

St Botolph's Church Magazine

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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

19 Feb - 2 April

Thursdays Lent Lunches, 12 noon, £6

11 March PCC meeting 2 pm

The Editor

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June:-10 May 2026

An excerpt from letter from the Children's Society

Thank you for spreading hope this Christingle

Dear Mrs Brown

I want to extend my sincere thanks for your incredible support during this years Christingle celebrations and for the amazing donation of £124. The money raised by everyone at St Botolph's Church Knottingley makes a significant difference in the lives of countless children facing abuse, exploitation or neglect. Together, we're bringing the warmth and light of Christingle to those who need it most.

I understand that organising and fundraising for your Christingle may have been challenging and rewarding. I hope you felt the joy and community spirit that this special event brings. By hosting a Christingle service, you're sending a powerful message to children and young people across the country they matter, and they are not alone.

Last year alone, Christingle services raised just under £830,00 for the Children's Society. These donations enable us to open new services like 'Time for young people' in Newham. This will enable young people to drop in and meet staff one-to-one without needing an appointment or referral. None of this would be possible without the compassion of people like you.

Once again, thank you for standing with young people, your support can be a beacon of hope and light during a young person's darkest time—so thank you.

Warm regards

Andrew Moran



St David's Day - 1 March

David (Welsh: *Dewi Sant*; Latin: *Davidus*; c. 500 – c. 589) was a Welsh Christian Bishop who served as Bishop of Mynyw (St Davids) during the 6th century. He is the patron saint of Wales.

David was a native of Wales, and tradition has preserved a large amount of detail about his life. His birth date, however, is uncertain: suggestions range from 462 to 512. He is traditionally believed to be the son of Non and the grandson of Ceredig ap Cunedda, king of Ceredigion (Cardiganshire). The Welsh annals placed his death 569 years after the birth of Christ, but Phillimore's dating revised this to 601.



It is said that he was born at Henfynyw in Ceredigion. He became renowned as a teacher and preacher, founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales, Dumnonia (south west England), and Brittany. St David's Cathedral stands on the site of the monastery he founded in the Glyn Rhosyn valley of Pembrokeshire.

His best-known miracle is said to have taken place when he was preaching in the middle of a large crowd at the Synod of Brefi: the village of Llanddewi Brefi stands on the spot where the ground on which he stood is reputed to have risen up to form a small hill. A white dove, which became his emblem, was seen settling on his shoulder. John Davies notes that one can scarcely "conceive of

any miracle more superfluous" in that part of Wales than the creation of a new hill. He was declared archbishop by popular acclaim, bringing about the retirement of Dubricius. St David's metropolitan status as an archbishopric was later supported by Bernard, Bishop of St David's, Geoffrey of Monmouth, and Gerald of Wales.

The Monastic Rule of David prescribed that monks had to pull the plough themselves without draught animals, and must eat only bread with salt and herbs and drink only water getting them the name "watermen". The monks spent their evenings in prayer, reading and writing. No personal possessions were allowed: even to say "my book" was considered an offence. He lived a simple life and practised asceticism, teaching his followers to refrain from eating meat and drinking beer. His symbol, also the symbol of Wales, is the leek.



St David's Cathedral, St Davids

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

Peter Greenwood.



March Wind

March wind is a jolly fellow;
He likes to joke and play.
He turns umbrellas inside out
And blows men's hats away.

He calls the pussy willows
And whispers in each ear,
"Wake up you lazy little seeds;
Don't you know that spring is here?"



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

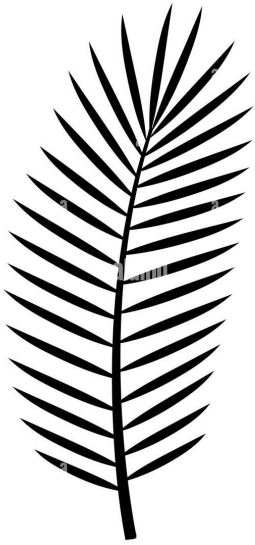
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Name of deceased _____

Date request received _____

Puzzle Corner

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |



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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Opening Hours

Mon - Fri - 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday - 9.00am - 3.00pm

Address: Hill Top, Pontefract Rd, Knottingley WF11 8EE

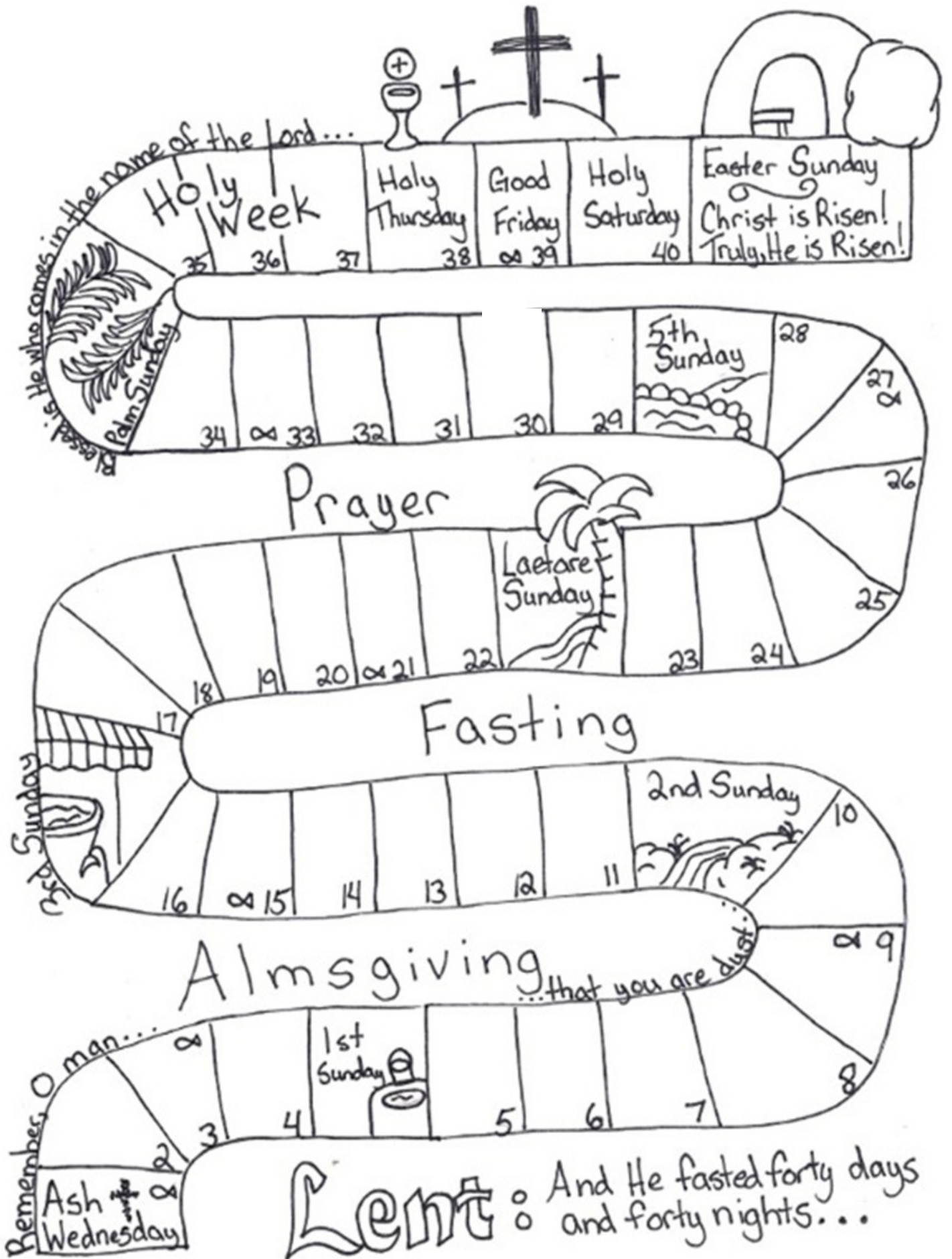
Membership is free and open to those who live locally to a Community Shop store and are in receipt of a means tested benefit (e.g. JSA, ESA, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support).

Community Shop Knottingley provides eligible members of the local community with access to high-quality, low-cost food and household products, as well as giving wrap-around support through its life-changing personal development programmes that deliver real change for individuals and communities.

Call in for your shopping or a tasty meal.



The Lenten Journey



Calendar - March 2026

1st SUNDAY - LENT 2
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

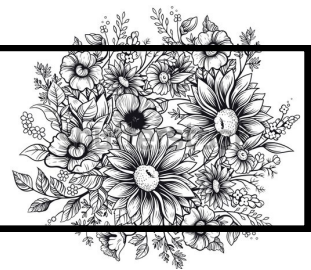
5th Thu Lent Lunch 12 noon

8th SUNDAY - LENT 3
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
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12th Thu Lent Lunch 12 noon

15th SUNDAY - LENT 4
MOTHERING SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



19th Thu Lent Lunch 12 noon

22nd SUNDAY - LENT 5
PASSIONTIDE BEGINS
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

26th Thu Lent Lunch 12 noon

29th PALM SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



**Clocks
Spring
forward**





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

**INVICTUS
GAMES
COMING
TO THE UK**
BIRMINGHAM 2027



Progressive Club

Fri 20th March

7.30pm

Entry Tickets
£2

All tickets entered into
a prize draw

Supporting Wounded, Injured, and Sick Servicemen and Women



Auction

Live Music



All proceeds go to
support an athlete to
the Invictus Games

Shaken not Stirred

TEAM UK

Bottery



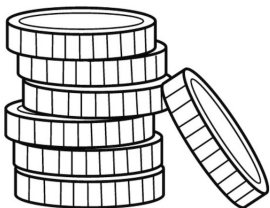
Club

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

4 January	7	Agnes Fyfe	£40
	48	June Haggan	£10
11 January	178	Anne Rowling	£40
	66	Lesley Tucker	£10
18 January	48	Brenda Barlow	£40
	139	Linda Wood Stones	£10
25 January	138	Sandra Ward	£40
	132	Joan Williamson	£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

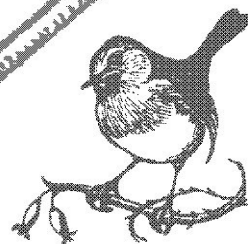
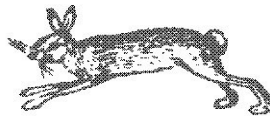
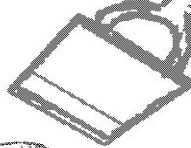
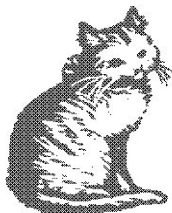
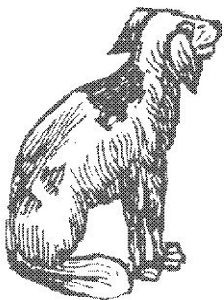
Donations for Easter Flowers

KNOTTINGLEY PET



& GARDEN SUPPLIES

**15 RACCA GREEN,
KNOTTINGLEY 671238**



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**STUDIO
01977 690899**



Is the cost of living crisis affecting you?

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

The foodbank can support you with:

Providing emergency food

Offering a listening ear over a cup of tea

Support to find further help

Please call our help through hardship
freephone number 0808 208 2138
or come in and see us!

We are located at:

The Methodist Church, Ropewalk, Knottingley, WF11 9AL

Tuesday and Friday 10am – 12noon

Donate

We rely on donations!

Items we run short of

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

Volunteer

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

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

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

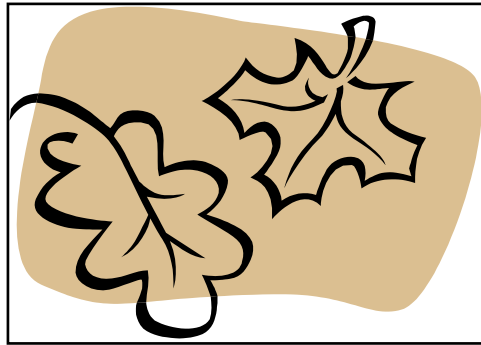
You can set up a Direct Debit to donate regularly to St Botolph's:

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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**For further details or to arrange a visit please contact us on
01977 677955**

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email :- *care@the-manse.me.uk*
www.the-manse.me.uk

Fancy a cuppa?

The 3rd Saturday of each month

21 march 2026

10am until 12 noon

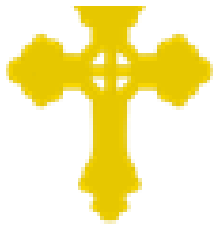
at

The Knottingley Club



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





St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram



Our usual service times are below:

Sunday

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

Wednesday

9.15 am	Eucharist	St Edward the Confessor
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Thursday

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

1st Sunday of the month	St Edward the Confessor
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

29 March 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

7 March 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

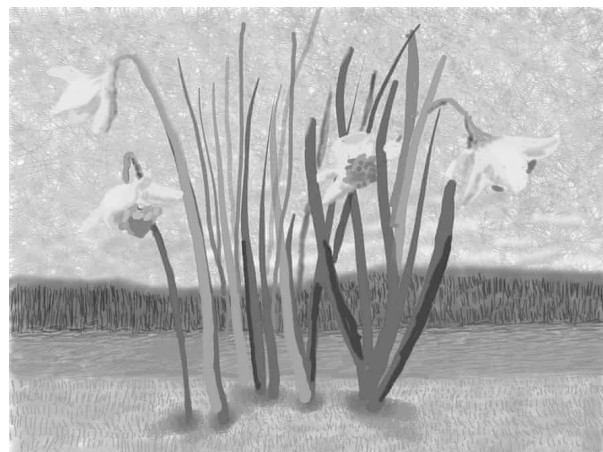
Musings on March

Each month has its share of poetic musings, and March is no exception. As children, we learn that *'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb,'* leading us to expect bluster at the beginning of the month and balminess at the end.

Remember *'those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade'* (from Great Expectations by Charles Dickens).'

In Scotland they say, 'March comes in with adders' heads and goes out with peacocks' tails.'

March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil." — Sara Coleridge



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

St Patrick's Day - 17 March

Saint Patrick was a Christian Missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigid of Kildare and Columba.



The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is general agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. According to tradition dating from the early Middle Ages, Patrick was the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland (despite evidence of some earlier Christian presence on the island), and converting Ireland from paganism in the process.

In Patrick's autobiographical *Confessio*, he writes that when he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland. He writes that he lived there for six years as an animal herder before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to spread Christianity in northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day, considered his feast day, is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated in Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the Catholic Church in Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation.

Legend credits Patrick with teaching the Irish about the doctrine of the Holy Trinity by showing people the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, using it to illustrate the Christian teaching of three persons in one God. The earliest surviving records associating Patrick with the plant are coins depicting Patrick clutching a shamrock which were minted in the 1680s. Icons of St Patrick often depict the saint "with a cross in one hand and a sprig of shamrocks in the other".

Ireland was well known to be a land without snakes, and this was noted as early as the third century but later legend credited

Patrick with banishing snakes from the island. It was said that Patrick chased them into the sea after they attacked him during his fast on a mountain.

Tírechán wrote in the 7th century that Patrick spent forty days on the mountaintop of Cruachán Aigle, as Moses did on Mount Sinai. It was said that Patrick was harassed by a flock of black demonic birds while on the peak, and he banished them into the hollow of Lugnademon ("hollow of the demons") by ringing his bell. Patrick ended his fast when God gave him the right to judge all the Irish at the Last Judgement, and agreed to spare the land of Ireland from the final desolation. A later legend tells how Patrick was tormented on the mountain by a demonic female serpent named Corra or Caorthannach. Patrick is said to have banished the serpent into Lough Na Corra below the mountain, or into a hollow from which the lake burst forth. The mountain is now known as Croagh Patrick after the saint.

A much later legend tells of Patrick visiting an inn and chiding the innkeeper for being ungenerous with her guests. Patrick tells her that a demon is hiding in her cellar and being fattened by her dishonesty. He says that the only way to get rid of the demon is by mending her ways. Sometime later, Patrick revisits the inn to find that the innkeeper is now serving her guests cups of whiskey filled to the brim. He praises her generosity and brings her to the cellar, where they find the demon withering away. It then flees in a flash of flame, and Patrick decrees that people should have a drink of whiskey on his feast day in memory of this. This is said to be the origin of "drowning the shamrock" on Saint Patrick's Day.



Lent Waiting upon God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

*“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”*

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

We find ourselves in the forty days of Lent and reading a familiar and a challenging bible passage. Remember, Jesus has not begun his public ministry. No parables, no miracles, no crowds, no disciples. Before Jesus got busy doing things he invested time in prayer and fasting before God.

Lent invites us to press pause. To wait. But Lent is not about waiting for something to happen; treading water until Holy Week. Lent is about waiting upon God; waiting upon God to speak to us, encourage us, challenge us, to change us.

Lent is not only about what we do as disciples, it is about who we are as disciples of Jesus. Now, traditionally Lent is about three spiritual disciplines: a commitment to prayer, a commitment to fasting and, thirdly, a commitment to alms-giving or what we would call today, generous giving. Prayer we get. Fasting we get (or at least giving up chocolate!). But giving as a spiritual discipline: not so much. So can we live a Generous Lent and grow as generous disciples?

Jesus in the Wilderness

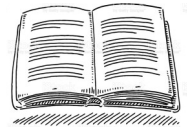
Jesus answered, "Go away Satan! The Scriptures say:
'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'
Matthew 4:10



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



1 March	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
8 March	Renée	Edna	Mark
15 March	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
22 March	Glenis	Ann	Colin
29 March	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
5 April	Renée	Edna	Janice
12 April	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
19 April	Glenis	Ann	Mark
26 April	Sheila	Rita	Sheila

Friday 6 March 2026
World Day of Prayer

**“I Will Give You Rest: Come”
Matthew 11:28-30**

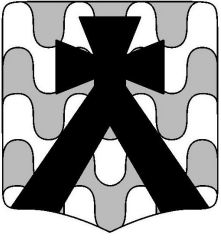


The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.

Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

As we prepare for WDP 2026, may we learn to embody Jesus' invitation: 'Come to me, all you who are weary.' Together, let us become channels of God's rest in our troubled world.





From the

Funeral

13 January Neil Wilkinson 55 yrs StB

May he 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

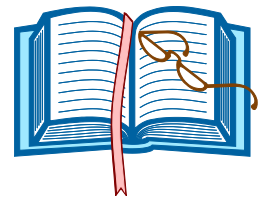
when the shadows fall,

You do not walk alone.



Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	Dorothy Mollett	1972	11	John Percy Bedford	2009
	Mabel Winifred			Lillian Gibbs	2022
	Bedworth	1999	12	Betty Haigh	2012
	Ernest Brown	2007	13	Rosa Fozzard	1968
2	Brian Walker	1993		The Innocents of Dunblane	1996
	Barbara Strangward	2005		Edward (Ted) Huscroft	2012
3	Julia Mercer	1969	14	Ronald McAuley	1973
	William France	2006		Joan France	2016
4	Mary Ann Askin	1983	16	Irene Mary Crewe	1991
	Derek Wrigley	2016	17	Arthur Tunningley	1988
	David Alexander Middleton	2019	18	Frank Seed	1961
5	Edgar Thornton	1948	19	Lily Tunningley	1971
6	Agnes Fairbairn	1963		Edward Beaumont	
	Robert Graham			(Priest)	1994
	Bickerdike	1982		Denis Alan Dures	1987
	Harry Johnson	1989		Joyce Mary Reeves	2002
	Walter Bell	1993	20	Peggy Margaret Hughes	1997
	Kathleen Arnold	1997		Olive Rhodes	2001
	David Michael Moulden	1996		Joseph Sowerby	1994
	Jane (Jenny) Moon	2009		Margaret (Madge)	
7	Derek Sunderland	1981		Williams	1998
	Dorothy Ellenden		21	Phyllis Pickard	1981
	Keating	1988		Edith Eileen Coulter	1986
	Alice Walker	1971		Adelaide Swales	1998
9	Ernest Miller	1983	22	Joe Wood	1984
	Betty Davis	2005	23	Elizabeth Bastow	1998
	Joseph William		24	Lawrence Neyens	1992
	Jefferson	2006		Vera Wardle	1993
	Florence Annie Pawson	2010		Alan Nortcliff	2001
	Pamela Ann Moon	2007	26	Arthur Clayburn	1981
10	Ralph Harker	1982	27	Pauline Myers	992
	Edward Fussey (infant)	1996	28	John Edwin Durkin	1978
	James Edwin Tweedie	1989		Marion Barnard Brown	1998
	Maurice Haigh	2002		Alice Elena Fozzard	2000
			30	Nikalaus Gurka	1979
			31	Mary Ann Askin	1997

Holy Days and Commemorations

March

- 1 LENT 2, St David's Day
- 2 Chad, Bishop and Missionary, 672
- 3
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- 8 LENT 3
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- 11
- 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop 604
- 13
- 14
- 15 LENT 4
MOTHERING SUNDAY
- 16
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 18 Edward, King 978
- 19 Joseph of Nazareth
- 20 Cuthbert, Bishop 687
- 21 Thomas Cranmer, 1556
- 22 LENT 5
- 23
- 24
- 25 The Annunciation
- 26
- 27
- 28
- 29 PALM SUNDAY
- 30 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
- 31 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

April

- 1 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
- 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 3 GOOD FRIDAY
- 4 HOLY SATURDAY
- 5 EASTER DAY

Eucharist Readings

1st March

LENT 2

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5,13-17
John 3:1-17

8th March

LENT 3

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:1-14

15th March

LENT 4

MOTHERING SUNDAY
TBA

22nd March

LENT 5

Ezekial 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1 -

29th March

PALM SUNDAY
TBA

5th April

EASTER DAY
TBA

12th April

EASTER 1
TBA

Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns, traditionally eaten in the UK on Good Friday to mark the end of Lent, are rich in Christian symbolism. The cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus, while spices symbolize those used in his burial, and the enriched dough signifies the end of fasting.

Ingredient Meanings & Symbolism

- **The Cross (Flour Paste):** Represents the cross upon which Jesus was crucified.
- **Spices (Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Cloves):** Symbolize the spices used to embalm or anoint Christ after his death.
- **Dried Fruit (Currants/Raisins/Peel):** Represents the spices or the body of Christ in the tomb. Some traditions also suggest the bitterness of orange peel reflects the suffering of the crucifixion.
- **Enriched Dough (Butter, Eggs, Milk):** These ingredients were traditionally forbidden during Lent, so their inclusion marks the celebration of Easter and the end of the fasting period.

Historical Significance & Superstition

- **Origins:** While often associated with the 12th-century English monks, the tradition may also stem from pagan Saxons baking buns with crosses to represent the four quarters of the moon or the seasons.
- **Superstitions:** It was believed that hot cross buns baked on Good Friday would never go mouldy, and hanging them in the kitchen was said to protect against evil spirits and ensure successful baking for the rest of the year.

So how do you like your hot cross buns? Toasted? In bread and butter pudding? Or just as they come?

However you prefer, just enjoy!



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