

St Botolph's Church Magazine

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Knottingley



Parish News

The Parish Church

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Knottingley Parish News

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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

13 Sept - Heritage Day, Church Open 11am - 2pm

26 Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon
Pie and Pea Harvest Supper, 4.30 - 6.30pm

2 Nov - Memorial Service, 4.00 pm

The Editor

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

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Copy for September:- 10 August 2025

October:- 7 September 2025

November:- 5 October 2025

Dear Friends,

For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4b).



Dear Friends,

In chapter 10 of 1 Corinthians, St. Paul reminds the Christians in Corinth of part of the foundational story of the Jewish people: the story of Israel's forty years in the wilderness between their exodus from Egypt and their arrival in the Promised Land of Canaan. The Old Testament stories of the wilderness wanderings recount two occasions (Exodus chapter 17 and Numbers chapter 20), when Moses strikes a rock, which then produces water to quench the thirst of this desert people. In 1 Corinthians, Paul sees in the rock from which water came the presence of Christ himself with the Israelites, watching over them and providing for their needs as they navigated the harsh and unforgiving wilderness landscape. I imagine that Paul sees in the rock the presence of Christ because, like Christ, rocks are solid and provide security and firm foundation, and because Christ offers to us the true living water of life.

For my family, 2025 has not turned out as we had expected it might. We have endured our own period in the wilderness. As many of you will know, two days after Christmas last year, I was

rushed by emergency ambulance to hospital, where I remained for a month, spending the majority of that time in Intensive Care. I had contracted double pneumonia, and was, for a time, critically ill. I spent twelve days in a medically induced coma, during which time I came close to losing my life on two occasions. As I was fighting for my life, my wife Charlotte had to continue to keep life at home as normal as possible for our children, aged 6 months and ten, living with the possibility that husband, dad and stepdad might not come home. These weeks were indeed wilderness times for our family, and, in unique ways, for each of us individually. Thankfully, thanks to much prayer and the outstanding care of the ICU team at Pinderfields Hospital, my condition began to improve. The road of recovery is long, bringing both joys and challenges to us all. It is wholly understandable that when wilderness times hit us, we can so often doubt the presence of God or his goodness. By God's grace, we did not find ourselves in that place, but rather in the place of knowing our need to surrender our selves lock, stock and barrel to the one who alone could lead us through the wilderness and be for us all that we needed. We needed a rock to uphold us and life-giving water to sustain us. We found it in Jesus.

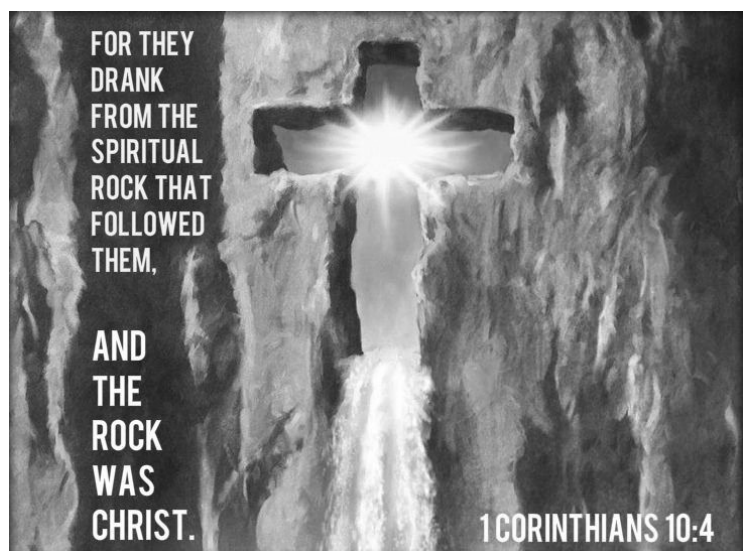
None of this is to make light of how dark and hard those weeks at the beginning of this year were, nor of how dark wilderness times can be for any of us. I am well aware that so many people suffer appallingly in so many ways, and this is certainly not a glib 'just trust in God, because he will make sure everything is ok' kind of

message I'm wanting to give here. I know, for example, that many people who are unfortunate enough to contract the same illness I did do not get better, but, rather, are taken by the illness. What I am saying is that, in every circumstance, no matter how dark and devoid of hope it may seem, Christ, the rock that gives security and living water, is with us. He will be for us all that we need in every circumstance. I testify out of my own experience and that of my family.

I carry with me a permanent, physical reminder of our time in the wilderness. At the base of my neck is a scar, marking the place where a tracheostomy was fitted. You may well not see it, especially if I am wearing my dog collar. I see it every day. It is a reminder of our dark wilderness days. However, more than that, it is a reminder that, though we walked through the valley of the shadow of death, Christ walked with us and led us through; that he was for us a rock who protected and sustained us. It reminds me that whatever it is that we may face in this life, however harsh and unforgiving the wilderness, we can always drink from the spiritual rock that follows us, and the rock is Christ.

God bless,

Fr. Phil.



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

Peter Greenwood.

The Garden

**Laburnum with its golden glow,
Ceanothus with its blue;
Lilas white and purple,
With sunlight shining through.**

**Orange blossom, honeysuckle,
Stocks and mignonette;
Delphiniums and hollyhocks—
All names you won't forget.**

**Sunflowers and choisya,
With hibiscus bold,
Interspersed with roses,
Red and white and gold.**

**Wallflowers lining garden paths,
Jasmine draping walls;
Clematis hanging from the trees
In copious waterfalls.**

**Buttercups, marsh marigolds,
Ox-eye daisies, cowslips too;
I gaze across the garden
Till the magic dims the view.**

**And add to this the birdsong,
The sight, the smell the scent,
And think, where else can there be found
A cause for more content?**

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

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

DETAILS OF THE DECEASED

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Date of death _____ Age _____

Additional short inscription (if required) _____

DETAILS OF PERSON REQUESTING ENTRY

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Today's date _____

Donation enclosed _____

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

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

Full date of death, day-month-year _____

Name of deceased _____

Date request received _____

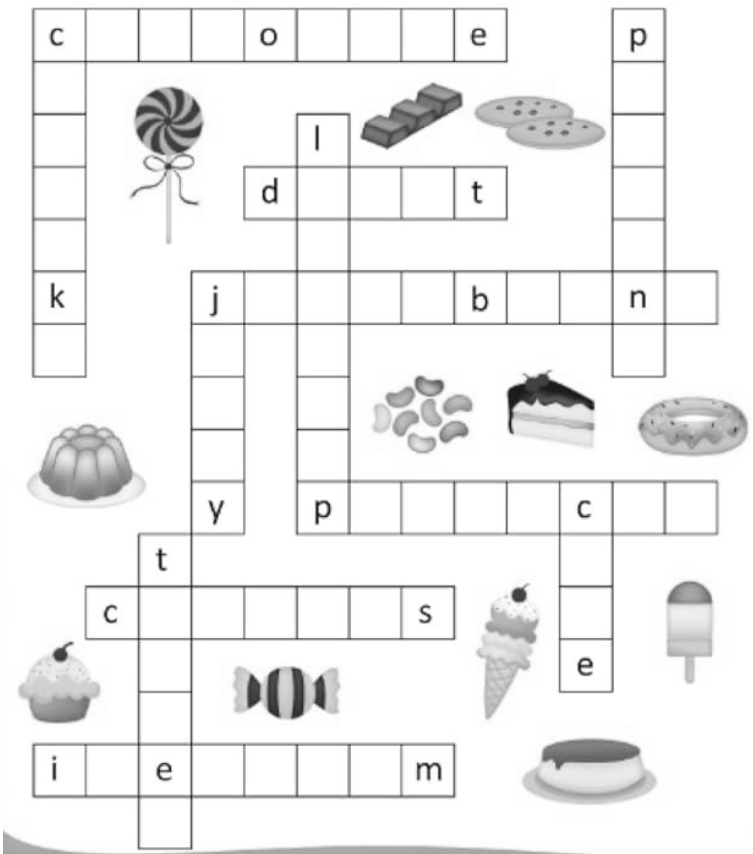
Puzzle Corner

August Saint Days Wordsearch

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- ST DOMINIC
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- ST ROSE
- ST MONICA
- ST PONTIAN
- ST BARTHOLOMEW
- ST LOUIS
- ST HELEN
- ST JOHN VIANNEY
- ST CLARE

Write the food names and complete the puzzle



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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JULY

2nd
VISITATION
of the
B. V. M.
to S. Elizabeth

My soul doth magnify
the Lord



15th S. SWITHUN

19th
S. VINCENT
de Paul



20th
S. MARGARET
as a shepherdess



22nd
S. MARY
MAGDALENE
anointing Our Lord's feet



25th

S. CHRISTOPHER
Patron of Travellers



25th
S. JAMES
a fisherman
and
Apostle



26th

S. ANNE
Mother of the
Blessed Virgin



AUGUST

1st
LAMMAS
(Loaf Mass)



6th S. DOMINIC
founded the
Blackfriars



TRANSFIGURATION



10th S. LAURENCE
with the
treasures
of the
Church



Calendar - July/August 2025

**6th SUNDAY - TRINITY - TRINITY III
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**13th SUNDAY- TRINITY IV
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**20th SUNDAY - TRINITY V
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**27th SUNDAY - TRINITY VI
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**3rd SUNDAY - TRINITY VII
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**10th SUNDAY - TRINITY VIII
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
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**17th SUNDAY- TRINITY IX
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

**24th SUNDAY - TRINITY X
TEAM SERVICE, St Andrew's Ferrybridge 10.00 am**

**31st SUNDAY - TRINITY XI
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

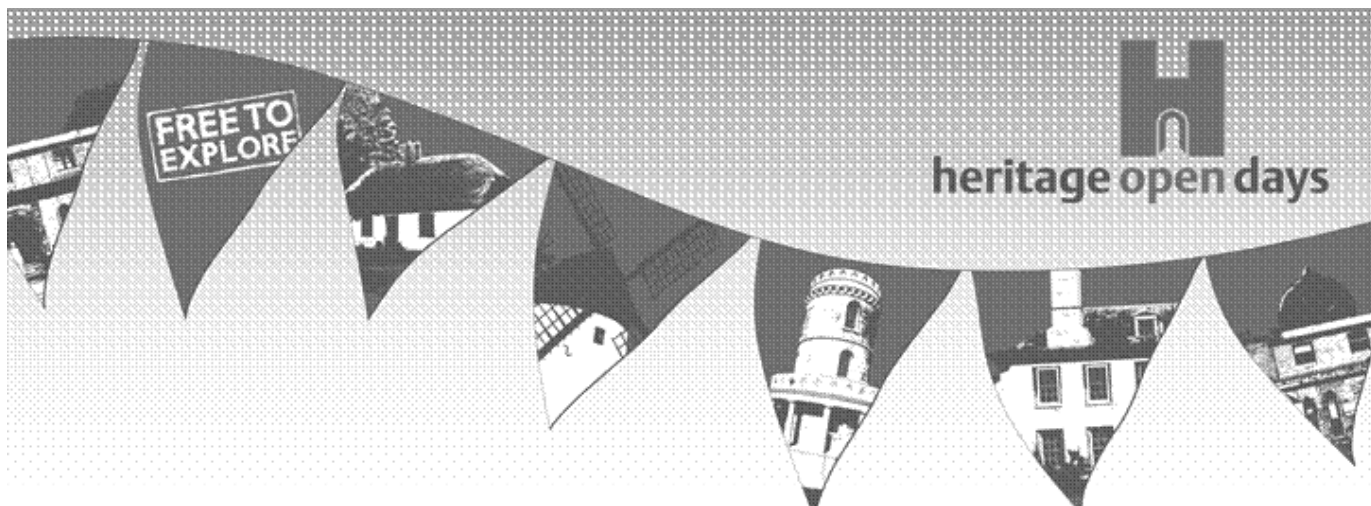
St Botolph's Parish Room

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

Church Rotas



6 July	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
13 July	Glenis	Ann	Colin
20 July	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
27 July	Renée	Edna	Mark
3 August	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
10 August	Glenis	Ann	Colin
17 August	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
24 August	Team Service, St Andrew's Ferrybridge, 10am		
31 August	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie



St Botolph's Church Open

Theme: Architecture

Saturday 13 September 2025
11.00 am - 2.00 pm

Refreshments available in the Parish Room
Look around church, research our parish
records

Saint Botolph's Church, Knottینگley

Do come along and join us

Everyone welcome

Bottery



Club

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

4 May	25	Linda Brown	£40
	61	Anne Barker	£10
11 May	132	Jane Williams	£40
	18	Wayne Evans	£10
18 May	76	Wilma Tucker	£40
	116	Jenny Atha	£10
25 May	82	Emma Wilson	£40
	80	Barbara Hall	£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.

Church Funds/Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

Copper collection

For the clock appeal

For the windows renovation

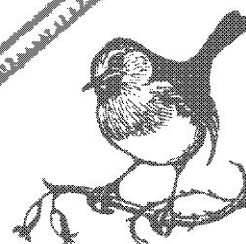
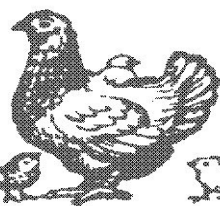
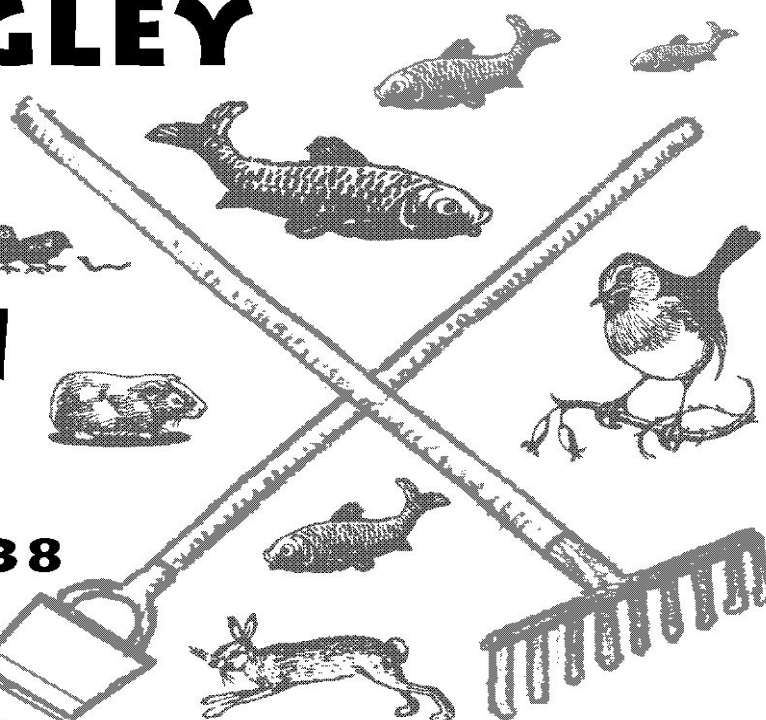
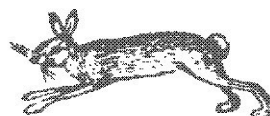
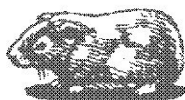
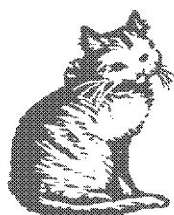
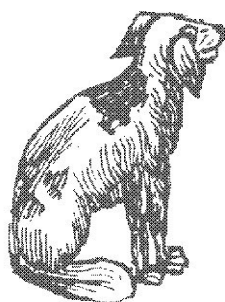
From Renée in loving memory of her husband Kneale on the anniversary of his death, 25 July



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Milk, Cordial, Tinned meat/
fish, Biscuits, Sugar,
Tinned Soup

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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:

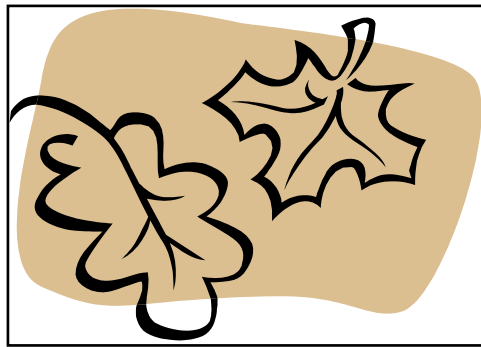
via gift form available from Richard Bagley (Treasurer).

Tel: 07396598237. Email: richardbagley99@gmail.com

or directly via the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271
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Fancy a cuppa?

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19 July and 16 August 2025

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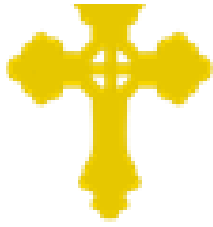
at

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
9.15am Parish Eucharist
11.00am Parish Eucharist

St Andrew
St Edward the Confessor
St Andrew

Wednesday

9.15 am Eucharist

St Edward the Confessor

Thursday

10.00 am Eucharist

St Andrew

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

1st Sunday of the month

St Edward the Confessor

3rd Sunday of the month

St Andrew

Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.

Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk

Website: www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk

Events

12 July	St Andrew Summer Fair, 11am - 2pm
26 July	St Edward the Confessor Summer Fair, 11am-2pm
27 July	Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)
31 August	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 July	Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon
3 August	Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon

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

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1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

The logo for Guides, featuring a blue star above the word "Guides" in a white, sans-serif font, all set against a dark blue rectangular background.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have been very busy finding out about their family tree, local history and human rights. Most have achieved their Know Myself Theme badges.

We have presented many Gold Award badges this term

Rainbows: Edie, Isla, Nellie and Ryleigh. These girls were some of our first members when we opened and they have attended regularly and worked hard to achieve this award.

Brownies: Eva who ran a very special session about glass as part of her award.



We break up for summer on 8 July and will return again, refreshed after the summer holiday, on 9 September.

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

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

Feast of the Assumption (August 15th)

Herbed Bread: In some regions, bread baked with herbs is prepared to celebrate the Assumption of Mary.

Tarta de Santiago: This almond cake from the region of Galicia in Spain is often associated with the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is traditionally dusted with powdered sugar and decorated with the cross of St. James.



Recipe

- 4 eggs
- 200 g caster sugar
- 200 g almond flour (or ground almonds)
- Zest from 1 lemon
- 2.5 ml cinnamon
- 30 ml icing sugar

Preheat oven to 350F/180C. Line an 8 inch/20cm round springform/cake pan/tin with parchment on the bottom and rub the sides with a little butter.

Crack the eggs into a bowl and add the sugar. Whisk the two together until well combined and starting to become lighter in colour with a bit of air in the mixture.

Add the almond flour/ground almonds, lemon zest and cinnamon and mix until combined, but try not to overmix and get all of the air out of the mixture.

Pour the mixture into the prepared cake tin and place in the preheated oven. Bake for approximately 30 minutes until a skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean. Meanwhile, make the cross stencil, if not already prepared.

Remove the cake from the oven and allow to cool around 10-15 minutes on a cooling rack before removing the outer ring. Allow it to cool completely before placing the stencil on top of the middle then dusting some icing sugar over the top. Carefully remove the stencil without letting the sugar fall on the area you had covered. Slice and serve or store in a tin at room temp.

Diocesan News

June 2025

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND **Loving. Living. Learning.**
Diocese of Leeds www.leeds.anglican.org

Diocesan Internship Scheme applications open to all for 2025/26



Applications are open for our Diocesan Internship Scheme for 2025/26, and we want to encourage a whole range of people to apply.

The Leeds Diocesan Internship Scheme is an opportunity to explore more of what it means to be a lifelong disciple of Christ and to serve His church.

It is a year where people from all kinds of backgrounds are equipped for the kingdom of God in life, work, and leadership.

The scheme runs from September to July and involves practical placements in churches, weekly training, and being part of a Christian community of interns.

The Revd Simon Walters, Diocesan Intern Lead, said: "I'd really like to encourage you to know that God is calling a whole diverse range of different people to be interns.

"Classically we think of interns as maybe university graduates in their early 20s who have just finished and have some free time. But in fact, there's a whole bunch of other people whom God is calling."

"We have people who've encountered the presence of God and whose response is to say, 'I want to know more about him.' We have people at particular transition points in their lives trying to work out what it is for them to use their gifts in serving the church."

"I'm so passionate about internships because I was an intern myself 12 years ago. A church took a chance on me, and it was an investment, I think, in the church of the future."

"Are there people in my church community who might not look like your typical intern, but whom this could be a good thing?"

The arrival of a new Pope is a joyful moment for Christians, says Bishop Nick



The Rt Revd Nick Baines has described the election of the new Pope as a joyful occasion for all Christians.

"The election of Pope Leo XIV is a cause for great joy among all Christians," said Bishop Nick.

"His commitment to the good news of Jesus Christ, the sharing of that good news to the world in service, and the consequent love of justice and peace fit him well for his vocation.

"We Anglicans will pray for him and the Roman Catholic Church he leads as we serve together in Christ's name."

The Church bursting into life

Bishop Toby

Sunday, June 8, from midday until 2.30pm, in Bradford's Bowling Park will witness a "Pentecost Party" featuring some of the diversity of the Area's churches and Christians. It will take place in "The Beacon", a touring venue which is part of the 2025 UK City of Culture Programme.

In an echo of the first Pentecost, at which people were heard praising God in languages from around the world, the Party in Bowling Park will bring together singing, testimonies, stories and prayer from, among other places, Nepal, Ghana, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Iran.

There is an awful lot of babble around these days, not least coming out of our smartphones. Much of that babble is divisive and ugly, insulting and seeking to set people against one another. We've seen how this babble can infect community relations, sour our political discourse and how it even encourages violence on our streets.



The church that burst into life that first Pentecost, at which three thousand people were added to the number of disciples in a single day, instead brought people together. Women and men, slaves and free people, poor and rich, Jews and non-Jews, educated Greek-speakers and 'barbarians.' They all met to praise God, to share food together and with the wealthy supporting those who were struggling. A love for Jesus was almost everything that they had in common.

This is our story and our inheritance. Especially when sometimes even the church itself can feel infected by divisive babble on social media, it's good to be reminded of the Person and the story that brings us together, whether in Bowling Park or any of the multitude of churches that are celebrating Pentecost this year across our wonderful and varied diocese.

Ofsted inspectors praise one of our primary schools for its community role

One of our Bradford primary schools in Bradford has been praised by Ofsted inspectors for being "at the very heart of its local community".

St Paul's CE Primary School, Wibsey, was visited in March and a newly-released report said the school has "taken effective action to maintain the standards" which were identified during its last check, when it was rated 'good' overall.

Headteacher Sean Helliwell-Kenny said: "I am extremely proud and very fortunate to be the headteacher of such an amazing school where the children, staff and parents work together to provide the very best education and experiences that all children deserve.

"We're pleased that the Ofsted inspectors were able to see that the children and adults of St Paul's live out the school values every day and so naturally.

"We are equally as proud of our close links to St Paul's church and the outreach work we take part in within the local community."



New hostel for walkers and cyclists opens in a former church



St Michael's Lodge in Hudswell, near Richmond is opening its doors as a new hostel for walkers and cyclists on Saturday.

Over the last 18 months, villagers and local tradespeople have worked hard to restore and repurpose their former parish church as a hostel for walkers and cyclists and the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon stopped off on pilgrimage walk to see work in progress.

Hudswell Community Charity acquired the redundant church from the Church Commissioners in 2023.

Since then they have raised almost £900,000 in grant aid to pay for the conversion work.

The result has seen all the historic features of the building retained, while providing modern accommodation with six ensuite rooms, a resident's lounge and dining area in the former chancel and kitchen in the former vestry.

Annie Sumner, one of the Charity Trustees, explained that "We were very keen that when guests entered the building from the porch, they would be able to see right through to large East Window and up to the wooden ceiling, so the open design and the use of a lot of glass has enabled us to achieve this."

Martin Booth, another trustee added "We wanted to preserve our parish church and keep it accessible and in the ownership of the local community.

"To achieve this, we needed to give it a new use that would generate an income so that we could maintain the building and we also wanted it to be an asset to the village that would support our other community owned businesses - the George and Dragon pub and the Little Shop. We are sure that St Michael's Lodge will fulfil this dream."



Leeds vicar to swim the Channel for charity - in his local pool



Revd Phil Arnold, vicar of Christ Church Upper Armley, will swim the 21 miles of the English Channel, in his local pool in aid of vital church building improvements.

He will swim 5 hours every day for five days consecutively and said: "I approached the Armey Leisure Centre manager, Dean McKenna nine months ago and he agreed to make it happen.

The centre has a brilliant pool, I really enjoy swimming there and it's a hub for healthy living in the Armley community and beyond."

Revd Phil asked for a bit of coaching and was linked with swimming teacher Lucy Miller, and her dad Alan Miller, a top coach who worked with swimmers at the City of Leeds Swimming club at the International Pool and the John Charles Aquatic Centre.

"Suffice to say, I haven't lived up to those lofty heights, but it's been a rewarding journey," said Revd Phil.

The swim is to raise money from the Armley Good Neighbours Project, that seeks to future-proof Christ Church by making improvements to the building with a target of £300,000.

Stepping back

Shirley Stow
Mothers' Union Member

Over the years, I have taken part in many retreats and each has given me something spiritually different to bring away with me. One of the nicest things is meeting up with new people who quickly become friends as we share the days together. Also, cementing closer relationships with those we have previously met perhaps in different situations. The Retreat I joined this year was held at The Briery Retreat and Conference Centre in Ilkley and it was a time for reflection on a variety of topics.

Each day our morning and evening prayers/compline were led by our Mothers' Union chaplain, Rev. Michelle Petch. On our first afternoon together, our Diocesan President, Julia Tum, outlined her priorities for the triennium which stimulated and encouraged us all. Our session topics were:- Building on solid Foundations; Celebrating our Resources; Sharing prayers and ways of praying; Stepping out in Faith and a time for Personal Reflection.



These topics stimulated small group discussions and we brought back the comments made, to our larger group.

All the above Subjects opened our minds to each other's comments and gave us food for thought when on our own in our rooms each evening. Perhaps these subjects could be brought to our local MU meetings occasionally.

An extra bonus from Retreats is sharing food together and The Briery did us proud. In the relaxed atmosphere of their spacious dining room, light-hearted banter could be heard and each meal time we were encouraged to sit with different people which enabled easy conversations with previous strangers!

As we came into the chapel for our final service together on the seat was the name of a person we were encouraged to think about in our prayers when we left. I feel privileged when I include someone who was a stranger when our Retreat began, but is in my prayers each day!

Dales river baptisms for 16 worshippers from Bradford



Baptisms in the River Wharfe at Burnsall Park took place for 16 worshippers from St John's, Bowling during the recent sunny weather.

The riverbank was full of families from far and wide enjoying the sunshine, playing games and firing up barbecues with many watching as the baptisms took place.

Vicar of St John's Bowling Revd Tim Thomas commented: 'It's always very special to welcome new believers into the church through baptism, but especially on a sunny day like today in such a beautiful place!'

"Do you do this often?" asked a woman who had watched from the riverbank. "Just once a year, but we'd love to do more," replied Revd Tim.

Days Out

A visit to Worcester Cathedral

Worcester is a cathedral city. The River Severn flanks the western side of the city centre, overlooked by Worcester Cathedral.

Worcester is the home of Royal Worcester Porcelain, Lea & Perrins (makers of traditional Worcestershire sauce) and Berrow's Worcester Journal, claimed as the world's oldest newspaper. The composer Edward Elgar (1857–1934) grew up in the city.

Worcester is a city in central England's West Midlands region. By the River Severn, the medieval Worcester Cathedral houses royal tombs, a crypt and cloisters. At The Commandery, a museum traces the building's evolution from the Middle Ages through England's Civil War to the 1950s. The timber-framed Tudor House Museum focuses on life in Tudor and 17th-century Worcester, with displays on traditional brewing and weaving.

The Battle of Worcester in 1651 was the final battle of the English Civil War, during which Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army defeated King Charles II's Royalists.



Worcester Cathedral has been a place of worship for fourteen centuries and is dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It has been described as possibly the most interesting of all England's cathedrals, especially architecturally. The first cathedral was founded in 680. Saint Oswald then built another cathedral in 983 and established a monastery attached to it. Saint Wulstan began the present building in 1084, replacing the earlier cathedrals.

During Anglo-Saxon times, Worcester was one of the most important monastic cathedrals in the country. It was a great centre of learning, which continued into the later Middle Ages, when Worcester's Benedictine monks went to university to study theology, medicine, law, history, mathematics, physics and astronomy. Some of the medieval university textbooks still survive in the Cathedral Library today.

King John (1166-1216) the so called 'bad' King John, villain of every good Robin Hood story and famous for sealing Magna Carta, died aged 46 years at Newark Castle, Nottinghamshire. He was buried, at his own request, in Worcester Cathedral and his tomb can be seen near the altar.



The monastery continued until the dissolution by King Henry VIII. The Cathedral was badly damaged in the Civil Wars, and as a consequence a major programme of rebuilding was needed after the Restoration of Charles II. The Victorians carried out the largest restoration from 1854-75.

Worcester has a famous musical tradition. Sir Edward Elgar performed in the Cathedral many times in the famous Three Choirs Festival, an annual choral event which is rotated between the cathedrals of Gloucester, Hereford, and Worcester.





Worcester Cathedral is a beautiful building, steeped in history. Overlooking the River Severn, it is lovely to take a short walk around the back of the Cathedral and sit watching the swans and other wildlife on the river. It is so tranquil.

If you are ever in the area a visit is to be recommended.

If you have enjoyed a day out that you would like to share with our readers please email articles and photographs to janet.laycock@yahoo.com, I would be pleased to publish them.

St Swithun (St Swithun's Day, 15 July)

Saint Swithun was a bishop in Saxon times. He was born in 800 AD in Wessex, the South West of England. He was famous for giving gifts to others and for building churches. He is also known for building a stone bridge over the River Itchen in Winchester, to help the poor cross the river to sell their wares in the city.



Linked to this is the only known miracle during his lifetime. A woman was crossing a bridge when she dropped her basket of eggs, breaking them all. Her crying was said to be heard by St Swithun who immediately repaired the eggs!

His life and death

He was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 AD. Saint Swithun died on July 2nd 862 AD. Legend has it that when he lay on his deathbed, he asked to be buried just outside of the Old Minster where he would be walked on and rained on.

Nine years later, on July 15th 871 AD, his body was moved to a shrine inside the cathedral. According to legend, there was a heavy rainstorm on this night which lasted for 40 days and 40 nights. People believe the storms indicated Saint Swithun's annoyance at being moved.

St Swithun's Day – 15th July

St. Swithun's Day is marked on the day that his body was moved. It is believed that if it rains on this day, it will rain for the next 40 days and if it is dry, it will be followed by 40 days of fine weather.

St. Swithun's Day Rhyme:

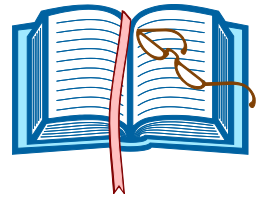
**St. Swithun's day if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain,
St. Swithun's day if thou be fair,
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.**

Thankfully, according to the Met Office, there is no record of 40 dry or 40 wet days following St. Swithun's Day since records began in 1861.

St Swithun Shrine Winchester Cathedral



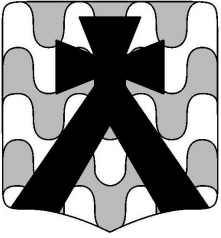
IN MEMORIAM



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

1	Selina Harrison	1985	20	Cynthia Wilson	1977
	Ena Vivian Littlewood	2002		Emily Jane Sutton	1982
2	Phyllis Horton	1984		Albert Conway Haigh	2007
	Joseph Smith	1964	21	Christopher Cawthorn	1946
3	David Peter Surtees	1980		Edith Janet Webster	1965
	Betty Horton	1994		General Redvers Barker	
4	Ethel Chudleigh	1969			1983
5	Ada Winifred Brown	1974	22	Jennie Dowson	1996
	Maureen Henry	1999		Anne Draper	2018
6	David Leslie Young	1995	23	Dudley Pearson England	
	Harriet Ann Sellers	1964			1986
7	Margaret Fuller	1974		Sidney (Jim) Edwards	2001
	Ralph Dawson	1982	24	Thomas Lawrence	
	Mollie Rogers	1996		Chapman	1999
	Louisa (Louie) Clarkson	2007	25	Kneale Huby	1986
9	John Eric Thornton	2004		Mary Emily Harland	2015
	Eric Shaw	2006	26	Fredrick C. Sellers	1968
	William John Round	2014	27	Dorothy Irene	
10	George William			Austerberry	2005
	Hepworth	1983	29	Robert Crabtree	1991
	Geoffrey Brian			Stepan Lukiv	2012
	Schofield	1994			
	Olive Fletcher	2006			
11	Jack Tucker	1996			
13	Tom Rogers	1984			
14	Albert Harland	1964			
	Jane Burden	1982			
15	Nathan John Huscroft	1988			
16	George Leslie Bell	1997			
17	Albert Reynolds	1978			
	Albert Blakeston	1982			
	Philip Olaf Young	1996			
18	Luke Barker (infant)	1994			
19	Frank Strutt	2017			
	Eric Moon	2018			





From the

Baptism

8 June Kylo Stanley Peter Laycock

Shine as a light in the world



Funeral

27 May Allen Haigh 84 yrs St B

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

When At Your Heart Should Be Sad

PC Pontefract Crematorium
St B St Botolph's Church

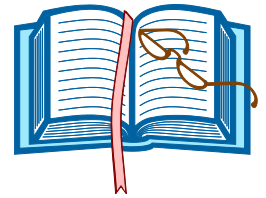
When at heart you should be sad,
Pondering the joys we had,
Listen and keep very still.
If the lowing from the hill
Or the toiling of a bell
Do not serve to break the spell,
Listen: you may be allowed
To hear my laughter from a cloud.

Sir Walter Raleigh



Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	Thomas Carr	1967	19	George Wadsworth	1966
2	Edward Cockcroft	1993		William Moon	1988
3	Betty Metcalfe	1998		John Frost	1997
5	David Poskitt	2016		Granville Daw	2006
7	Edna Heald	1989		Paul Raynor	2024
	Mollie Ridge	1999			
8	Jacqueline Annot Smith		20	Bertha Robinson	1996
		1980	21	Dorothy Suggett	1960
	Jamie Robert Kowalczyk		22	Roland Alan Collins	1956
		2002		Percy Tate	1981
	Beatrice Alice Teal	1997	23	William Shaw	1994
10	Joseph Frederick Rhodes		26	Hilda Morrell	1988
		1949	27	Winifred Jane	
	Thomas Hughes	2016		Hambrook	1987
11	James Bartle-Smith	1996	28	Pete Etherington	1997
	Patricia Mary			Granville Crabtree	1997
	Waddington	2017	29	Henry Banfield Probert	
13	Elsie Burton	1992			1978
14	Eva Webster Reynolds			Frank Hughes	1998
		1995	30	Charles Edward Shaw	
	Leonard Stephen				1980
	Hodgson	2000		Albert Murgatroyd	1987
15	Agnes Hartley	1942	31	Diana, Princess of Wales	
	Albert Adams	2003			1997
	James Edward Betchette				
		2008			
16	Richard Elliot	1978			
	Alice Tate	1988			
	Eileen Patricia Hall	1992			
17	Edith Rhodes	1961			
18	James Fawcett Harker				
		1970			



Holy Days and Commemoration

July

2 Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

3 Thomas the Apostle

6 TRINITY III

7 Thomas Becket, Martyr, 117

13 TRINITY IV

15 Swithun, Bishop

18 Nelson Mandela Day

20 TRINITY V

22 Mary Magdalene

25 James the Apostle

27 TRINITY VI

29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus

31 Joseph of Arimathea

August

3 TRINITY VII

5 Oswald, King and Martyr, 642

6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord

10 TRINITY VIII

15 The Assumption of the Virgin Mary
VJ Day 1945

17 TRINITY IX

20 William and Catherine Booth

24 Bartholomew the Apostle

29 The Beheading of John the Baptist

30 John Bunyan, Writer, 1688

31 TRINITY XI

Eucharist Readings

6 July

TRINITY III

To be confirmed

Galatians 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11,16-20

13 July

TRINITY IV

To be confirmed

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

20 July

TRINITY V

To be confirmed

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10: 38-42

27 July

TRINITY VI

To be confirmed

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

3 August

TRINITY VII

To be confirmed

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

10 August

TRINITY VIII

To be confirmed

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

17 August

TRINITY IX

To be confirmed

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

24 August

TRINITY X

Readings to be
confirmed

31 August

TRINITY XI

To be confirmed

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

What's On?

The Aire Benefice

5 July Womersley, St Martin: Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon

12 July Ferrybridge, St Andrew: Summer Fair, 11am - 2pm

26 July Brotherton, St Edward the Confessor, Summer Fair, 11am - 2 pm

**27 July Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)**

2 August Womersley, St Martin: Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon

**31 August Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)**

6 September Womersley, St Martin: Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon

13 September Heritage Day, St Botolph's Church Open 11am - 2pm

**26 September Knottingley, St Botolph: Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon
Pie and Pea Supper, 4.30 - 6.30pm**

*please
join us*



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



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