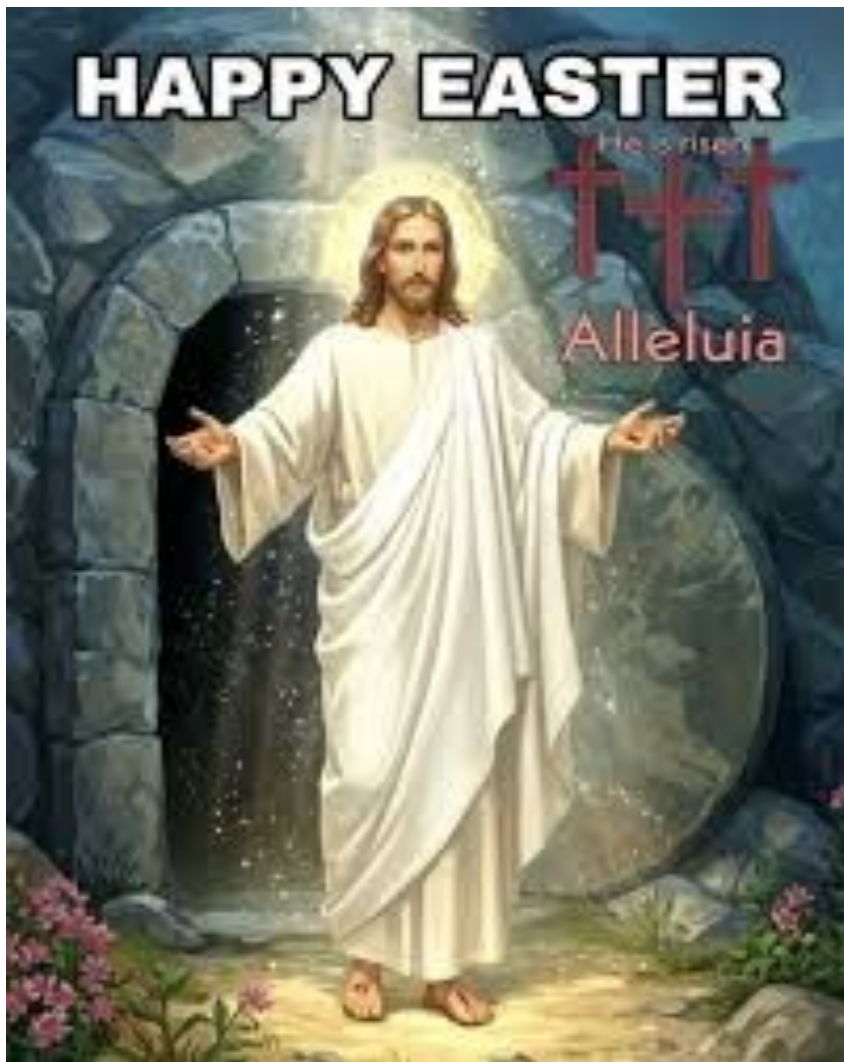


St Botolph's Church Magazine

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Parish News

The Parish Church

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	Wayne Evans	
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Treasurer	Janet/Linda	
Electoral Roll Officer	Janet Laycock	01977 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

19 Feb - 2 April

Thursdays Lent Lunches, 12 noon, £6

3 April Good Friday Children's Event,

10 am - 12 noon

The Editor

email **stbotolphchurchknott@yahoo.com** (please use plain text)

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

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June:-10 May 2026



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

How lovely it has been to see the strange yellow thing in the sky a few times recently, it seems a long time since we have enjoyed the sunshine. The spring flowers are coming up, the daffodils in the vicarage garden have fought against all the leaves that I still have to clear, and make me smile when I see the bright yellow flowers. The world seems a much brighter place.

As I am writing we are in Lent, the season of preparation Christians observe before Easter. It is a time of fasting, prayer, Bible study and charitable acts that help us to grow closer to God and more ready for the amazing events of that first Easter that we will celebrate on Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Because of the Resurrection we have hope. The empty tomb that Mary Magdalene and some other women found when they went to the place where Jesus was laid, reminds us that even in the darkest of times we have hope, love has conquered death, and our lives are brighter, they are transformed. The Resurrection was the event that changed everything.

This Easter as you eat your Easter eggs remember the empty tomb, remember that we now have new life because of Jesus rising from the dead, and that whatever difficult times you might be experiencing Jesus is always there for you. As you see the flowers, and new life of all sorts, springing up around you, I invite you to pause for a moment, look around, and see what a wonderful world God has created for us.

We have several services in church over Holy Week and Easter, some in other churches that are now part of our benefice. Please have a look and know that you are welcome at any or all of them to celebrate how much God loves us.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

St Andrew, Ferrybridge 7pm Mass with washing of feet and
Watch until 10pm

Good Friday 3rd April

St Botolph, Knottingley	11am-1pm	Children's Easter Event
St Edward, Brotherton	10am	Stations of the Cross
St Botolph, Knottingley	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday 4th April

St Edward, Brotherton 8pm Easter Vigil (Including First
Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday 5th April

St Botolph, Knottingley 9.30am Easter Mass

At Easter we say Christ is Risen! Alleluia! This Easter I hope you know the joy and transformation that that brings. Have a wonderful Easter.

God bless,

Mthr Sharon



CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT



St Botolph's Parish Rooms

Friday 3rd April

10am - 12noon

All welcome!

- *Children's Crafts
- *Egg hunt with prize
- *Cake Stall
- and more....!!

Looking through my albums and scrap books I found
these lovely pieces that I would like to share with you all.
Peter Greenwood.

Easter

Easter blessings touch our hearts
As spring wakes all around
New life is filling field and tree
With colour, light and sound.

Easter blessings, yours and mine
As once more earth revives,
But most of all the precious love
Which comforts all our lives.

The Easter message gives us hope
We know love cannot die
We keep the knowledge, life goes on
Though springtime passes by.

So, share the healing and the joy
It helps our spirits climb
Go forward with a lighter heart
Rejoice at Easter time.

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 _____

Puzzle Corner

Can you find these words?

Apostles

Crown Son

Lamb Risen

Prayer Sunday

Resurrection

Church Cross

Faith Mary

Redemption

Jesus Miracle

Rejoice Tomb

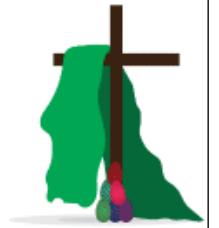
Easter Word Search

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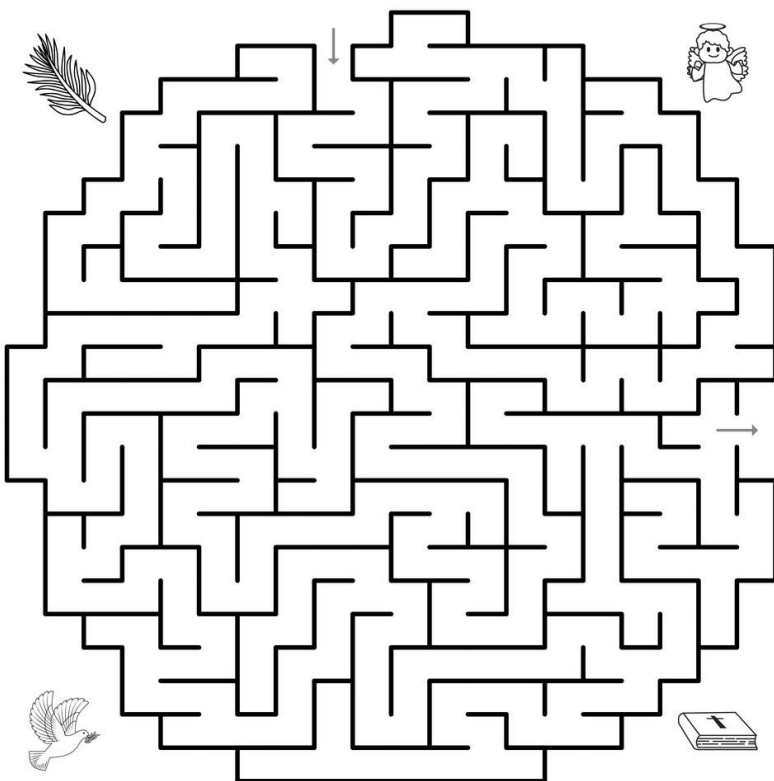
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I asked Pilate for the
 body of Jesus and
 buried Him in my tomb.
 Who am I?

We were Jesus' closest
 followers. After Jesus
 went back to heaven,
 we shared the gospel
 with all the people.
 Who are we?

We went to Jesus'
 tomb early in the
 morning to anoint His
 body with spices.
 Who are we?



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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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.





Fundraising Appeal for Invictus Games 2027

Supporting Wounded, Injured, and Sick Servicemen and Women

I write on behalf of the Knottingley Branch, Royal British Legion regarding the Invictus Games 2027, which supports wounded, injured, and sick servicemen and women.

We need your help!

Since the start of the games in 2014, the Women's Section of the RBL has funded athletes' families for travel and accommodation; this year, at the MOD's request, the RBL will also directly support the athletes.

Each athlete requires over **£26,000** for training, travel, accommodation, and support. As a community we have been given an amazing opportunity to come together and help raise this money. Let's make Yorkshire proud and get an athlete to the Invictus Games.

How you can get involved:

There are many ways that teams and individuals can get involved. I have attached a list of fund-raising ideas to inspire you. If this is not something for you, you can simply make a donation either by bank transfer or cheque. Please find details at the bottom of this letter. The fund raising for this appeal will close by 1st Sept 2026. All donations must be received before this date.

By donating, you:

- Support the recovery and rehabilitation of service members
- Enable inclusive world-class sporting events
- Involve families in the journey
- Promote respect and inclusion

Every contribution matters.

To make a direct bank transfer: **Lloyds Bank Account Details**

Name: The Knottingley Branch Royal British Legion

Account No: 81846960

Sort Code: 30-96-26

To pay by cheque:

Please make cheques payable to The Knottingley Branch Royal British Legion

Send to: 144 Womersley Road, Knottingley, WF11 0DQ

Thank you for your support

Royal British Legion Knottingley Branch

Calendar - April 2026

2nd MAUNDY THURSDAY

Lent Lunch, St Botolph's Parish Room, 12 noon
St Andrew, Ferrybridge 7pm Mass with washing of feet and
Watch until 10pm

3rd GOOD FRIDAY

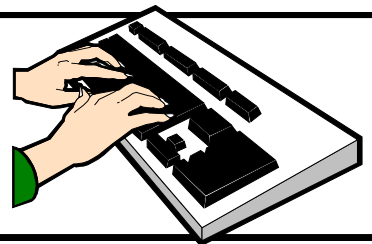
St Botolph, Knottingley 11am-1pm Children's Easter Event
St Edward, Brotherton 10am Stations of the Cross
St Botolph, Knottingley 2pm Good Friday Liturgy

4th **HOLY SATURDAY** St Edward, Brotherton 8pm
Easter Vigil (Including First Mass of Easter)

5th EASTER DAY

PARISH EUCHARIST 9.30 am

***** MAY MAGAZINE COPY DATE *****



12th SUNDAY - EASTER 2

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

19th SUNDAY - EASTER 3

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

26th SUNDAY - EASTER 4

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

Holy Week

Holy Week is the final week in the season of Lent. In 2026, Holy Week will run from Sunday, 29 March, through to Easter Sunday on 5 April. Throughout the week, Christians commemorate the key events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. It's a meaningful time of reflection and hope as we take time to consider Jesus' sacrifice and look forward to the joy of Easter.

Palm Sunday

Jesus makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem while riding on a donkey. The people shout 'Hosanna', a word of praise, and place branches and cloaks on the road in front of him (Matthew 21:1–11).

Monday

Jesus enters the Temple courts, overturning the tables of the money changers and driving out the people who are buying and selling. He accuses them of turning God's house into a 'den of robbers' (Mark 11:15–17).

Tuesday

Jesus returns to the Temple and is questioned by the Jewish authorities. As people are giving their offerings, a poor widow steps forward to make her offering of two copper coins. Jesus praises her for giving 'everything – all she had to live on' (Mark 11:27 to 12:44).

Wednesday

Judas, one of Jesus' disciples meets with the chief priests and agrees to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14–16).

Maundy Thursday

Jesus and his disciples share in the Last Supper as part of the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus breaks bread, telling his disciples: 'Take and eat; this is my body.' He hands them a cup of wine to drink, saying: 'This is my blood.'

Later, after praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is arrested and taken to the high priest, Caiaphas, who accuses him

of blasphemy (Matthew 26:17–28, 36–66).

Good Friday

In the early hours of the morning, Peter denies knowing Jesus. Judas takes his own life. Jesus' trial continues when he stands before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, who sends him to King Herod, only for Herod to return him to Pilate. Pilate sentences him to death.

After a crown of thorns is placed on his head, Jesus walks to the site of his execution. Mary watches as her son is crucified and dies. Jesus' body is placed in a tomb with a large stone covering the entrance (Matthew 26:69 to 27:61; and Luke 22:54 to 23:55).

Holy Saturday

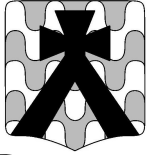
Jesus' body lies in the tomb and is treated for burial. The disciples come out of hiding and openly mourn. (Matthew 27:62-66)

Easter Day

Early in the morning, a group of women go to the tomb, where they plan to anoint Jesus' body. When they arrive, the stone has been rolled away. Jesus' tomb is empty. Two figures 'in clothes that gleamed like lightning' tell them: 'He is not here; he has risen!' (Luke 24:1–6).



Bottery



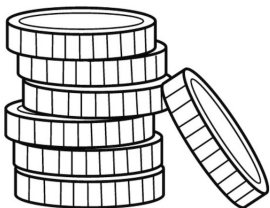
Club

Membership costs £1 per week per number and the draw takes place in the Parish Rooms after the Sunday morning service

1 February	5	Barbara Birdsall	£40
	36	Sue Barlow	£10
8 February	64	Avril Chisem	£40
	161	Ann Webb	£10
15 February	39	Sheila Wilson	£40
	50	Glenis Moon	£10
22 February	68	Michael Kite	£40
	19	John Bywater	£10

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

If anyone would like to join the weekly bottery, which is £1 per number per week, please contact Sue Barlow on 07485170704 or any member of the church.



Thank you for donations to our funds and flowers including

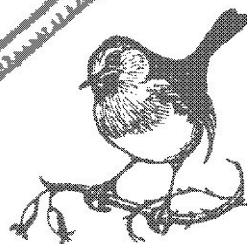
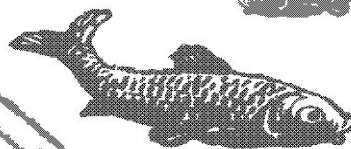
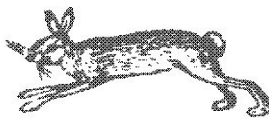
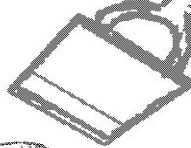
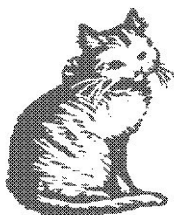
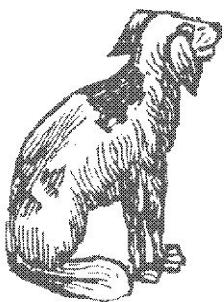
everyone who contributed to our beautiful Easter Flowers

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With food and energy prices rising, it can be a worrying time for many of us. But we are here to help you.

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Providing emergency food

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Support to find further help

Please call our help through hardship
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The Methodist Church, Ropewalk, Knottingley, WF11 9AL

Tuesday and Friday 10am – 12noon

Donate

We rely on donations!

Items we run short of

Tinned Veg/fruit, Long Life
Milk, Cordial, Tinned meat/
fish, Biscuits, Sugar,
Tinned Soup

Volunteer

We rely on volunteers and we
have some amazing people who
volunteer with Knottingley
Foodbank! If you would like to
volunteer please do
get in touch

Contact via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or Email
manager@knottingley.foodbank.org.uk

St Botolph's Parish Giving Scheme

As reported in last month's magazine, the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) was launched for St Botolph's in June 2020.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations, designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry. It reduces the burden of work on church volunteers and provides a simple and secure service to donors.



The service is freely available to all parishes, their churches and donors, within dioceses that have chosen to participate. Uptake is growing every year, with the majority of dioceses in the Church of England - and many of their parishes - now members of PGS and experiencing the benefits.

Further details can be found here: www.parishgiving.org.uk

The PGS makes it possible for donors to:
Donate monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
Sign up to inflation-linked giving annually
Enhance your gift to your church by having Gift Aid at 25%
added to your giving
Give securely and donate anonymously, if you prefer

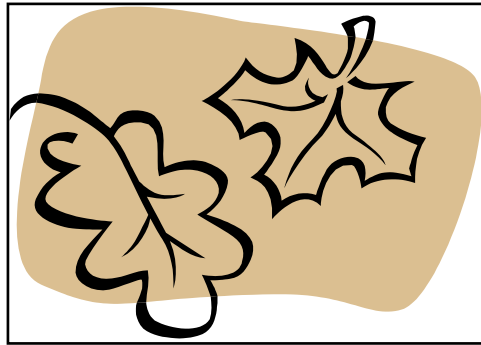
You can set up a Direct Debit to donate regularly to St Botolph's:

via gift form available from Janet Laycock
07790939025 or janet.laycock@yahoo.cpm

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

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Fancy a cuppa?

The 3rd Saturday of each month

18 April 2026

10am until 12 noon

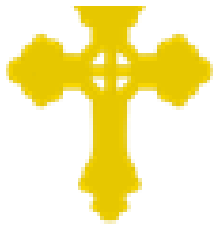
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The Knottingley Club



**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
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

Events

26 April Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)
Everyone welcome

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

God Bless
Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

Team Rector 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

4 April Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30 am

Everyone Welcome

Kellington, Eggborough and Whitley

Church of St Edmund King and Martyr

Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am



Please come along and join us

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415



1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



The girls have been collecting food for Knottingley Food Bank.



Many of the girls enjoyed the Division Sleepover, Rainbows and Brownies slept inside while Guides slept outside in tents. Luckily the wet weather abated so it was relatively dry if rather muddy. All the girls took part in many activities



including planting seeds, making mocktails, card making and using recycled materials to make models.



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 111

Childline: you can talk to us about anything, call us on 0800 1111 or chat to us online.

Women: can call The Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge on 0808 2000 247 for free at any time, day or night. The staff will offer confidential, non-judgemental information and support

Men can call Respect Men's Advice Line on 0808 8010 327 (Monday to Friday 10am to 8pm), or visit the webchat at Men's Advice Line (Wednesday 10am to 11:30am and 2pm to 4pm) for non-judgemental information and support

Men can also call ManKind on 0182 3334 244 (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm)

If you identify as LGBT+ you can call Galop on 0800 999 5428 for emotional and practical support

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

Lent Lunches

Thursdays during Lent

19 Feb - 2 April 2026



12 noon

in the Parish Room



Please join us for soup, a roll, sweet and
tea/coffee

£6.00

Proceeds to Martin House Hospice

Martin House

hospice care for children
and young people



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

TEAM UK

Birmingham 2027

Competitor Costs

*** **£1.6m** for **60** competitors ***



£6,000
Kit & Equipment



£5,000
Food & Accommodation



£1,000
Medical & Welfare



£3,000
Coaches



£3,000
Travel



£500
Volunteers



£7,000
Events & Camps



£1,000
Insurance &
Administration



£26,500
Total



INVICTUS GAMES

BIRMINGHAM 2027

Fund Raising Ideas

- **Sponsored-athon** – from swimathons to zumbathons, get sponsored for going extreme
- **Sports Day** – egg and spoon race, three legged races
- **Five-a-side** – hold a tournament with friends or colleagues
- **Virtual fitness challenge** – treadmill, rower, static bike take your pick and rack up those miles
- **Come dine with me** – prepare a meal for friends or family in return for donations for what they would be willing to pay in a restaurant
- **Quiz night** – swot up on your general knowledge
- **Pamper evening** – Face packs, foot spa and fund raising
- **Garden party** – fire up the BBQ and get the neighbour's round
- **Movie night** – watch a cult classic and sell retro snacks
- **Games night** – bingo, twister, connect 4 the options are endless
- **Karaoke** – start warming those vocal cords now
- **Theme night** – fancy dress, barn dancing, 60's so many options
- **Family fun day** – bouncy castles, face painting
- **Raffle or auction**
- **Bake sale** – watch out Great British Bake Off
- **Bucket collection**
- **Plant sale** – get those green fingers going
- **Challenge yourself** – why not enter a marathon either individually or as a relay team
- **Take to the hills** – Climb the Yorkshire 3 peaks... or take it a step further and climb the national 3 peaks

Get involved, inspire a community!

1. Who was St George?

Little is known about England's patron saint. According to legend, St George was born to a noble Christian family almost 2,000 years ago, between 275-281AD, in Cappadocia, which is now modern-day Turkey.

He served under Emperor Diocletian, and despite his military service, he refused to renounce his Christian faith and was then tortured and executed around AD 303, becoming a martyr.

2. What did St George do?

St George is renowned for spreading the Christian religion around the Western civilisation. Following in his father's footsteps, it is believed he joined the Roman army at the early age of 17, where he would become one of their finest soldiers.

Although we have seen George often depicted in popular culture as a knight covered in his beautiful shining armour, the truth I am afraid is less imaginative than that, it is more realistic to believe he was an officer in the Roman army.

3. What has St George got to do with a dragon?

Myth has it that St George slayed a dragon. The tale is that St George rode into Silene in what is modern-day Libya. The town had a small lake which had become home to a plague-bearing dragon who was poisoning the countryside. To satisfy the beast, the residents fed it two sheep a day. When the sheep ran out, it was decided the townsfolk would feed it their children, selected via a lottery draw.

One day, the king's daughter was selected and despite his protest, she was sent to be sacrificed to the dragon. By complete coincidence, St George was riding past the town and came across the king's daughter on her way to the dragon. The story goes that St George injured the beast with his lance and then controlled it by placing the princess's girdle around the dragon's neck.

St George killed the dragon only once the town agreed to convert to Christianity. However, this story postdates the real George for several centuries.

With images of George and the dragon surviving from the 9th century, which is around 500 years after his death. It is thought that these images may simply be a representation of the battle between

good and evil.

4. When and how did St George die?

In 303 AD, the Roman emperor Diocletian ordered a widespread persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire due to their growing support and influence. St George refused to renounce his Christian faith despite the emperor's offers of wealth and land. St George was executed by the orders of the Roman Emperor Diocletian in 303AD; he would have been in his late twenties. Historians commonly believe that over 3,000 Christians were executed by the orders of the emperor during this time.

5. What is St George, the patron saint of?

Although St. George is the patron saint of England, he never stepped foot in the country. However, tales of George's heroism reached England, and his fame grew after the Crusades when it was reported he appeared before Crusaders outside Jerusalem in 109AD.

He became much loved by European knights and often appeared on banners taken into battles. St George's flag was adopted as England's official flag in 1190.

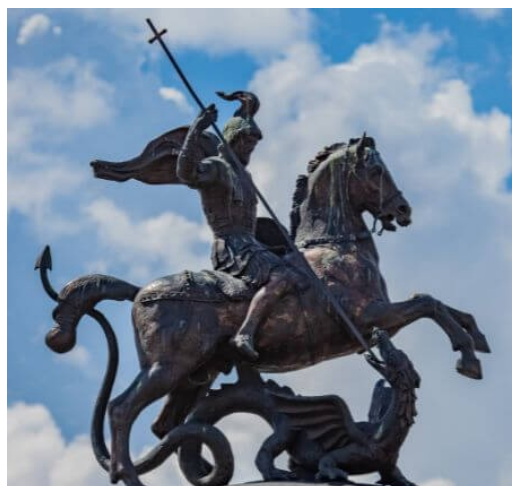
King Edward III made George the patron saint of England in 1350, and his name would be further concreted in history by King Henry V. Shakespeare ensured nobody would forget St George by writing King Henry V's famous battle cry, "Cry God for Harry, England and St George!"

St George is also the patron saint of Bulgaria, Palestine, Ethiopia, Greece, and Lithuania. Some of you may remember St George as the patron saint of the Scouts Club from your childhood.

6. When is St George's Day, and how is it celebrated?

The date of St George's Day is believed to be the day he was executed in 303AD. In 1222, the Synod of Oxford declared St George's Day a celebrated feast day in England, and ever since, it has featured on our calendars.

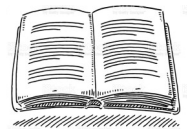
To this current day, St George's cross still appears on the Garter badge for the Order of the Garter, which is the most senior order of the British knighthood honours system.



St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday	Judo
Tuesday	Saviour Trust Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Hand Bells
Wednesday	Homestart - parent and toddler Dance Addicts
Thursday	Friends of St Botolph's (second Thursday) Lunch Club (fourth Thursday) Judo

Church Rotas



5 April	Renée	Edna	Janice
12 April	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
19 April	Glenis	Ann	Mark
26 April	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
3 May	Renée	Edna	Colin
10 May	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
17 May	Glenis	Ann	Janice
24 May	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
31 May	Renée	Edna	Mark

A Birthday

My heart is like a singing bird
Whose nest is in a water'd shoot;
My heart is like an apple-tree
Whose boughs are bent with thickset fruit;
My heart is like a rainbow shell
That paddles in a halcyon sea;
My heart is gladder than all these
Because my love is come to me.

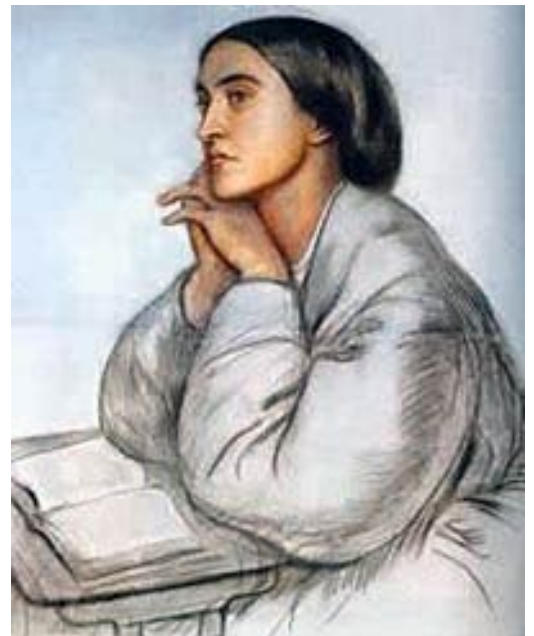
Raise me a dais of silk and down;
Hang it with vair* and purple dyes;
Carve it in doves and pomegranates,
And peacocks with a hundred eyes;
Work it in gold and silver grapes,
In leaves and silver fleurs-de-lys;
Because the birthday of my life
Is come, my love is come to me.

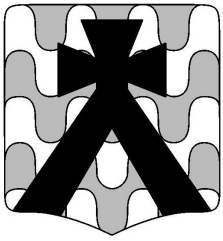
by Christina Rossetti

*vair - fur obtained from a variety of red squirrel

Christina Georgina Rossetti (5 December 1830 – 29 December 1894) was an English writer of romantic, devotional and children's poems. She also wrote the words of two Christmas carols well known in Britain: "In the Bleak Midwinter", later set by Gustav Holst, and "Love Came Down at Christmas".

Her life is commemorated on 27 April.





From the

Funeral

4 February	Jean Stanley	87 yrs	St B
5 February	Michael (Mick) Burden	82 yrs	St B
10 February	Clive Ward	64 yrs	St B
18 February	Darrel Broom	60 yrs	St B
25 February	Brian Smith		St B
26 February	Ann Turner	84 yrs	St B
6 March	Jeffrey Alexander Rhodes	83 yrs	St B

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

In Times of Sorrow

May you see God's light on the path ahead

When the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear,

Even in your hour of sorrow,

The gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard may hardness

Never turn your heart to stone,

May you always remember

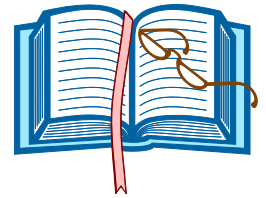
when the shadows fall,

You do not walk alone.



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
2	Elizabeth Senior	1964		John Thomas Lowe	1985
	Edwin Harrison	1980	21	Dora Hudson	1984
3	Lilian Warrington	2001		Mary Joyce Bell	2011
	Susan Watkinson	2024	22	Horace Brown	1979
4	Greta Sheard	2004	23	Harry Heath	1985
5	Ellen Buck	1978		Janet Tucker	2006
	Paul Barlow	2011	24	Harry Lancaster	1978
6	Wilfred Hepworth	1981		Harold Chisem	1993
	Phyllis Scott	2010	25	Mary Jane Wood	1990
7	Mary Ann Arnold	1953		William King	2010
	John Robert Fletcher (Jack)	1999		Dennis Taylor	2010
	Audrey Newlove	2015	26	Joan Smithfield Fozzard	2017
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			



Holy Days and Commemorations

Eucharist Readings

April

- 1 Wednesday in Holy Week
- 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 3 GOOD FRIDAY
- 4 HOLY SATURDAY
- 5 EASTER DAY
- 6 MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK
- 7 TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK
- 8 WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK
- 9 THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK
- 10 FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK
- 11 SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK
- 12 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16 Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923
- 17
- 18
- 19 EASTER 3
- 20
- 21 Anselm, Archbishop, 1109
- 22
- 23 George, Patron of England,
- 24
- 25 Mark the Evangelist
- 26 EASTER 4
- 27 Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894
- 28
- 29
- 30

May

- 1 Philip and James, Apostles
- 2 Athanasius, Bishop, 373

**5th April
EASTER DAY
TBA**

**12th April
EASTER 2
TBA
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31**

**19th April
EASTER 3
TBA
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35**

**26th April
EASTER 4
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10**

**3rd May
EASTER 5
Acts 7:7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14**

**10 May
EASTER 6
Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21**

**17 May
EASTER 7
Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14'5:6-11
John 17:1-11**

Knottingley, St Botolph's Church
in the Parish Room

Lunch Club
Fourth Thursday of the month
12 noon



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in the Parish Room
Knit and Natter
Second and fourth Thursdays of the
month
1 - 3 pm



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