

St Botolph's Church Magazine

May 2026

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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

9 May Plant Sale and Coffee Morning 10am-12noon

20 June Garden Party 11am - 2pm

12 Sept Heritage Open Day 11am - 2pm

25 Sept MacMillan Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon
Harvest Pie and Supper, 4 - 6pm

The Editor

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

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Dear friends,

We have just celebrated Easter, but the church year marches on! Forty days after Easter we remember Ascension Day (14th May) when Jesus ascended into heaven, and then fifty days after Easter, Pentecost (24th May), when the Holy Spirit comes on the disciples.

Pentecost is also known as Whit Sunday (Whitsun) and there are many traditions, some still happening and others in the dim and distant past. Whit Walks, Wakes week holidays, the wearing of new white clothes, Morriss dancing, community feasts, Sunday school teas, even cheese rolling and bread throwing, and I'm sure you have your own memories.

According to the Book of Acts (Chapter 2) in the New Testament, the disciples were gathered in Jerusalem for a Jewish festival. A sound like a violent rushing wind filled the house where they were sitting, tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began speaking in different languages that they had not learned, allowing them to communicate with visitors from various nations gathered in Jerusalem.

There are several wonderful things about the feast of Pentecost.

It is a time of empowerment and renewal, as we embrace the Holy Spirit's power for mission and are empowered to share our faith. It is also a season of hope, something we need so much in our world today. Pentecost is a time to move beyond fear and anxiety, acting with the same confidence and hope that the disciples found after receiving the Spirit.

The story of Pentecost also celebrates unity, the Holy Spirit enables people to understand one another across different cultures and languages, promoting an inclusive society. With so much hatred, violence and intolerance around the world how wonderful would that be?

At Pentecost God's presence came to earth as the Holy Spirit as a reminder of God's love. We are called to share the love that God has for each person with the world. Let's use Pentecost this year to spread more love and kindness in our communities.

God bless,
Mother Sharon

Lent Lunches

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lent Lunches or gave us donations. In spite of having to cancel 2 lunches, £550 was raised for Martin House Hospice.



Thank you to the chefs who provided delicious soups, bacon sandwiches and sweets. Also to those who helped with setting up, serving, delivering the take out lunches and clearing after each lunch.

We hope that everyone who attended, whether for one week or every week, enjoyed the good food and company.

At the final lunch everyone was given an Easter Egg and a bunch of daffodils. These were sponsored by Wakefield Housing for which we were very grateful.

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) _____

DETAILS OF PERSON REQUESTING ENTRY

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Today's date _____

Donation enclosed _____

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

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

Full date of death, day-month-year _____

Name of deceased _____

Date request received _____

St Botolph's Church

**Plant Sale
and
Coffee Morning
with bacon butties
in the Parish Room
9 May 2026
10 am - 12 noon**

Everyone welcome

**Proceeds for church
funds**

Puzzle Corner

Pentecost

Self control
Pentecost
Tongues
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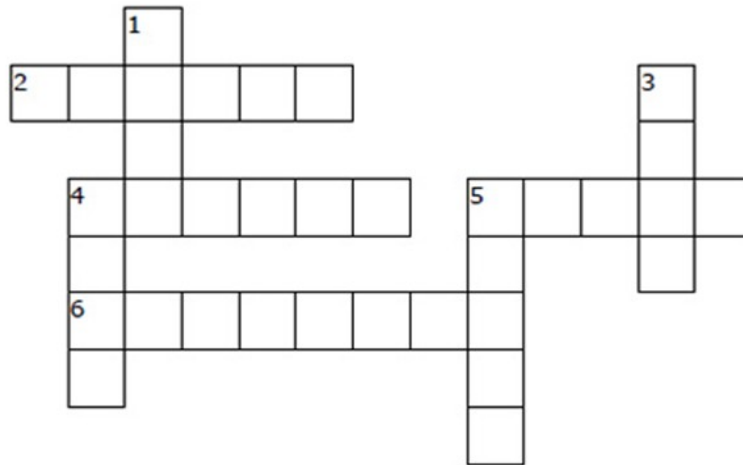


A picture to colour

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



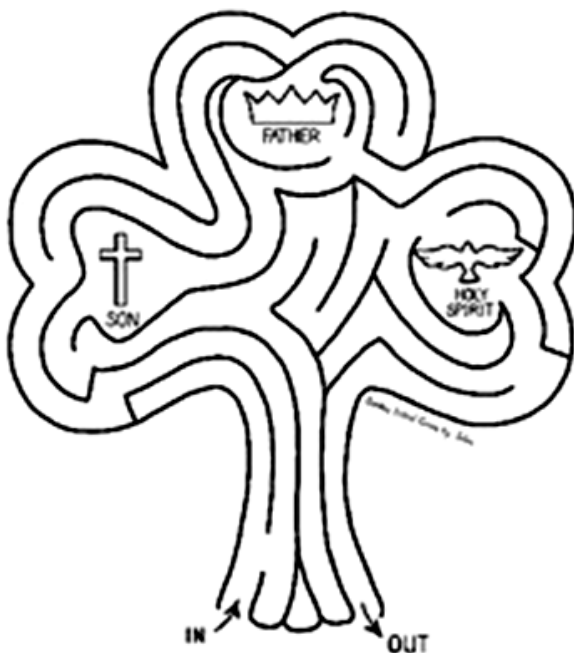
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2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

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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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Knottingley Community Shop

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.





Fundraising Appeal for Invictus Games 2027

Supporting Wounded, Injured, and Sick Servicemen and Women

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

We need your help!

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

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

How you can get involved:

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

By donating, you:

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

Every contribution matters.

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

Name: The Knottingley Branch Royal British Legion

Account No: 81846960

Sort Code: 30-96-26

To pay by cheque:

Please make cheques payable to The Knottingley Branch Royal British Legion

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

Thank you for your support

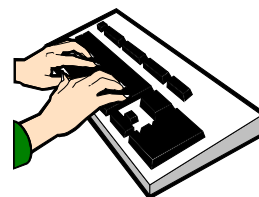
Royal British Legion Knottingley Branch

Calendar - May 2026

3rd SUNDAY - EASTER V
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

9th Sat Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, Parish Room,
10am-12noon

10th SUNDAY - EASTER VI
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
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14th Thu **ASCENSION DAY,**
Mass, St Martin, Womersley 6pm

17th SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
Annual Parochial Church meeting 11.00 am

24th SUNDAY - PENTECOST
TEAM BENEFICE EUCHARIST, St Martin,
Womersley, 10.00 am

31st SUNDAY - TRINITY SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2026

Theme: Faithful Action Share joy Grow hope Fight hunger

The 2026 campaign highlights projects supporting families in informal settlements, such as urban farming in Nairobi, with resources focused on reflecting God's faithfulness through service.

Pray with us to grow hope

Great change can begin in the smallest moments.

In prayer, we place before God the world as it is — and the world as it could be.

In Nairobi, Fridah and Belinda are growing food in crowded, uncertain conditions. Their work begins small, but it is rooted in patience, care and hope. It reminds us of Jesus' words:



'It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree.' - Luke 13:18 (NRSV)

In prayer we sow our own small seeds: naming injustice, holding suffering before God, and trusting that God is at work, often beyond what we can see.

This Christian Aid Week, pray that parents living with the relentless stress of food insecurity can access training and tools that will support them to provide for their children.

Can you support someone like Fridah to grow food, protect their children from hunger, and nurture hope?



£10

could pay for the pair of chickens that produce fertiliser for an urban farmer.

£50

could fund the solar dryer that turns fresh produce into valuable long-life products.

To make a donation on line go to the Christian Aid web site.

Bottery



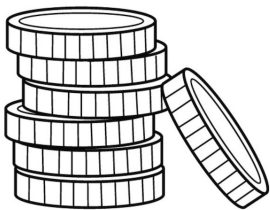
Club

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

1 March	41	June Haggan	£40
	71	Margaret Booth	£10
8 March	54	Simon Ward	£40
	2	Michaela Tabener	£10
15 March	82	Emma Wilson	£40
	73	Renée Huby	£10
22 March	76	Wilma Tucker	£40
	160	Avril Chisem	£10
29 March	13	Ray Wilson	£40
	16	Marlene Tunningley	£10

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

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



Thank you for donations to our funds and flowers including

Everyone who donated for Easter flowers

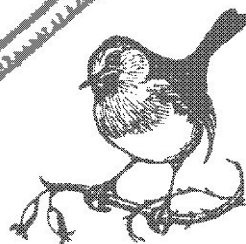
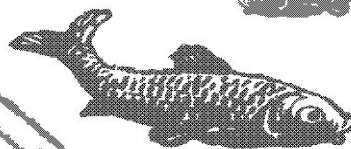
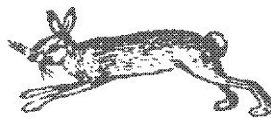
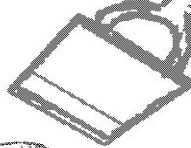
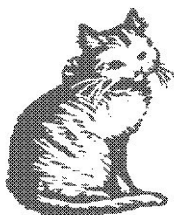
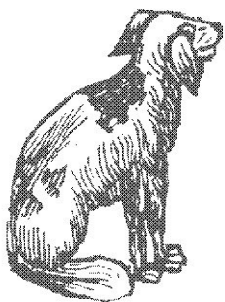
Brenda in loving memory of her husband, Paul

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& GARDEN SUPPLIES

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KNOTTINGLEY 671238**



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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)

St Botolph's Church Knottingley

Summer Fayre

Saturday 20th June 2026
11.00 am - 2.00pm

Various stalls including:

Books, Bric-a-brac, Raffle,
Tombola, Cakes and many more.
Refreshments

Everyone Welcome

Proceeds for church funds

Fancy a cuppa?

The 3rd Saturday of each month

16 May 2026

10am until 12 noon

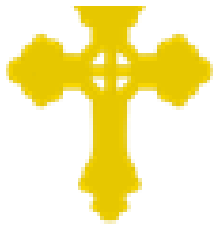
at

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

31 May 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

24 May - Benefice Team Eucharist, 10am

Events

2 May 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

St Botolph's Church

**Annual Parochial Church
Meeting**

Sunday 17 May 2026

**11am
(after the Eucharist)**

In Church

1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



A great Spring term for all the girls. Many badges were gained and challenges met. We are all so proud of all our girls but especially those who gained their Gold Awards this term: Rainbows Maizée and Ruby and Guide Heidi. They have all worked hard and attended well in order to gain these special awards — congratulations to all three.

Our final two meetings were spent very much enjoying the Chocolate Challenge which involved much chocolate tasting and baking. The girls also made Aztec style head dresses after learning about the history of chocolate and making packaging for a chocolate egg after learning about how chocolate makes its way from Cocoa Pod to Chocolate Bar.



We are still in need of leaders, particularly for Rainbows from September, If anyone is interested please contact me on



Ascension Day - 14 May 2026

Ascension Day marks an ending. The ending of the physical presence of Jesus on earth. But it also marks a beginning. The beginning of the disciples taking the ministry of Jesus on, the beginning if you like of the Church. And as we consider the life of our churches - the joys, opportunities and, yes, challenges that face us - it's helpful to hear again from this event something of what we are to be about. Ascension Day gives us the beginnings, the basic foundations that should undergird all our discussions together about Church.

Begins with Jesus

Firstly, Ascension Day emphasises that the Church begins with Jesus. Acts is the second of the two-part work that begins with Luke's gospel, both written to the otherwise unknown Theophilus. Theophilus is told that the former book, the gospel, is about 'all that Jesus began to do and to teach'. Note, *began* – with the implication that the story of Jesus *continues* in Acts through the story of the Church, a story that doesn't end in Acts but continues through to us today. This is the Jesus who, we're told, 'gave many convincing proofs that he was alive' after his resurrection. This is the Jesus ascending into the cloud – a cloud often symbolises the glory of God, so this is a powerful image of Jesus received into glory. And the Church begins, with an iron conviction from the disciples that Jesus is raised from the dead, that Jesus is alive, and that in the cloud of the Ascension he is exalted to the glory of God.

The Church begins with Jesus – which might sound an obvious thing to say! But I wonder if we are sometimes tempted to do Church without Jesus. To follow our own agendas rather than his? To talk about Church, rather than about him. To be more of a club, rather than being salt and light in our society? The earliest statement of faith in the Church was: 'Jesus is Lord'. And this is where Church starts – with Jesus.

Begins with waiting

Secondly, Ascension Day shows us that the Church begins with waiting for the Holy Spirit. Jesus says to the disciples: 'wait for gift

the Father promised', wait for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has already been at work, certainly, through the story of the Old Testament, through the life of Jesus. But now there is to be a step change: 'you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit'. The word *baptise* is a very wet word. If a ship sinks, it is baptised. If you throw a bucket of water over me, I'm baptised. Jesus doesn't just leave us to get on with being Church, but he says we will be baptised, drenched, soaked with the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. We don't do this alone.

We are to 'Wait'. Wait for the Holy Spirit. Something we are perhaps not always good at, including in our Church life. We want to rush and do. But wait, says Jesus. Waiting reminds us we are not in control. Wait for God's timing. Wait for the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Wait before we act. This is where Church starts – in the waiting.

Begins with a commission

And Ascension Day gives the Church a commission. 'You will be my witnesses' says Jesus. The Church begins by being commissioned to point to Jesus, to speak and act for him in a way that shows his mercy, justice and love. The Church is to point to Jesus in our locality, in Jerusalem for the disciples. That isn't always easy, among the people we know. The Church is to point to Jesus more widely, in all Judea and Samaria for the disciples, at a national level for us. And the Church is to point to Jesus to the ends of earth, as a worldwide Church with a worldwide commission to be witnesses to him in our words and actions. This is where Church starts – with a commission to be witnesses.

The Church also begins with a nudge: 'Why do you stand looking up at the sky?' the two men in white ask the disciples. I think that means don't just stand there - put this into action, start being Church until Jesus returns. Be a Church that begins with Jesus, a Church that begins with waiting for the Holy Spirit, and a Church that begins with the commission to be witnesses.

Ascension Day marks an ending. But it also marks a beginning. And as such, it gives us the basic foundations that should undergird all our discussions together about Church.



St Botolph's Parish Room

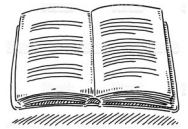
Monday Judo

Tuesday Saviour Trust
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
Hand Bells

Wednesday Homestart - parent and toddler

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

Church Rotas



3 May	Renée	Edna	Colin
10 May	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
17 May	Glenis	Ann	Janice
24 May	Team Service at Womersley 10am		
31 May	Renée	Edna	Mark

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)

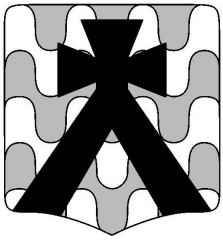
If you identify as LGBT+ you can call Galop on 0800 999 5428 for emotional and practical support

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

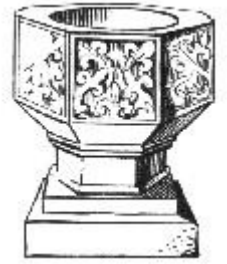


From the

Baptism

5 April

Ellie Sky Fletcher
Michaela Tabener



Shine as a light in the world

Funeral

10 March

Joyce Henshaw

St B

May she 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

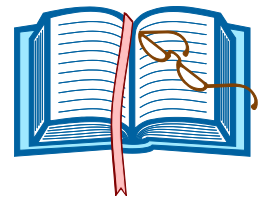
when the shadows fall,

You do not walk alone.



Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	John Edward Gosling	1967	20	Muriel Sharp	1990
	Frederick Middleton	1981	21	Leslie Millward	1980
	Margaret Woodall	2021		Frances Elizabeth	
3	Charles Blackburne	1980		Underwood	1986
4	Harry Day	1976		Mark Richard Nelson	
	Maurice Downing	1976		(Priest)	1999
	Ethel Maud Austin	1985		Emily Renshaw	2001
	Harry Sykes	1995	22	Albert Ellis	1976
5	Eric Rhodes	2004		Ellis Crabtree	1992
6	Margaret McManus	1985		Harriet Ann Juniper	2007
	Dorothy Hodgson	1997	24	William Henry Birkitt	1979
	Henry Walker	1936		Sheila Furniss Clegg	1992
	Annie Elizabeth Draper	2002		Marjorie Whitaker	1997
8	Ada Cawthorne	1971		Harry Lancaster	1978
	John Edward		25	George William	
	Underwood	1981		Hodgson	1997
9	John Joseph Brown	1970		David Hobman	2015
	Leslie Maeer	2019	27	Edwin Brookes	1988
11	Ernest Ellerington	1918		Leonard Lifsey	1945
	Kathleen Woodhead	1988		Sheila Fraser	2024
	Elsie Marian Probert	1997	28	Brian John Reeves	2004
12	Eric Fox	1999	29	Lily Ann Richardson	1985
	Lilian Shay	2009		Bernard Teal	2011
	Janet Ward	2012	30	Emily Smith	1996
13	Phyllis England	2003		Hastings Swales	2000
	Hannah Mary Sheard	2008	31	Samuel Cartwright	1980
	Lucy Wilcox	2014			
14	Olive White	2013			
15	George Lightfoot	1979			
	Mary Brown	1980			
17	Annie Vause	1992			
	Malcolm Carrington	2013			
16	Michael Frederick				
	Sutcliffe	2001			
19	Hannah Rhodes	2007			
	Edith Mary Spence	2012			
	Betty Hobman	2022			



Holy Days and Commemorations

Eucharist Readings

May

- 1 Philip and James, Apostles
- 2 Athanasius, Bishop, 373
- 3 EASTER 5
- 4 Bank holiday
- 5
- 6 John the Evangelist
- 7
- 8 VE Day (1945)
- 9
- 10 EASTER VI
- 11
- 12 Gregory Dix, priest, monk
- 13
- 14 ASCENSION DAY
- 15 Matthias the Apostle
- 16
- 17 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
- 18
- 19 Dunstan, Archbishop
- 20 Alcuin of York
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24 PENTECOST
- 25 Venerable Bede
- 26 John Calvin, Reformer
- 27
- 28
- 29 Oak Apple Day
- 30 Joan of Arc, 1431
- 31 TRINITY SUNDAY

June

- 1 Visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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

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

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

24 May
PENTECOST
TBA
Team Service

31 May
TRINITY SUNDAY
Isaiah 12:12-17,27-31
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

7 June
TRINITY 1
Hosea 5:15-6:6
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

14 June
TRINITY 2
Exodus 19:2-8a
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Oak Apple Day

You may have noticed on the calendar that 29 May is known as Oak Apple Day. What does this mean?

Oak Apple Day (or Restoration Day) was a traditional British holiday celebrated annually on May 29th to mark the restoration of the English monarchy in 1660 and the birthday of King Charles II. It commemorates Charles II's escape from the Roundhead army in 1651 by hiding in an oak tree.

Key Aspects of Oak Apple Day:

- **Date:** Celebrated on 29 May each year, though it ceased being an official holiday in 1859.
- **Origin:** Commemorates King Charles II entering London on his birthday, 29 May 1660, marking the end of the Civil War/Interregnum period.
- **Name Source:** References the "Royal Oak" at Boscobel House, where Charles II hid from Oliver Cromwell's army after the Battle of Worcester in 1651.
- **Traditions:** Historically involved wearing oak leaves or "oak apples" (gall nuts) to show loyalty to the King. Those who failed to wear them were sometimes punished, such as being pinched, a tradition known as "Pinch-Bum-Day".

Locations: While less common today, it is still celebrated in parts of England, notably Great Wishford in Wiltshire.



The Oak bears false fruit,
Red, bright against the new greens.
An apple, but not

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Fourth Thursday of the month
12 noon



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