. She was a wonderful baker, super seamstress, making surplices and an altar frontal for church and her bottle stall at our Garden Party was legendary.

Susan was a Brownie Leader for many years, a member of the PCC and she, along with her friend Lesley Etherington, learned to ring our Tower Bells. Her flower arrangements were absolutely beautiful, gracing our church and pleasing many a bride for her wedding.

More recently she was a member of our Knit and Natter Group and Lunch Club.

Susan will be sadly missed by us all. We send our sincere sympathies to her family.

May she rest in peace and
rise in glory.



Lost and Found

A short story by D Kaye

Steve Parker looked through the windscreen at the rain and waited, uneasily, for his friend. Light spilled out into the gloom as the door of the Red Bear opened and Alan Weston returned.

“We can stay the night, Steve. I’ve rung Aunt Edith and told her that we got lost and we’ll join her tomorrow. She was beginning to worry.”

He opened the boot as he spoke and took out their suitcases. A little reluctantly, Steve joined him. “The rain doesn’t seem to have kept the regulars away,” Alan went on, “The place is pretty full.”

He led the way into a cheerfully, noisy room. Steve felt as if he had suddenly been struck deaf. Their entry signalled a silence that was broken only by the sound of smashing glass as the landlady dropped the tray she was holding. Steve saw that her face was chalk-white; her eyes wide with shock. He followed Alan through another door into a passage. As the landlord approached, excited conversation started up again.

“Who is your friend?” There was a rough edge to the landlord’s voice. “Steve Parker.”

“Where are you from?” Alan told him. “Is there something wrong?” The landlord looked at Steve. Steve tried to remain calm but his mind was in turmoil.

“If I thought He’s the living image of someone from the village.” Alan shrugged. “They say everyone has a double.” The landlord turned. “This way.” He said curtly.

The bedroom was neat, clean and tidy. Steve stood his suitcase beneath the window. “The natives don’t seem very friendly,” Alan observed, “They were alright when – Steve - ? Are you alright?”

Steve could see Alan’s face melting into a blur; his words drifting echoingly away. He tried to speak but there was a darkness moving swiftly over him. Alan caught him as he fell.

Steve hitched himself up a little higher and leaned back on the pillows. His face was completely drained of colour and it was an effort to speak. “I thought I was through with all that,” he said wearily, “It’s almost a year since I had the last one.”



Alan regarded him seriously; relieved that he was conscious but worried as to the cause of his blackout.

“Something must have triggered it off.”

“Alan how long have you known me?”

“Going on for three years.”

“I used to have blackouts more often.”

“I remember. They were something to do with an accident, weren’t they?”

“You’ve known me for three years; I’ve known myself four. The doctor calls it amnesia, I call it hell. The past is still there but, whenever I struggle to bring it out – well, you’ve seen the result. As soon as –“

The door suddenly flew open and a young man catapulted into the room, his face dark with anger. “Where is he? I’ll kill him!”

He looked from Alan to Steve and, before either of them realised what was happening, he had hurled himself at the bed and attacked Steve.

Alan made a swift recovery and pulled the stranger to the floor. As he did so, the landlord entered with another man. “Get this lunatic out of here,” he snapped, pulling Steve’s attacker to his feet and pushing him to the door.

The young man immediately turned to come back to the attack. Alan swung a punch that had him reeling into the landlord’s arms.

He turned to the bed where Steve sat in frozen silence; blood oozing from a cut on his lip and his left eye beginning to swell. “Steve - ? Steve - ?”

“Steve!” the intruder jeered. “Steve! Why don’t you call him by his proper name? Don’t you like it, Carter? Are you afraid to answer to it? Steve!! The name’s Carter, Raymond Carter. Isn’t it – Steve?!”

Steve was staring at him like someone hypnotised. His lips moved but no sound came out.

“The name is Parker,” Alan said, clearly. “Steven Parker. I think you’d better apologise, Mister -?”

“Apologise? I don’t know who you are but that is Raymond Carter. That is the man – for want of a better word – who caused my sister to throw herself under a car – “

“No!” Faint though the word was, Alan heard it and turned back to the bed. For the second time that day, Steve Parker had lapsed into unconsciousness.

The overnight rain had gone and Steve awoke to bright sunshine flooding the small room. Alan, reading by the window, heard him stir and was quickly by his side. “Good timing, that,” he grinned, looking at his watch, “The doctor will be here in five minutes.”

“I’m alright,” Steve protested. “Just give me an hour or so and we can be on our way.”

“We’ll see what the doctor says, first.”

Steve sighed. "Alright. What happened last night? How did you get rid of Neil Taylor?"

"Ah, your memory's returned, has it?"

"Some of it at least."

"The landlord persuaded that murderous young man to go home. After I explained about your blackouts and the doctor said he was going to give you a sedative. Here he is now."

Dr Preston came in and beamed at his patient. A quick examination, and he nodded. "You'll do," he announced. "You can get up if you want but you'll have to take it easy for a day or two. Shock can take its time, you know. I've given young Taylor a good talking-to, but whether he believes me is another matter. Still, it's only natural. He worships his sister. Watches over her like a guardian angel."

Alan saw Steve's face change. "Watches - ? Neil said - . He said Laurie threw herself under a car."

That young man's got too much imagination. Laurie was – distressed – to say the least – when you disappeared. She walked about in a daze. She tried to cross the road without looking both ways and she was knocked down. It was a hospital job but she recovered, alright."

"Thank heaven for that," Steve said, fervently, "I thought she was dead and I was responsible."

"That would have been Neil's view. It isn't easy to accept that your sister was jilted practically at the altar." The doctor glanced at his watch. "I must be on my way. Don't forget what I've told you."

He breezed out, leaving the door ajar. Alan looked very relieved and said, "I rang Aunt Edith and told her what had happened. I promised to ring her again to let her know what we decide."

Steve didn't appear to hear him. "We were going to be married," he said, slowly. "In a week's time. I was going into town to buy her a present. I missed the bus. A long-distance driver offered me a lift." He paused and fear chased across his face. "A child on a bike shot out of a side road. The driver swore – slammed on his brakes – "He closed his eyes and covered his ears.

When he opened his eyes, he looked straight at Alan. "How I got into the next county, I'll never know. A Policeman found me wandering along a country road, P C Stevens.



He wrote all his notes with a Parker pen. He used to visit me in hospital. When I left, he found me lodgings and a job.”
“So that’s what happened.”

Neither of them had seen or heard the door open. The couple standing there were obviously brother and sister. Alan moved quickly as they entered the room. The young woman smiled.

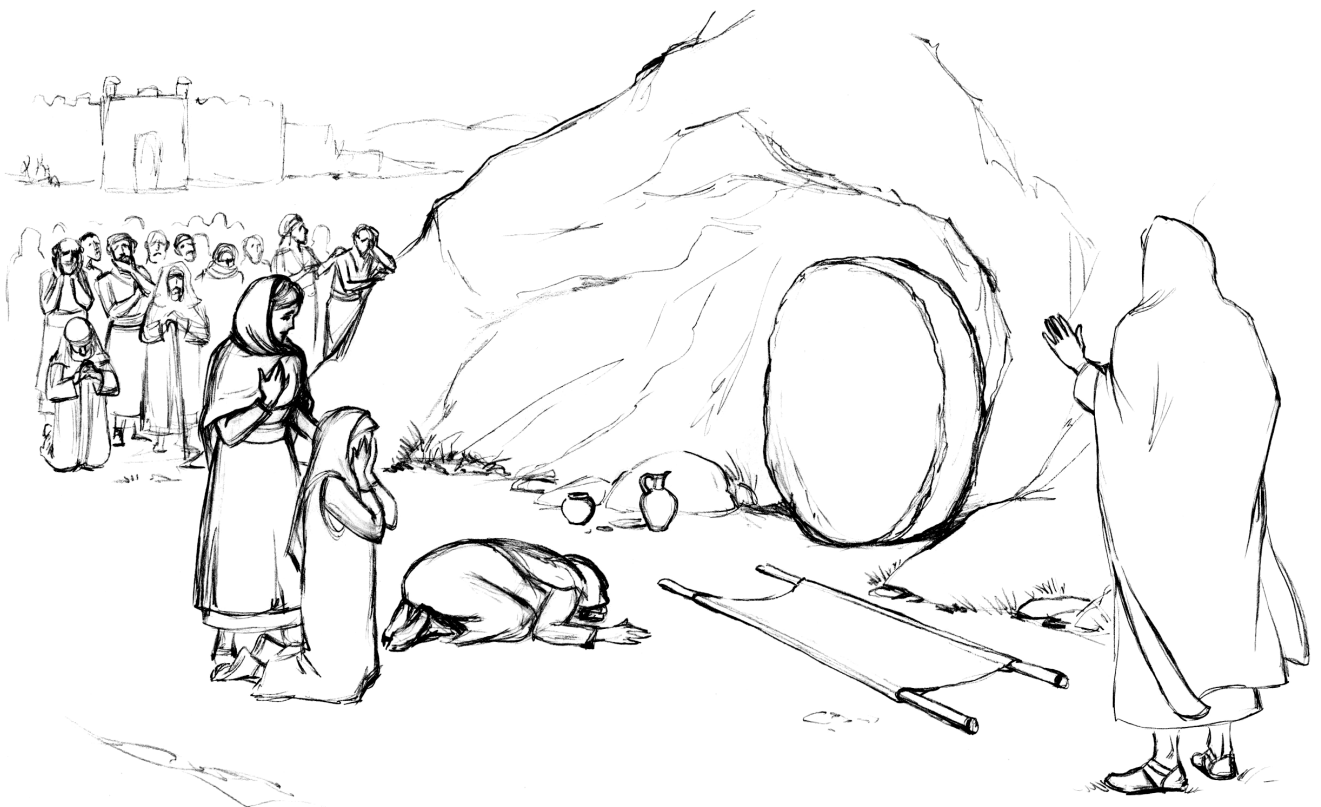
“It’s alright, Mr Weston. He’s promised to behave. He insisted on coming but I wanted to hear what Ray has to say anyway. At least he can’t say that the last few minutes were for his benefit alone.” She turned to the bed. “We were going to knock but we decided to eavesdrop instead.

“Laurie – it’s the truth – “

“Yes, there was an accident. The driver was badly injured. He insisted that he had given someone a lift but he couldn’t prove it. He couldn’t give any name.”

Steve couldn’t speak. He held out his hand. Laurie Taylor crossed the room and took it. Alan turned to her brother. “I rather think it’s a case of ‘two’s’ company. Mr Taylor shall we see if the landlord can find us a drink?” Neil glanced at his sister. “she’s never looked at anyone else. Do you think Ray’s the forgiving type?”

He glanced at his grazed knuckles. “I don’t know,” Alan said seriously. “I only know Steve Parker.” He closed the door quietly behind him.



The Stations of the Cross



1 Jesus is condemned to die



2 Jesus accepts his cross



3 Jesus falls for the first time



4 Jesus meets his mother



5 Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus



6 Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



7 Jesus falls a second time



8 Jesus meets the women



9 Jesus falls a third time



10 Jesus is stripped of his garments



11 Jesus is nailed to the cross



12 Jesus dies on the cross



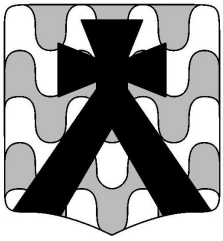
13 Jesus is taken down from the cross



14 Jesus is laid in the tomb

Lord Jesus, it must have seemed to your friends and followers that death and evil had won, when your body was laid in the tomb. Today when we bury a loved one, we sometimes feel like death has won, wondering what's next, what will we do without them now that they are no longer with us?

Forgive me Lord for the times I feel helpless or empty and forget to turn to you and trust in the victory you won for us by dying on the cross. Forgive me Lord for not listening to you when I get lost in my own thoughts, actions and plans.



From the

Funeral

17 February Shirley Shay 89 yrs St B

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

When At Your Heart Should Be Sad

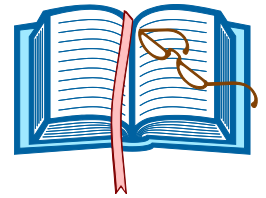
When at heart you should be sad,
Pondering the joys we had,
Listen and keep very still.
If the lowing from the hill
Or the toiling of a bell
Do not serve to break the spell,
Listen: you may be allowed
To hear my laughter from a cloud.

Sir Walter Raleigh



Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	Dorothy Lucy Kynman	1983	20	Dennis Hargrave	1988
				John Thomas Lowe	1985
2	Elizabeth Senior	1964	21	Dora Hudson	1984
	Edwin Harrison	1980		Mary Joyce Bell	2011
3	Lilian Warrington	2001	22	Horace Brown	1979
	Susan Watkinson	2024	23	Harry Heath	1985
4	Greta Sheard	2004		Janet Tucker	2006
5	Ellen Buck	1978	24	Harry Lancaster	1978
	Paul Barlow	2011		Harold Chisem	1993
6	Wilfred Hepworth	1981	25	Mary Jane Wood	1990
	Phyllis Scott	2010		William King	2010
7	Mary Ann Arnold	1953		Dennis Taylor	2010
	John Robert Fletcher (Jack)	1999	26	Joan Smithfield Fozzard	2017
	Audrey Newlove	2015			
8	Lionel Branford	1982	29	Phyllis Gwendoline Tunningley	2018
9	HRH Prince Philip	2021		John Henry Moon	1988
10	William Ratcliffe	1965	30	Gordon Hayes	1991
	Roy George Blakeston	1984		John Mark Hepworth	2004
	John Chadwick	2002		Joshua Joe Draper	2005
11	Kathleen Woodhead	1988			
12	Floris Ratcliffe	1980			
15	Marjorie Elizabeth Woodall	2001			
17	Dennis Belch (DENBO)	2012			
	Terence Clayton	2017			
18	Joe Arnold	1982			
19	Thompson Fozzard	1988			
	Nancy Parker	2000			
	David Richard Schofield	2022			



Holy Days and Commemorations

April

- 1
- 2
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- 4 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
- 5
- 6 PASSION SUNDAY**
- 7
- 8 Saints and Martyrs of America
- 9
- 10 William Law, Priest 1761
- 11
- 12
- 13 PALM SUNDAY**
- 14 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
- 15 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
- 16 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
- 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 18 GOOD FRIDAY
- 19 HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER EVE
- 20 EASTER SUNDAY**
- 21
- 22
- 23 St George
- 24
- 25 St Mark
- 26
- 27
- 28
- 29
- 30

May

- 1 Philip and James, Apostles

Eucharist Readings

6 April
PASSION SUNDAY
 Isaiah 43: 16-21
 Philippians 3: 4-14
John 12: 1-8

13 April
PALM SUNDAY
 Isaiah 50: 4-9
 Philippians 2: 5-11
Matthew 27: 1-54

20 April
EASTER DAY
 Acts 10:34-43 or
 Isaiah 65: 17-25
 1 Corinthians 15: 19-28
John 20: 1-10

27 April
EASTER 2
 Acts 5: 27-32 or
 Exodus 14: 10-31
 Revelation 1: 4-8
John 5: 4-12

4 May
EASTER 3
 Acts 9: 1-6 or
 Zephaniah 3: 14-20
 Revelation 5: 11-14
John 10: 11-16

11 May
EASTER 4
 Acts 9: 36-43 or
 Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18
 Revelation 7: 9-17
John 16: 16-22

What's On?

The Aire Benefice

3 April Lent Lunch, St Botolph's Parish Room, 12 noon

Lent Taizé and Stations of the Cross, St Botolph's, 3pm

7 April Lent Course, St Andrew Ferrybridge, 2pm

10 April Lent Lunch, St Botolph's Parish Room, 12 noon

17 April Lent Lunch, St Botolph's Parish Room, 12 noon

Maundy Thursday Team Service with washing of feet and watch until 10pm, St Edward Brotherton, 7pm

18 April Stations of the Cross, St Edward Brotherton, 10am

Children's Easter Event, St Botolph's Parish Room, 11am-1pm

Good Friday Liturgy, St Martin Womersley, 2pm

18 April Team Service, Easter Vigil, St Edmund Kellington, 8pm



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

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