

# St Botolph's Church Magazine

June 2025

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# Knottingley



# Parish News

# The Parish Church

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## Knottingley Parish News

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# of Knottingley

## Sunday Services:

**Parish Eucharist 10.00am**  
(all the family are welcome)

**Holy Days** - As announced

**Contact us: 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

7, 21, 28 June Bacon butties in the Parish Room

14 June Church Summer Fayre, 10am - 2pm

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

The Editor

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

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**September:- 10 August 2025**

**October:- 7 September 2025**

Dear Friends,

Life is full of ups and downs, and so is the Church!

40 days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, the risen Jesus leaving earth and going up to live and reign with God the Father. Then 50 days after Easter Sunday we arrive at Pentecost, when we remember and celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples of Jesus, which was the birth of the Church. On the first Pentecost God breathed life into the Church so that it could become all that he wanted it to be.

There is such a thing as an inflatable church - a sort of bouncy castle but in the shape of a church, with pews, an altar, even an organ! (If you search on the internet you can see some photos of them). They are fabulous visual examples of why the Church needs the Holy Spirit to fill it. The inflatable church without any air inside it is flat and lifeless, and definitely not fit for purpose, but with air inside it is a place of joy and fun and excitement for all.

We can't see the Holy Spirit, but when the Church is full of the Holy Spirit, or when we are full of the Holy Spirit, we can see how real and powerful God's Spirit is. A bit like the inflatable church, we are full of joy and hope and peace and excitement and wonder and love.

Pentecost reminds how much God loves us, and that we need his Spirit. Full of the Holy Spirit we are empowered and are able to show others what God's love and life and power are like in real life.

Enjoy Pentecost this year on 8th June, and remember that your church is there to celebrate the 'ups' in life with you, as well as to support you in the 'downs'.

God bless,  
Mother Sharon







St Botolph's Parish Room

Saturday Mornings in June

Bacon Butties and tea/coffee

June 7th, 21st and 28th

10am - 12 noon

Do come along for a chat and a cuppa

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## Request

Our Summer Fayre takes place on 14th June.

If anyone has any raffle or tombola prizes, bottles or any other donations please pass them on to any member of the congregation or contact Linda or Janet to arrange collection.

We are having a cake stall so any baking will be gratefully received on the day.

If anyone would like to run a stall please contact us.

We hope to welcome you to our Fayre, do come along for a cuppa or a chat.



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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.*

### **Proverbial Thoughts**

“Everything comes to those him who waits”  
We’re always led to believe,  
“Honesty’s the best policy”  
“Truth will out, if you deceive”.

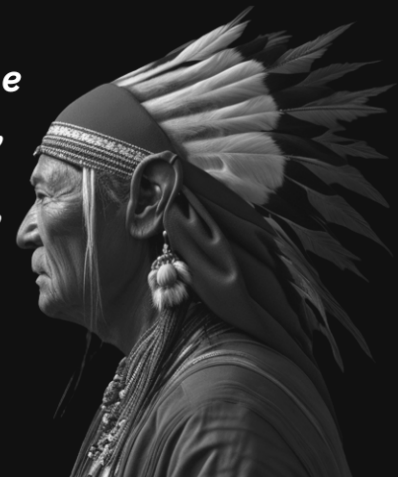
“Love makes the world go round”  
It brightens up the day,  
“Hearts may agree, though heads differ”  
Surely, “Love will find a way.”

“There’s no time like the present”  
A thought second to nine.  
“Never too late to do well”,  
“No sooner said than done.”

“A trouble shared is a trouble halved”  
Isn’t that what they say?  
“A friend in need is a friend indeed.”  
“Where there’s a will there’s a way.”

*“Walk tall as the trees; live as strong as the mountains, be gentle as the spring winds, keep the summer sun in your heart, and the Great Spirit will always be with you.”*

**-Native American Proverb**



**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**

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

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

Additional short inscription (if required) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DETAILS OF PERSON REQUESTING ENTRY**

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Date request received \_\_\_\_\_



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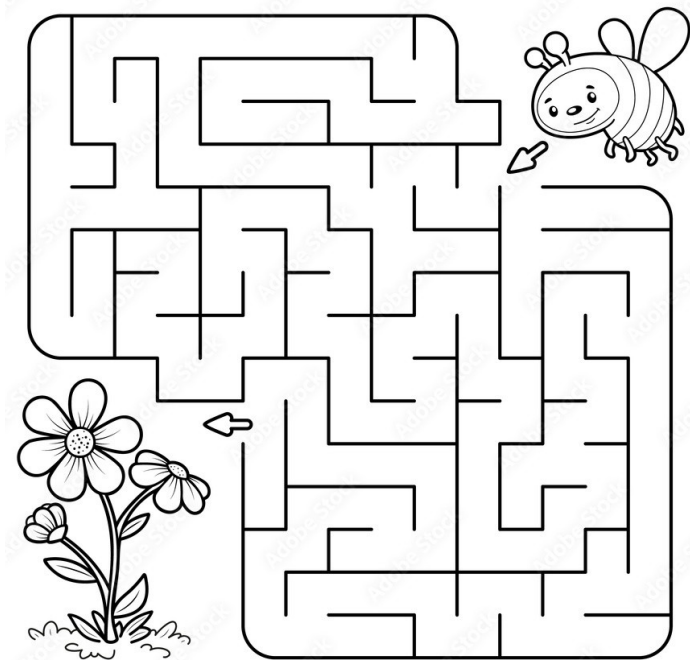
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A picture to  
colour

# 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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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).

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Call in for your shopping or a tasty meal.



## Children's Activity Day at St Botolph's

How lovely it was to welcome so many children and adults to our activity day on Good Friday. Lots of fun on the Easter Egg Hunt, decorating eggs, planting seeds, making cards and scratch art crosses. There was also a raffle ensuring that every child had an Easter Egg to take home.

There was also time to relax and enjoy a cuppa and a chat, with a slice of cake for those who were tempted.



Thanks to Charlotte for making it all happen, to all the helpers on the day, the bakers and those who served refreshments. Also thank you to Rachael at Ferrybridge Community Centre and to Claire from Housing for the Easter Eggs.

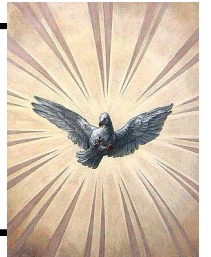


# Calendar - June 2025

**1st SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

7th Sat Bacon butties and tea/coffee, 10am - 12 noon

**8th PENTECOST  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am  
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14th Sat St Botolph's Summer Fayre, 10am - 2pm

**15th TRINITY SUNDAY  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**



21st Sat Bacon butties and tea/coffee, 10am - 12 noon

**22nd SUNDAY - TRINITY 1  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

28th Sat Bacon butties and tea/coffee, 10am - 12 noon

**29th SUNDAY - TRINITY 2  
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

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## Church Rotas



1 June	Renée	Edna	Mark
8 June	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
15 June	Glenis	Ann	Colin
22 June	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
29 June	Renée	Edna	Mark
6 July	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
13 July	Glenis	Ann	Colin
20 July	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
27 July	Renée	Edna	Mark



# **St Botolph's Church Knottingley**

## **Summer Fayre**

**Saturday 14th June 2025  
10.00 am - 2.00pm**

**Various stalls including:  
Books, Bric-a-brac, Raffle,  
Tombola, Cakes and many more.  
Refreshments**

# **Everyone Welcome**

# Bottery



## Club

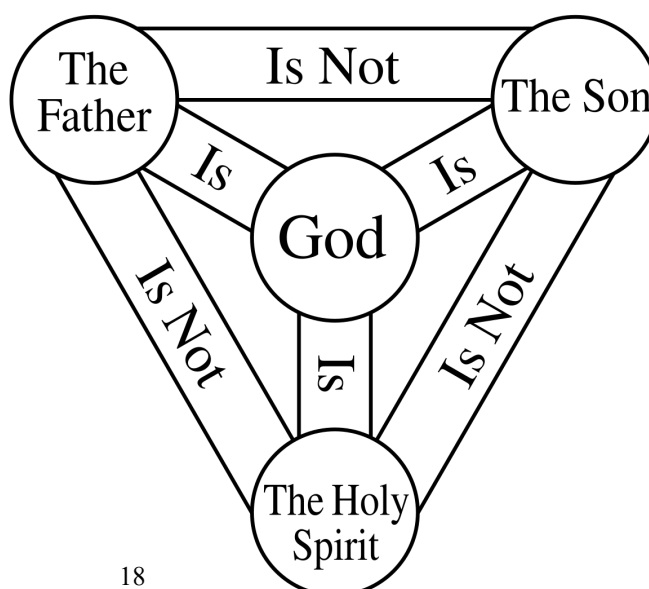
Membership costs £1 per week per number and the draw takes place in the Parish Rooms after the Sunday morning service

6 April	66	Lesley Tucker	£40
	61	Anne Barker	£10
13 April	25	Linda Brown	£40
	116	Jennifer Atha	£10
20 April	55	Joan Haigh	£40
	84	Jean Hoaksey	£10
27 April	30	Avril Chisem	£40
	20	Janice Daniels	£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.

### The Holy Trinity



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Tuesday and Friday 10am – 12noon

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We rely on donations!

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Tinned Veg/fruit, Long Life  
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fish, Biscuits, Sugar,  
Tinned Soup

## Volunteer

We rely on volunteers and we  
have some amazing people who  
volunteer with Knottingley  
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volunteer please do  
get in touch

Contact via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or Email  
[manager@knottingley.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:manager@knottingley.foodbank.org.uk)



## St Botolph's Parish Giving Scheme

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

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



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

Further details can be found here: [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

**The PGS makes it possible for donors to:**  
**Donate monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit**  
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**You can set up a Direct Debit to donate regularly to St Botolph's:**

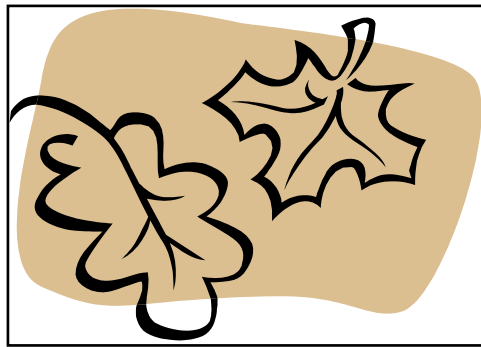
**via gift form available from Richard Bagley (Treasurer).**

**Tel: 07396598237. Email: [richardbagley99@gmail.com](mailto:richardbagley99@gmail.com)**

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

**The 3rd Saturday of each month**

**21 June 2025**

**10am until 12 noon**

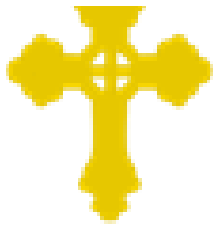
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**The Knottingley Club**



**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  
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](http://www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk)

Website: [www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk](http://www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk)

### **Events**

29 June

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

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Tel: 01977 671415

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### **Womersley**

#### **Church of St Martin**

Sunday Mass 11am

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings  
contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415



### **Events**

7 June 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



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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.

What a wonderful time the girls had at Gulliver's Valley. They slept over and for some girls it was their first sleepover. They all did very well, their behaviour was excellent, they had lots of fun, worked well together, made new friends and had new experiences. The girls created music drumming, had animal encounters and enjoyed some exciting rides. There were about 120 of us altogether sharing the experience.



Our first meeting this half term was arranged by one of our Guides and it was all about Space; finding out about the planets and designing aliens. We all thanked Heidi for arranging such a great evening.



The girls are following the Know Myself theme this term and they started it off by looking at family trees, going on a walk to explore local history and thought about Human Rights.

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.

## Memories of June

The drone of bumblebees,  
The cry of darting swifts,  
Sweet honeysuckle's evening air:  
June's constant summer gifts.

A sky that's brushed with feather clouds,  
White shining on the blue;  
Wind-painted patterns drifting by,  
Our perfect evening view.

Hot noonday sun that burns the earth,  
Tall trees that lend us shade;  
Warm June nights when the moon is full:  
These memories never fade.

*Elizabeth Brown*





## Friends of St Botolph's Parish Room

We had our last Lent Lunch on Maundy Thursday, the group decided to have an afternoon tea. It was a lovely afternoon tea thank you to all the ladies who made it such an enjoyable afternoon.

All members of the group had a nice time, everyone was given an Easter Egg, we had a raffle then played bingo.

The total raised for Martin House Hospice was £440, what an excellent amount, not as much as previous years but we were happy to send this amount to Martin House.

Love from Friends x



We have had some comfortable chairs donated to the group. We would like to thank Enfinium, Ferrybridge for their generous gift.



## A Thank You from Martin House

Dear Friends of St Botolph's Church,

Thank you so much for your kind donation £440 raised from your Lent lunches, with your help, we can continue to provide expert hospice care to families across West, North and East Yorkshire.

No one wants to end up in hospital, but children and young people with life-shortening conditions can find themselves in a hospital bed more often than most people. However, Martin House can sometimes provide an alternative by offering a symptom control stay. If, for example, a child is experiencing distressing symptoms, or having unpleasant side effects from medication, they could benefit from coming to Martin House instead of a hospital stay.

A symptom control stay allows our specialist doctors to monitor a child's condition over a few days, so they can get to the root of the problem and provide solutions, all in a calm and homely environment. It also means parents can stay with their child and be looked after, with a comfortable bedroom to sleep in, and homemade meals, while our care team concentrates on helping their child. It's only thanks to your support that we can offer this vital care to families when they need it most

With kindest regards,  
Jessica

Jessica Otway  
Fundraising Coordinator  
01937 844569



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## Plant Sale

Well, 4 May 2025 dawned with lovely weather, an ideal day to hold a Plant Sale.

Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day in any way: to John, Ron and Geoff for the plants, Linda for making the bacon sandwiches and endless cups of tea and coffee, Anne for help in the kitchen, Michael and Mary for the tasty baking, Janice for the raffle, Ray for helping to make everyone feel welcome and his help with setting up and clearing away and Glenis and Ann for their stall.

We also need to thank everyone who came along to support our day; we hope you enjoyed it. It certainly was lovely to see you all.

We made a tremendous £702.79 for church funds.

We were also given a generous donation of £50 towards the renovation of our stained class windows. We are very grateful.



# The Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity is a central Christian doctrine stating that God exists as one being in three distinct, co-equal persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit. These three persons are believed to share one divine essence and are united in love and purpose.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

## **God the Father:**

The creator and sustainer of all things, often seen as the source of the divine.

## **God the Son (Jesus Christ):**

The incarnation of God in human form, who came to earth to offer salvation through his death and resurrection.

## **God the Holy Spirit:**

The active presence of God in the world, empowering believers and guiding them toward God.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a key point of distinction between Christianity and other religions, particularly Abrahamic religions like Judaism and Islam, which primarily adhere to monotheism (belief in one God).

The Trinity is considered a mystery, meaning that while it is believed to be true, it cannot be fully understood or explained by human reason alone.

## **The Holy Trinity**



## Suicide? No Way! (Part 2)

I was prepared for the Policeman beside Martin's bed but not totally prepared for the patient. Martin's left arm was in plaster and both his hands were bandaged. He was propped up by pillows and his chest was covered in cuts, bruises and plasters. His left leg was protected by a cage. There was a large plaster on his left temple; his face was grazed and scratched and he had two black eyes. I sat down quickly.

"Drew." The word was a mere whisper. Martin's eyes were open but only just.

"Easy, Martin." My voice didn't sound normal at all.

"Lynne?"

"She's with Aunt Helen."

"Tell her – I'm sorry." He was having difficulty talking. His breathing was shallow; his lips were swollen, and there was a gap where he had lost a tooth.

"Don't try to talk."

"I – must. I – hit him, Drew. He said – said I wanted Lynne – myself."

"Martin –" In an agony of despair I tried to interrupt. The Policeman must be taking all this down and he was condemning himself.

"He's no good. He – must have – followed me. Pushed me --- I fell – Drew – don't – don't –" He tried to sit forward. His face contorted with pain. With a little gasp, he fell back, unconscious.

I stood on the cliff top at the North end of town and stared unseeingly to the horizon. Martin would recover, but he would be lame for the rest of his life.

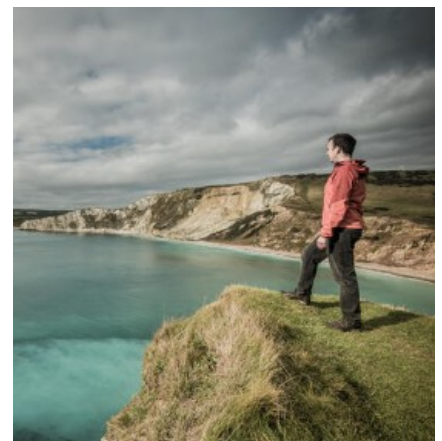
"Don't get too near, Mister," a voice said, close by "a man fell over there, yesterday."

I turned, slowly, to find a boy of about eleven, watching me anxiously.

I tried to smile reassuringly. "Yes. I know."

He gazed solemnly at my face. "He looked a bit like you," he pronounced.

"He's my brother."



“Is he – dead?”

“He’s going to be alright.”

The boy looked relieved. What he had said suddenly registered with me. “He looked a bit like you.”

“Did you see him?”

He nodded and looked scared.

“When they brought him up?”

“No, when he fell.”

I put my hand on his shoulder. “Did you see what happened?”

“You’re hurting me,” he protested.

“I’m sorry. You said ‘when he fell’. You’re sure he fell? He didn’t – “  
It took me all my time to say the word. “He didn’t – jump?”

Dumbly he shook his head. He was looking even more scared now.

“What’s your name?”

“Johnnie,” he whispered.

“Johnnie,” I tried to remain calm, “Johnnie, my brother said he was pushed. Did you see anybody push him?”

Again, he shook his head. My hand fell to my side. My face must have shown my despair.

“Mister, it’s wrong to make somebody fall over a cliff, isn’t it?”

“Yes, Johnnie.”

“And it’s wrong to steal, isn’t it?”

“Yes,” I said, only half-listening.

“My mates dared me. If the Police catch me –” he gulped, “Mister will you help me?”

I hardly heard him. I was ‘seeing’ Martin in that hospital bed. A hand clutched my arm.

“Mister, will you help me?”

I looked at the lad. He was trying hard not to cry. I squatted on my heels so that we were face to face. “What’s wrong, Johnnie?”

“I saw what happened. It was the man with the catapult. I c-can’t go to the P – Police. They’ll send me away.” He was sobbing now and I had difficulty in understanding him.

“Why, Johnnie?”

“I p-pinched them. From – from the sh-shop on the s-spa.”

Gradually, the story came out. His classmates had dared him to



steal a pair of binoculars from one of the local shops. As he ran off with them the owner had seen him.

He had been looking through them when he had seen Martin walking along the cliff top. Martin had stopped at the edge of the cliff, staring out to sea. Into his sight had come a man with a catapult. Johnnie had watched him fit a large stone into the sling, take aim and fire. The stone had caught Martin in the middle of his back and pushed him over.

“What did you do with the binoculars?” I asked.

“They’re at home in my bedroom.”

It was a relief to know that he still had them.



WE collected them and I took him down to the shop. He was very reluctant to go in with me. The owner obviously recognised him. I forestalled what he was going to say. “My nephew would like to explain something,” I said.

Hesitantly, Johnnie, explained about the dare. He also explained that he hadn’t slept very well either. The owner didn’t know whether to believe him or not.

I took out my wallet. “I have a particular reason for wanting to keep the binoculars, so, if you’ll just tell me how much they are -?”

“They weren’t that much , Mr Brandon,” Johnnie said after we left.

“Never mind. I want the Police to know the truth.”

Johnnie told the Police the truth. He even gave a good description of the man with the catapult. Something Martin had said a few days earlier drifted into my mind. “I hate getting a man the sack. Especially when he has a family.”

“Has your step-brother any enemies, Mr Brandon?”

I looked at the Inspector. “Martin works for a firm of auditors. I think he may have been instrumental in causing a resignation recently.”

From then on the investigation moved quickly. Martin was upset when he learned who had tried to kill him ‘Lawrence Trent? Oh, no, poor devil.”



He was still in hospital, and likely to be for some time, yet, but he was much better than when I first visited him. "I think he's pleading diminished responsibility," I told him.

"Yes, I'd agree with that."

I looked at my step-brother. "You found him out; he killed Dennis; tried to kill you; framed you – and you still feel sorry for him?"

Martin explained. "He wasn't stealing for himself. He had a son who was incurable ill. He needed special treatment. That is why he was asked to resign and not prosecuted. He wrote to ask me not to tell the firm. He said he wouldn't take any more money. I wrote back to tell him that it was too late. The firm had suspected him, I had only confirmed their suspicions. He must have put the last part of the letter in my pocket, somewhere on the way through town. I was carrying my jacket over my shoulder.

"The child died," I said, "He came to the bungalow to tell you. He wanted you to feel guilty. He overheard your quarrel with Lynne and followed you."

Martin coloured slightly.

"I went onto the cliff-top to cool down."

Lynne must have rung Dennis. He came to me, determined to make trouble. He accused me of wanting my step-sister incestuously. I knocked him down and walked away."

"Trent pretended to go to his aid and knocked him out," I told him, "There was no-one about so he rolled him over the edge of the cliff onto the rocks and followed you. Johnnie said he picked up a large stone for the job. Judging by the bruise, it looked like half a brick."

"I thought someone had pushed me. Thank goodness for that ledge."

"Thank goodness Johnnie pinched those binoculars," I said heartily.

"I only hope he doesn't think he did something wonderful, there."

"I don't think he'll do it again. He's decided he wants to join the Police Force when he grows up." I stood up. "I'd better go before they throw me out."

I turned to leave and found Lynne standing in the doorway. I looked back at Martin. He held out his hand. She advanced, slowly, then, suddenly, she was on her knees, by the bed, clinging to him, sobbing her heart out. Martin waved me away.

by *D Kaye*

## One can be significant

### *Luke 15:10*

"In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The number one can seem insignificant. Imagine 1 sheep out of 100 or 1 coin out of 10. One seems like very little in the grand scheme of things. But then think about one positive remark, one well-executed goal, one precious new life. Do you see the impact of Jesus' words?

One can make a tremendous difference for good. One by one, Jesus healed. One by one, Jesus invites us into a deeper relationship with him and with the Father. And it was the One, Jesus Christ, who saved the world. Each and every person is precious in God's eyes, and as disciples we are called to recognise the great value of everyone.

### **Prayer**

**God of all mercy and compassion, help me see with your eyes, that I may see the one most in need of your presence today and every day.**



# Diocesan News

## May 2025

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### Celebrations of new Archdeacon, Canon Pastor and Honorary Canon at Ripon



The Ven Dr James Theodosius, Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven, was recently collated and installed at Ripon Cathedral alongside their new Canon Pastor, the Revd Canon Wendy Dalrymple, and a new Honorary Canon, the Revd Canon Sue McWhinney.

Ven James knows the Ripon area well, as during the last ten years he was Vicar of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale, then served at Holy Trinity, Skipton, where he was also Area Dean.

A strong advocate for rural ministry, he is keen to ensure that the urban and rural are thoughtfully integrated in ways which echo the good news of the gospel.

Revd Canon Wendy comes from Canterbury Cathedral, where she was a Precentor,

heading up worship and events.

Serving her curacy in Mirfield, Revd Wendy became the first chaplain to the Sir Robert Woodard Academy in Lancing, West Sussex.

She then spent three years in the Guildford Diocese as Priest-in-Charge of a rural benefice, and eight years as Rector of All Saints with Holy Trinity, in Loughborough, and has served as an Area Dean, Chair of House of Clergy and as a General Synod representative.

The Revd Sue McWhinney is Associate Priest at St Michael the Archangel, Kirkby-in-Malhamdale, sometimes called the "Cathedral in the Dales", in the Upper Aire Benefice (the churches of Gargrave, Coniston Cold, and Kirkby Malham).



Special event marks the successful renewal of St Oswald's tower



The restored tower of St Oswald's, Askrigg, complete with new rendering, was blessed by Bishop Anna at a special event to mark the successful end of an inspiring project.

"After over a decade of hard work in research, planning and fundraising, the historic tower of St Oswald's in Askrigg is now restored and returned to how she was intended to be - a beacon in the landscape, physically and spiritually," said Revd Dave Clark on behalf of all involved.

"The workmanship and skill from all those involved is truly wonderful and it's right to thank the Lord for blessing us with such a marvellous team and for keeping everyone safe during the work."

More than 200 people attended the special commemoration event, including the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon, who blessed and consecrated the restored tower.



# Church grants scheme launched to kick start affordable housing plans

Parishes hoping to build affordable homes for their communities on pockets of church land – or as part of schemes such as rebuilding parish halls – are being invited to apply for grants to pay for expert advice from a new £3.2 million fund.

Funding of up to £25,000 towards the cost of architect, consultant and other professional fees needed to assess the feasibility of housing proposals on church land, will be supported through the Church of England scheme with some grants contributing to the cost of navigating the planning process.

John Knox, diocesan Director of Business Planning & Head of Property said his team were ready to support such projects in our parishes.

"This new scheme represents a great opportunity to gain financial support to help get things off the ground – quite literally.

"While this is a national initiative, we are always here ready with local expertise and advice," said John.

The funding comes from an overall grant of £4.25 million over five years to help dioceses and parishes in building homes on their land as a response to the housing crisis.

A newly-formed Church of England Housing Project team, led by Beki Winter, formerly of the Housing Justice charity, is



now actively seeking parishes interested in, or already working on, developing homes that address the needs of their communities.

"Many parishes have issues with their buildings or property, but don't always realise that these problems could be opportunities to provide some housing," she said.

"For example, an outdated church hall could be rebuilt to include a few flats above it, or a surplus car park could be redeveloped to provide some social homes.

"There are many creative ways to use church land or property to provide housing for people in need, whilst improving community facilities or bolstering parish finances."

The grants programme runs alongside expert guidance for Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) that are interested in exploring how they could manage their property differently and provide homes for those in need.

Church leaders or PCC members interested in requesting support from the Housing Project team, or who would like to share their own experience of providing housing, should email [HousingProject@churchofengland.org](mailto:HousingProject@churchofengland.org).

## Bishop Smitha leads positive conversations about faith this Lent

The public conversations have been between the Rt Revd Smitha Prasadham, Bishop of Huddersfield, and a range of guest, talking about faith in the public square.

The 2025 series of talks began with a discussion with Dr Edward Kessler, a Cambridge academic and expert on the Abrahamic Faiths, talking about interfaith work and the possibility of positive change when given time and courage.

Bishop Smitha then spoke with Professor Adeeba Malik, High Sheriff of West Yorkshire.

Bishop Smitha also spoke to Alison Lowe MBE, a passionate black woman from Yorkshire with two gay children and who has served as Chief Executive of Touchstone, a mental health and wellbeing charity, Chair of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, and represented Armley as an Elected Member on Leeds City Council.

The final session was with Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, lawyer, politician, and a member of the House of Lords, and who served as Co-chairwoman of the Conservative party from 2010 – 2012 and is a former Minister of State for Faith and Communities.



## Special events to celebrate our ministry to children and young people



Building on last year's success, the Diocesan Children, Young People and Families Team is hosting TEND 2025 events to celebrate and support everyone involved in this vital area of churches' ministry.

"Sharing Stories" is the theme of this year's events that will gather people together to:

- Thank them for all that they do
- Encourage confidence and equip them in this work
- Provide a space in which people can Network and share with one another
- Enable people to reflect on what they will do next

"TEND events give an opportunity for us to thank, affirm and celebrate the many volunteers, leaders and employed workers from churches across our diocese," said Liz Morton Children, Young People and Families Team Leader.

"Every year it is wonderful to meet new volunteers as well as welcome back people who have attended before – the workshops and speakers give a

chance for us to learn together and share ideas, whilst the opportunity to meet others with similar interests to share ideas and stories is exciting. We are really looking forward to the days."

"Sharing Stories" will explore ways that we share the Christian story with children and young people, considering how we are encouraging one another with stories of what God is doing and how we share the story of children's/youth ministry with the wider church.

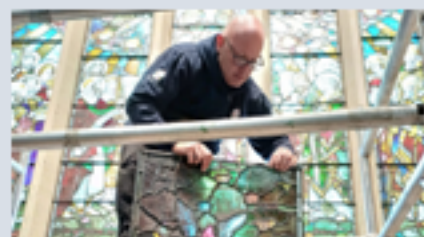
There will be a range of workshops exploring these topics, as well as a keynote talk from Huw Thomas, Director of Education for the Diocese of Sheffield, spaces to chat and share with others involved in this work, opportunities for prayer and reflection, and delicious refreshments.

The events this year are taking place on:

- Saturday, June 7 at Christ Church, Skipton (BD23 2NB)
- Saturday, September 6 at St George's Church, Lupset (WF2 8AA)

Both events are identical, so people can go to whichever one is more convenient, and they are free to attend.

Get support with applications to the National Lottery Heritage Fund this spring



How your church can make the best application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for their support for building works is the topic of two upcoming support sessions hosted by the Diocese of Leeds.

The diocese wants to encourage parishes to grasp such opportunities with confidence, and to support them in their efforts, in line with our Barnabas strategy, which is why we have organised these sessions with Sarah Ledjmi, Heritage Fund Engagement Manager.

The Heritage 2033 strategy has included the introduction of four new investment principles to guide decision making through open funding programmes, and you can learn more about these, as well as good practice guidance and tips on how to apply to the NLHF, at one of two workshops being hosted by the diocese this spring.

The two sessions are at:

- St Giles Pontefract on Thursday, May 15, 6pm – 8pm
- St Mary Masham on Tuesday, May 20, 2pm – 4pm



## Give thanks for the sheep

Revd Stephen Dawson  
Vicar of Langcliffe with  
Stainforth & Horton

Sheep are part of our landscape, and they created the views we enjoy today by strimming up after fussier cows.

A Swaledale tup symbolises the national park but we heard at St Oswald's lambing service that the ancestor of all sheep is the meaty Mouflon of Mesopotamia. It was brought here by Neolithic farmers and their domesticated animals replaced hunter-gathering. Later the Romans brought 'woollies' and by the Middle Ages wool had become white gold. Cities were built on its trade and monasteries ran flocks that uncovered limestone pavements.

In 1800 the focus shifted back to meat. Victorian farmers with 250 sheep and farmhands were regarded as rich but today the same farms struggle to break even with 850 sheep and no staff. Farms have merged or offer holidays in old shepherds' huts. The future is uncertain as the consumption of meat has fallen since 2012 due to



changing diets and concerns about over-grazing.

For their part, churches value farmers and their work in tending the landscape. Farms with one cut of grass enable other species, from wildflowers to curlews, to flourish and the National Farmers' Union reminds us that farming families fill rural schools with children and serve as governors, councillors and churchwardens. They rarely go on holiday and help their communities in myriad other ways. It would be tragic if industrialised farms, producing more from the same acreage, led to people leaving the Dales.

As Easter gives way to Rogationtide churches give thanks for all who work the land and hold lambing services. We will recall Biblical ancestors like Moses, moving sheep when he came across someone guarding an eternal flame, and King David who wrote, 'The Lord's My Shepherd.' Both those characters were given new jobs in changing times.

## Trinity MAT wins Green Trust of the Year Award



One of our Multi Academy Trusts has won the Multi Academy Trust Association Green Trust of the Year Award.

The Trinity Multi Academy Trust covers six secondary schools, four primary schools, and a post-16 college, with 1300 staff and 8000 pupils across West Yorkshire.

In 2022 they launched their Earthshot Initiative, aiming to build a waste-free world by ensuring all school waste is reused or recycled, fix the climate by achieving Eco-Schools Green Flag Accreditation, revive oceans by eradicating all single-use plastic within Trinity MAT, clean the air by incentivising the buying of an electric vehicle for all staff and protect nature by decreasing the number of staff and pupils opting for meat dishes.

Their hard work has been recognised by the Multi Academy Trust Association, with their recent win of the Green Trust of the Year Award.

## **Saints Philip and James were both among the Twelve Apostles of Jesus.**



Philip seems to have been an enthusiastic person. He was the one who brought his friend Nathanael to Jesus, insisting to Nathanael that he had found the person about whom Moses had written.

Some years later it was Philip who made arrangements, with the help of Andrew, to have a group of Greek Gentiles brought to Jesus. Philip the apostle is not to be confused with the deacon Philip of Acts 8, who preached in Samaria and baptized the Ethiopian, although some writers say that they are the same person.

Philip also had a practical, down-to-earth mind. He was the apostle who commented that it would take a considerable amount of money to feed a crowd of more than 5,000 hungry men, women, and children. It was Philip who asked to see the Father when Jesus spoke about him at the Last Supper.

James was the son of Alphaeus and seems to have been born in Caesarea. He is mentioned less frequently in the New Testament than Philip is. Sometimes James is called the Less, which might be a hint that he was a short person or else that he was younger

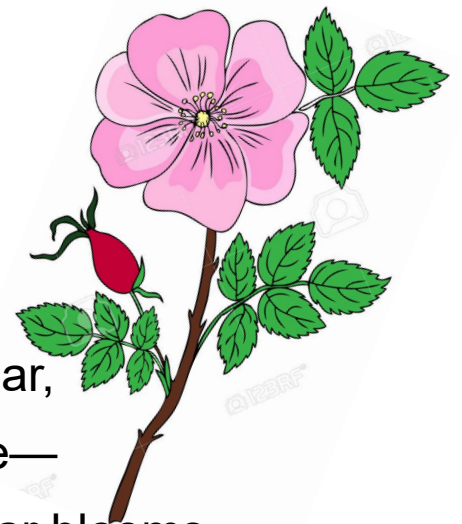
than the other apostle named James.

After Jesus' death James continued to preach the Gospel and is believed to have become the first bishop of Jerusalem. Assuming that James and the first bishop of Jerusalem are one and the same person, then he met his death as a martyr in that city about the year 62 AD.

Tradition identifies James as the author of the epistle associated with his name.

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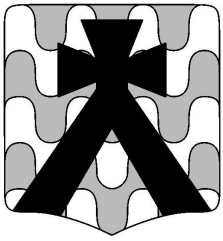
### **Love and Friendship by Emily Brontë**



Love is like the wild rose-briar,  
Friendship like the holly-tree—

The holly is dark when the rose-briar blooms  
But which will bloom most constantly?  
The wild rose-briar is sweet in spring,  
Its summer blossoms scent the air;  
Yet wait till winter comes again  
And who will call the wild-briar fair?  
Then scorn the silly rose-wreath now  
And deck thee with the holly's sheen,  
That when December blights thy brow  
He still may leave thy garland green.





# From the

## Baptism

27 April Deacon Gary-Alan Mawson

4 May Lily Morritt-Hayes

Shine as a light in the world



## Funeral

22 April Jeanne Valerie Baker 78yrs St B

**May she rest in peace and rise in glory**

## When At Your Heart Should Be Sad

PC Pontefract Crematorium  
St B St Botolph's Church

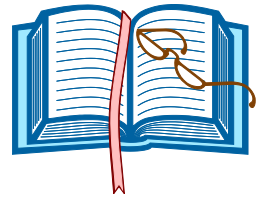
When at heart you should be sad,  
Pondering the joys we had,  
Listen and keep very still.  
If the lowing from the hill  
Or the toiling of a bell  
Do not serve to break the spell,  
Listen: you may be allowed  
To hear my laughter from a cloud.

**Sir Walter Raleigh**



# Parish Registers

## IN MEMORIAM



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

2	Adino Tunningley	1998		Joseph Raynor	1987
	Margaret Ann Carr	2000	15	Eva Barker	1977
	Lee Robert Johnson	2018		Eric Wormald	1997
3	Ernest Charles Haigh	1963		Beatrice Cotton	2007
	Elsie Baxter	1982		Clarice Hemingway	2009
4	Roland Cartwright	1971		David Scatchard Moon	2020
	Norris Vause	1991		Dorothy Aaron	2011
5	William Horton	1976	16	Frank George Cotton	1977
	Constance Mary Elliott	1991		Dennis Vause	1979
	Norman Clayton	2022		Peter Coultas	1984
6	John Eddie Thornton	1991		Doris Conroy	2006
	Ronald Grayson	1992		Barbara Georgina	
	Samuel Fowles	1993		Austerberry	2017
	Doris Sharp	1998		William Swingley	2021
	Roger Rowling	2008	17	Victor Hargraves	2000
7	Alfred Charles Reeves	1974		Ian Hodgson	2010
	Colin Mowbray	1998	19	Marjorie Henry	1977
8	John Henry Brown	1991		Christopher Stuart	
	Miriam Branford	1962		Penistone	2010
	Jane Hibbitt	2021		Elsie Moon	1987
9	Dean Robinson	1979		Leonard Frederick Mitchell	
	Sharon Briggs	1998			2019
	John Penty	2008	20	Clive Monks	1998
10	Charles Thomas Askin	1974	21	Harry Williamson	1975
	Evelyn Mary Hawkins	2021		George Henry Bedworth	1982
11	Edith Ramskill	1966		Tracy Cuttle	2002
	Clifford Samuel Walker	1986	22	Marjorie Durkin	1987
	Vera Evelyn Lowe	2007		Hilda May Wren	1996
	Beryl Charlesworth	2012		Sidney Downing	1999
12	Kathleen Lightowler	1978	23	John Fairbairn K.I.A.	1944
	Elsie Miller	1986	24	Frank Buckley	1991
	Joseph Stones	1993	26	Tom Tunningley	1975
	Stephen Bryan Stogden	2001	27	Lilian Hemingway	1991
13	Dick Mons Etherington	1968	28	John Henry Brown	1991
	Rose Ann Miller	1991	29	Clare Gant	2008
	Emma Dyson	1994	30	Annie Elizabeth Skelton	1984
14	George Hobman	1982		William Dunn	1957



## Holy Days and Commemorations

### JUNE

- 1 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
- 2 Martyrs of Lyons
- 3 John XXIII Bishop of Rome, 1963
- 4 Eadfrith of Lindisfarne, 723
- 5 World Environment Day
- 6
- 7
- 8 PENTECOST
- 9 Columba, Abbott of Iona, 597
- 10
- 11 Barnabas the Apostle
- 12
- 13 Anthony of Padua, Friar, 1231
- 14
- 15 TRINITY SUNDAY
- 16
- 17 Alban, first Martyr of Britain, 305
- 18
- 19
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 21 Summer Solstice
- 22 TRINITY I
- 23 Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, 678
- 24 The Birth of John the Baptist
- 25
- 26
- 27
- 28 Armed Forces Day
- 29 Peter and Paul, Apostles
- 30 The Martyrdom of Paul

### June

- 1
- 2 Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- 3 Thomas the Apostle

## Eucharist Readings

**1 June**  
**Sunday after Ascension**  
 Acts 16:16-34  
 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21  
**John 17:20-26**

**8 June**  
**PENTECOST**  
 Acts 2:1-21  
 Romans 8:14-17  
**John 14:8-17**

**15 June**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 Proverbs 81:4,22-31  
 Romans 5:1-5  
**John 16:12-15**

**22 June**  
**TRINITY 1**  
 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15  
 Galatians 3:23-29  
**Luke 8:26-39**

**29 June**  
**TRINITY II**  
 To be confirmed

**6 July**  
**TRINITY III**  
 To be confirmed  
 Galatians 6:7-16  
**Like 10:1-11,16-20**

## **What's On?**

### **The Aire Benefice**

- 7 June      Womersley, St Martin: Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon  
Knottingley, St Botolph: Bacon butties and tea/coffee, 10am - 12 noon
- 14 June     Summer Fayre, St Botolph's Parish Room 11am - 2pm
- 21 June     Knottingley, St Botolph: Bacon butties and tea/coffee, 10am - 12 noon
- 28 June     Knottingley, St Botolph: Bacon butties and tea/coffee, 10am - 12 noon
- 29 June     Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm  
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)

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join us*



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in the Parish Room

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12 noon

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Knit and Natter  
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