

St Botolph's Church Magazine

May 2024

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Knottingley



The Ascension of Christ wood engraving 1890

Parish News

The Parish Church

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Church Wardens	Linda Brown	673463
	Janet Laycock	662028
Deputy Wardens	Ray Wilson	
	Wayne Evans	
Organist	Daniel Fretwell	
Standing Committee	Mother Sharon, L. Brown, J. Laycock, R. Bagley	
Deanery Rep.	vacant	
Safeguarding	vacant	
Health and Safety Officer	Sheila Hutley	
Flowers Co-ordinator	Janet & Linda	
Parish Room Bookings	Linda Brown	673463
Tower Captain	Paul Hargrave	678741

Organisations

Rainbows/Brownies /Guides	Janet Laycock	662028
Friends of St Botolph's	Linda Brown	673463

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.

St Botolph's Diary Dates

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

15 June Garden Party and Gift Day

The Editor

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Connected to God

The Gospel of John, helps us understand that the idea of abiding doesn't require us to do something, but it does require us to live the abundant truth of who God says we are in Christ. So we look at John 15:1-4; 7-8.



Do you know what the Italian word “abbondanza” means? Can you guess? I see something like the word “dance” in it; what do you see? Before you grab your phone and type it into Google Translate, it means “abundance” in Italian. Don't you like how that word rolls off your tongue? As you say it: abbondanza, can you picture the lush vineyards in Italy (even if you've never been there)? Do you see a table laden with all kinds of grapes, cheese, wine, and delicious pasta dishes? That makes me think of the word “abundance”.

Jesus told his followers, that his goal for us is to bear fruit—the passage says, “bear more fruit.” I believe this ties in with an earlier statement Jesus made about us having an abundant life (John 10:10). Do you feel like you're living an abundant life? I think we all go through difficult periods when we feel short on time, on money, on patience, on everything. If you are like me, you're wondering, “Where is this abundant life where I am bearing more fruit? How do I get there?” in the text John has two big ideas—“bearing fruit” and “abiding,”—and these ideas can help us understand what Jesus meant when he said we could have life more abundantly.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. (John 15:1-3 NRSV)

Jesus begins with a metaphor. The Father is the vineyard keeper, and Jesus is the vine. As we go on, there is some wordplay among the words for “prune” and “removes” in verse 2, and “cleansed” in verse 3. The root verb for both prune and remove is the same and is related to the word used for clean/cleansed. The idea of pruning/removing doesn't mean God kicks anybody out. It means “making clean.” The same word used for “clean” appears in John 13:10-11 at the Last Supper, where Jesus says to the disciples that “not all of you are clean.” In verse 3, Jesus says that the disciples (and believers like us)

are already cleansed, and the idea in verse 2 is that God the vineyard keeper continues cleansing us by his love with the goal of making us stronger and more fruitful.

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. (John 15:4 NRSV)

Jesus says to abide in him as he abides in us. Too often we interpret this as something we have to do, rather than thinking of it as something we are. We know that we are completely forgiven, loved, accepted, and included in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit relationship because of Jesus—the way he lived a life of love and complete connection to the Father even when humanity’s hate demanded that he die. And he did it, so that hate and death would be put to death once and for all. What if abiding in Jesus means living in who we are in God—completely forgiven, loved, accepted, and included? He abides in us, so there’s nothing we need to do to get him to abide in us more, other than abide in knowing that we are who he says we are. We live knowing that he is with us, and we are with him. This enables us to bear much fruit, this leads to a life that is abundant.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. (John 15:7-8 NRSV)

As we rest in the truth of who we are, our prayers become different. They become more in tune with what God is doing in a particular situation. Jesus himself prayed in the garden, “yet not what I want but what you want” (Matt. 26:39, NRSV). As we get used to being confident of who we are in Christ, and that God loves us so much that he sent Christ to die for us even when we were his enemies, the way we live and pray aligns with that truth, and as this happens, we “bear much fruit.” Abundant life comes from embracing the truth of who we are in Jesus Christ.



Growing
Together IN Christ

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 cost £23.80 + Dental cost 111

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

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.

If I could make a special gift,
This gift I'd give to you,
I'd take a golden Summer's day,
A morning fresh and new.
I'd fill this day with fragrance,
The perfume of a rose,
Then tie this gift with rainbows
And love which grows and grows.
I'd fill a basket with stars
To shine for you each night,
To make our word a special place
Of wonder and delight.
I'd scatter sunbeams on your path
And warm each breeze that blows,
Yet all I have is gifts of love —
But this love grows and grows.



Iris Hesselden

This Quiet Hour

Daytime draws towards it close,
Shadows steal across the sky;
Dusk now gathers in it cloak
Soft, lilac mists, and night owls cry.

A fragrance lingers in the air,
Enhanced by breezes on their way;
And in our thoughts to God, we add
Our thanks, for such a perfect day!
Elizabeth Gozney



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

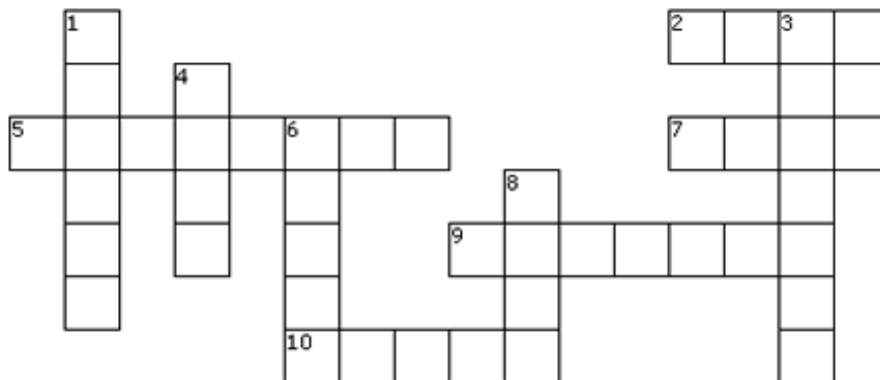
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Name of deceased _____

Date request received _____

The Prayer of Faith

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)

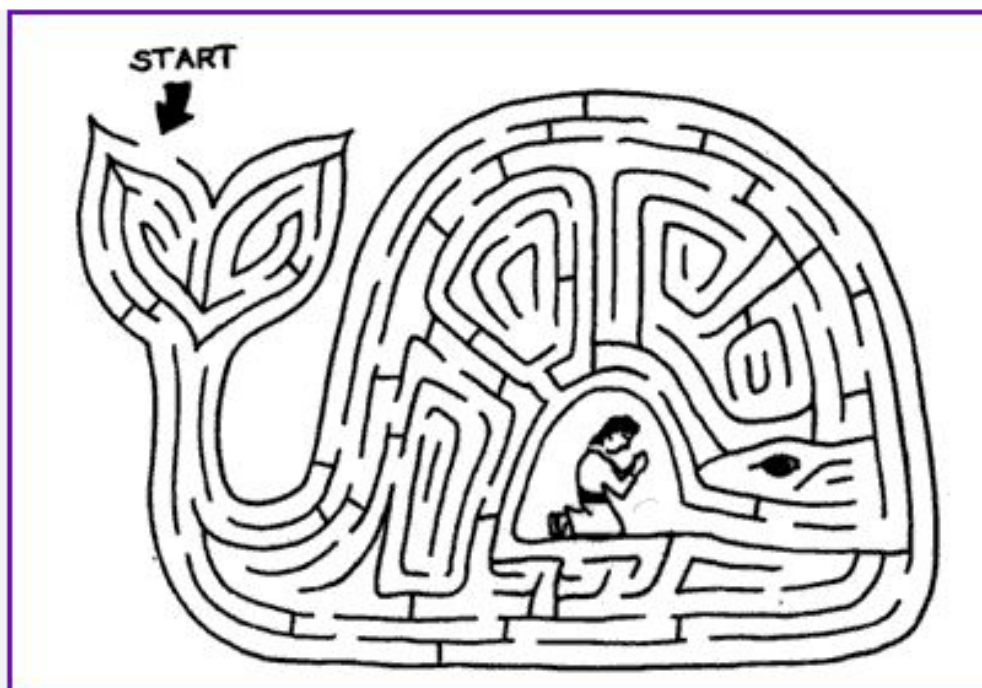


ACROSS

- 2. To be physically ill
- 5. Having great strength
- 7. To perform songs with your voice
- 9. A time of difficulty or need
- 10. Enjoying pleasure, satisfaction, or joy

DOWN

- 1. To pour oil on someone during a religious ceremony
- 3. To admit that you have sinned
- 4. To make a person well
- 6. To believe and trust in God
- 8. To speak to or make requests to God



Can you find your way to Jonah in the belly of the whale?

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.

Garden Party

St Botolph's Annual Garden Party and Gift Day

This year our Garden party will be on Saturday 15 June 2024. If anyone has any donations of raffle or tombola prizes, bric-a-brac, books, etc they will be gratefully received. Please give items to any member of church or contact Linda or Janet to arrange collection.

There will be a cake stall and items can be donated on the day.

Please put the date in your diary and join us for a cuppa and chat.

Easter Raffle

Thank to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle.

We raised £60 for church funds.



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rate
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Community Shop

OPEN FOR MORE

Knottingley Community Shop

Opening Hours

Mon - Fri - 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday - 9.00am - 3.00pm

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

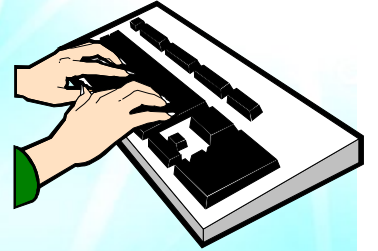
Membership is free and open to those who live locally to a Community Shop store and are in receipt of a means tested benefit (e.g. JSA, ESA, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support).

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.



St Botolph's Church Knottingley Garden Party



Saturday 15th June 2024

11.00 am - 2.00pm

Various stalls including:

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

Everyone Welcome

Calendar - May 2024

5th SUNDAY - EASTER V1
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
***** JUNE MAGAZINE COPY DATE *****



6th Mon Early May Bank Holiday

9th Thu **ASCENSION DAY**

10th Fri Plant Sale in the Parish Room, 10am - 12 noon

12th SUNDAY - EASTER VII
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

18th Sat Plant Sale, St Edmund's, Kellington

19th WHIT SUNDAY - PENTECOST
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

26th TRINITY SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
Sunday Social, Brotherton, 1 - 3 pm

27th Mon Bank Holiday

1st June Plant Sale, St Edward's, Brotherton

St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday

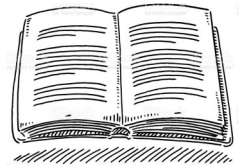
Tuesday Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
Hand Bells

Wednesday Children's Dance

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

Friday

Church Rotas



5 May	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
12 May	Glenis	Ann	Colin
19 May	Sheila	Iryna	Sheila
25 May	Renée	Edna	Janet
2 June	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
9 June	Glenis	Ann	Colin

Church Funds/Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge donations from

Brenda, in memory of her late husband, Paul

Michael and Mary sale of various baking





Knottingley Judo Club

**BRITISH
JUDO**



Knottingley Judo Club can be found in St Botolphs parish rooms on Thursday evenings. We pride ourselves on the fun, friendly, family atmosphere in the club and welcome all new members regardless of experience and ability. The club is run by Ian Sidaway (3rd Dan) with the help of Catriona Barber (1st Dan). All coaches are fully qualified, DBS checked and first aid trained.

Training Times

Thursday evenings at St Botolphs parish rooms

Junior grades	(5-14years)	6-30-7.30pm
Senior grades	(14 years +)	8.00-9.00pm

Contact

Ian Sidaway	07935 498518	iansid@live.co.uk
Catriona Barber	07594 922614	catriona.barber50@gmail.com

Bottery



Club

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

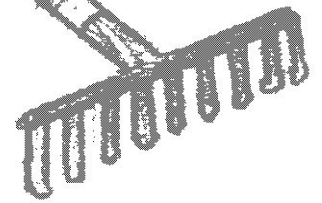
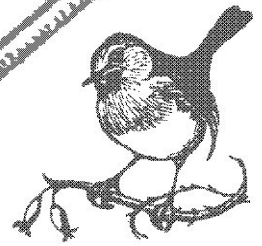
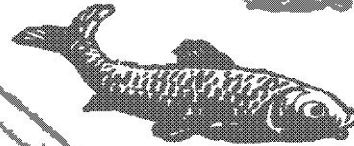
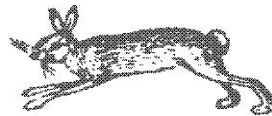
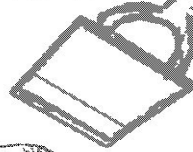
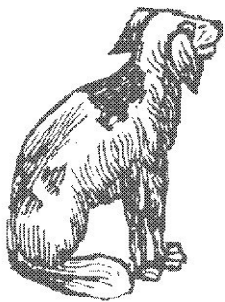
3 March	27	Dianne Wrigley	£40
	20	Janice Daniels	£10
10 March	48	Brenda Barlow	£40
	139	Linda Wood-Stones	£10
17 March	32	Ann Barker	£40
	180	Mary Bagley	£10
24 March	29	Jackie Prince	£40
	61	Ann Barker	£10
31 March	4	Susan Barlow	£40
	57	Ann Middleton	£10

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.

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Support to find further help

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Tuesday and Friday 10am – 12noon

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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 Richard Bagley (Treasurer).

Tel: 07396598237. Email: richardbagley99@gmail.com

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

FRIENDS OF ST BOTOLPH'S

The 7 weeks of Lent, on a Thursday, we have been raising money for Martin House Children's Hospice, by having lunches for Lent. It has been hard work but we have raised a fantastic sum of £600 for the Hospice and on the last Thursday we also raised £70 for Ukraine Charity.

We are so pleased with what we have raised but we have a few people to thank; without these people this wouldn't have been possible: Ray who delivered to people who weren't able to attend, as far as Cridling Stubbs, Iryna for making soup, Glenis who called the numbers for the bingo, set the tables before the lunch, making soup, Janet for also making soup and making up the delivery meals, Edna for providing the pudding for most of the weeks, Michael and Janice for providing the meals for two weeks. What a great team we have had for the last 7 weeks. This was all held together by Linda making soup, arranging lifts for those who needed them and manning the kitchen at all times.

We would also like to thank people who attended the lunches, bought raffle tickets each week, played bingo and hopefully enjoyed their lunches.

The group had a new lady arrive the last Thursday, with lots of beautiful knitting for the hospice and squares for blankets. Thank you, Mrs Whitehead, 96 and still knitting.

Our next meeting for Knit and Natter will be 2nd Thursday of the month 1pm and the lunch club 12 noon on the 4th Thursday of the month at 12noon. If you would like a lunch, please let one of the group know as we sometimes go out to lunch.

We all hope you all had a lovely and a blessed Easter.

With love from Friends x



**St Botolph's Church
Plant Sale
and
Coffee Morning**

in the Parish Room

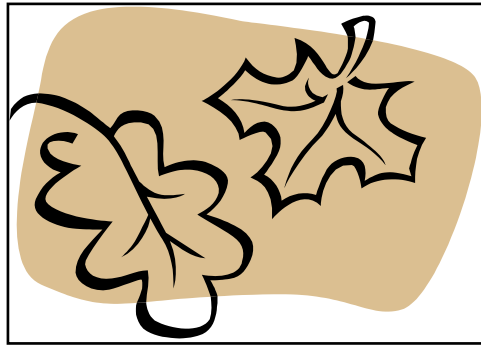
Saturday 11 May 2024

10 am - 12 noon

**Everyone welcome
Proceeds for church
funds**

The Manse

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www.the-manse.me.uk

Fancy a cuppa?

The 3rd Saturday of each month
18 May

10am until 12 noon

at

The Knottingley Club

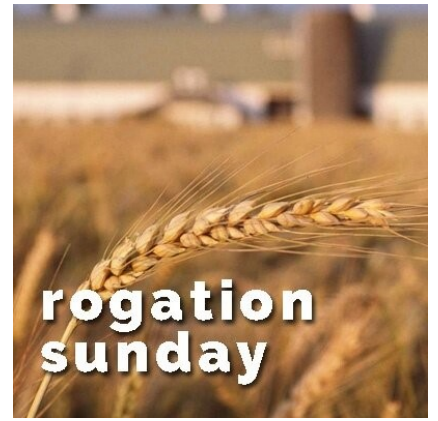


Meet for a bacon butty and a cuppa
With your local British Legion



Rogation Sunday is 5th May 2024.

Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its sustenance. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, meaning “to ask”, which reflects the beseeching of God for protection from calamities. The Major Rogation (from Latin *rogare*, “to ask [for God's blessings and mercy]”) originated as a Christian festival to replace a pagan Roman festival, *Robigalia*, which consisted of a procession from Rome to a point outside the city, where a dog and a sheep were sacrificed to save the crops from blight.



Psalm 50:1-2, 10-11

the city perfect in its beauty. and the cattle on thousands of hills. and all living things in the fields. our hills and streams our rivers, lakes, reservoirs and seas that in all these things we might glimpse a reflection of your glory and your gracious love for each one of us.

Rogation is a time of asking, asking God’s blessings on emerging crops. In times gone by when everything depended on the local harvest, this was vital. A failed local harvest meant starvation, so asking God’s Blessing at various points was seen as important. We still depend on farming today for our food but can draw on harvest from all over the country and beyond. It can be easy to feel disconnected from where our food comes from. Which makes this is still a good time to pray for farmers who are at the mercy of the weather. The pandemic reminded us that farmers are key workers and need our support.

This is also a good time to ask God’s blessing on our communities many of whom have been hit hard by past events. Walking around our community and praying at various points is a positive way of supporting those communities. Giving thanks to God for the countryside and green spaces that help raise our spirits.

Rogation provides us with the opportunity to praise the Creator God, give thanks for our food and those who produce it; to pray a blessing on the communities in which we live and share together. Let us celebrate in thankfulness for all we have been given.

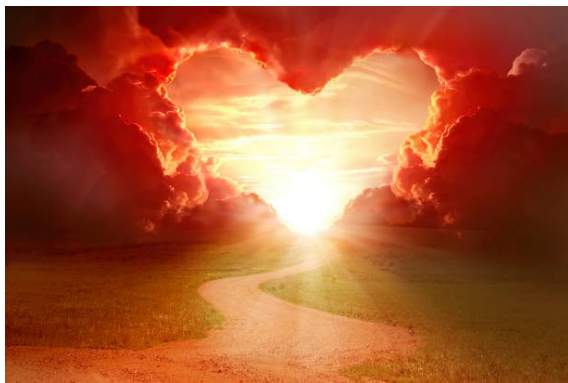


Recycle, re use

Please do not throw out your Easter cards.

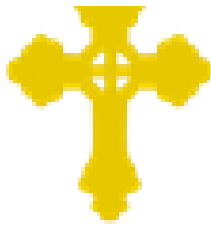
Please pass them on to Linda at church.

Thank you.



Love

Love makes us patient, understanding and kind
And we judge with our hearts and not with our mind
For as soon as love enters their hearts open door
The faults we once saw, are not there any more
And things that seemed wrong begin to look right
When viewed in the softness of love's gentle light
For love works in ways that are wonderful and strange
And there is nothing in life that love cannot change
And all that God promised will some day come true
When you love one another the way He loves you.



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
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3rd Sunday of the month	St Andrew
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Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.
Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk

Website: www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk

Events

3rd May Coffee and Chat St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm

17th May Coffee and Chat St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm

26th May Sunday Social, Brotherton Parish Hall, 1-3 pm

1st June Plant Sale St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton

Everyone welcome

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

God Bless
Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

Priest in Charge of the parishes of Ferrybridge, Brotherton,
Knottingley, Kellington & Whitley with Eggborough, and
Womersley.

New Vicarage
Pontefract Rd
Ferrybridge
WF11 8PN
Tel: 01977 671415



Kellington, Eggborough and Whitley

Church of St Edmund King and Martyr

Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am



Events

18th May Plant Sale St Edmund, Kellington

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415

Please come along and join us

**To contact Kellington Parish Council;
Clerk to the Council, Janet Smith, 662809
kellington.clerk@outlook.com**

Womersley

Church of St Martin

Sunday Mass 11am



Events

4th May Coffee Morning with various stalls

Everyone Welcome

1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



It is May, summer and we look forward to meeting outdoors and having adventures.

All three units are flourishing and the girls are working together to have fun, have different experiences and learn new skills.

We have a busy term planned including a Paris Olympic Challenge, to coincide with the Olympic Games to be held this year, and a trip to the cinema to see Inside Out 2.

The photograph shows our Brownie and Guide Award Winners for last term.



We raised much needed funds for all our units with an Easter Raffle. Thank you to everyone who sent prizes and who bought tickets. Thank you to Jasmine who raised funds in her mum's hair salon in York and also to Morrisons who generously gave some prizes.

We are still in need of leaders for each unit. If you are interested please arrange a visit to come along and find out what we do and how to register your interest in becoming involved.



Diocesan News

April 2024

Bishop Tony to retire this summer after 42 years service



The Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield, will retire this summer after 42 years of ordained ministry.

On December 6, 2002 he was consecrated as Bishop of Pontefract in York Minster by the then Archbishop of York, David Hope and after the creation of the Diocese of Leeds in 2014, he became its first Bishop of Wakefield in 2015.

“Having spent nearly two thirds of my 42 years of ordained ministry here in Wakefield the time has come to retire. Sue and I have loved living in Yorkshire and it has been a great joy to share in the lives of countless people, clergy, parishes and communities,” said Bishop Tony.

“The creation of the Diocese of Leeds was something that I couldn’t have imagined back in 1997, but it was worth all the incredible upheaval and

adjustment under Bishop Nick’s leadership so that is ready to face the challenges facing the Church of England today.”

In tribute to Bishop Tony’s faithful work for the church and communities, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds said: “I first worked with Bishop Tony in the Diocese of Leicester from 1991 where we were both incumbents and then area deans. It was a privilege to serve with him then and, later, to follow him to West Yorkshire.

“He could not have been a better episcopal colleague during a time of change, challenge and opportunity. I will miss his calm, steady commitment to our diocesan ministry and mission. I am indebted personally to him for his constant support and encouragement.

“This diocese will lose a dedicated pastor, wise counsellor and exemplary bishop. In wishing him and Sue a long and happy retirement, they go with our love, gratitude, prayers and blessing.”

Synod affirms our commitment to God's Creation and His people



Affirming our commitment to God’s Creation and the people in it were the topics of the most recent Diocesan Synod.

The Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, gave his Presidential Address, saying that in a world where news reports swing violently between troubling subjects, Christians must engage hopefully with reality, not turn away.

The Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon, proposed a motion confirming our diocesan commitment to not invest in companies with significant revenues arising from fossil fuels, which passed with an overwhelming majority.

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford, gave a presentation on his recent report which recommends the establishment of a new oversight groups for our overseas links, to champion them more effectively and allow for cross links connections.

Christian defiance brings hope

Bishop Nick

There was once a very popular Easter song or hymn, but it actually got sung throughout the year, and one line confidently proclaimed about Jesus, 'back to life He came.'

No, he didn't! What happened to Jesus was resurrection, not resuscitation. The Christian can be confident because, as Paul puts it, God raised Christ from the dead. He didn't simply get his breath back after a long pause.

Now this matters. As John Wesley made clear, if we sing bad theology, then we will believe bad theology. So we must be clear what we are singing, what we are proclaiming, and therefore what we are believing. Now, I think this is very encouraging. We live in a world in which the film industry and the military political complex tell us that violence and destruction are the real powers. Death is final and to be avoided at all costs.

But Jesus took a different view. On the cross, he looked death, violence and destruction right in the eye. And he defied them. He exposed the sham and disempowered what looked to be invincible.



No wonder the early Christians were mocked for their apparent weirdness. A slain lamb sitting on the Emperor's throne at the heart of the Roman Empire?

But this is what defiant Christianity says. As the previously hopeless Peter, the friend who deserted Jesus at the crucial point of his suffering, now preaches in the streets, God raised this dead Jesus and the world is changed forever. It's in Acts chapter ten verses 39 to 40. Now there are many times in life when we feel defeated. It seems as if the power of death or violence or loss simply can't be overcome.

It can hit us when we least expect it. Like the first disciples of Jesus, we can find that the God who raised Christ from the dead is the same God who promises never to leave us or forsake us. So like the first friends of Jesus, we might wake up on Easter Day bewildered and confused. Less, "Christ is risen, Hallelujah!" And more, "you've got to be joking." But the last laugh and the last word belong to this God who defies even death with hope.

Bishop Smitha marks International Women's Day at special regional event

The Rt Revd Smitha Prasadam, Bishop of Huddersfield, attended a special International Women's Day event hosted by West Yorks Mayor, Tracey Brabin.

Women of West Yorkshire, was organised by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Bishop Smitha was there with Revd Canon Rachel Firth, Women's Advisor for the Huddersfield Episcopal Area and Kaneez Khan of Wellsprings Together.

They joined other prominent women from across the region for a day of celebration, education and inspiration.

Speaking after the event, Bishop Smitha highlighted the historic progress towards equality within the Church of England.

"In the year that Leeds Diocese celebrates its 10th anniversary, the CofE marks the 10th anniversary of women's ordination as bishops, and the 30th anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood, I'm thrilled to be joining Bishop Anna who is Lead Bishop for women in the diocese, to celebrate these milestones in Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, May 4."



Charity founded on prayer receives King's Award for helping former prisoners



Alpha House, a charity which prepares people for mainstream society after prison and was born out of prayer has received the prestigious King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Concerned by the lack of housing and support for male prison leavers returning to Halifax and their social issues including drugs and alcohol dependency, former Probation Officer Fran Nowell decided to do something about it – with God's help and guidance.

Back in 2010, she began a project which now offers supported accommodation, help with mental health plus training and coaching to help residents turn their lives around, restore relationships and become productive members of society.

A worshipper at Christ Church, Mount Pellon, in our Huddersfield Episcopal Area, Fran had spent the last two decades of her 25 year career with the Probation Service in Calderdale and knew the hard road faced by former drug and alcohol addicts freshly released from jail.

"One night, I was praying and I heard God say: 'Do something about it' and I had the image in my mind of a large house with a garden – a real home offering wrap-around support," said Fran.

The project now has its own offices in Halifax centre, with enough space and facilities for groups of people to be helped with mental health issues, anti-addiction support and also gain access to literacy and numeracy coaching.

The first step is when they are collected from the prison gates by Alpha House staff and taken to a large house converted into seven individual flats.

The men are chaperoned while living in that building and when ready to move on, they go to a block of 18 flats next door.

From then, they start volunteering or going to college and become ready to move on to independent living and get own place.

Fran said: "Receiving the King's Award was a massive encouragement for the residents who were told that the whole project wouldn't work if it wasn't for their personal bravery and commitment.

"It really built them up and was also wonderful for the staff, volunteers and me."



Bishop Toby visits new ecumenical coffee shop mission

St. Mary's Church in Wyke were very excited to welcome the Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Revd Toby Howarth, to their newest ecumenical mission project.

Together with the Moravian, URC, Methodist, catholic and free churches locally, the church has opened The Meeting Place, a coffee shop in the village centre.

The Meeting Place offers a warm space and welcome to all who might be seeking friendship and pastoral care, along with an advice centre, meeting people's other needs in a variety of ways.

The Revd Lucy Wormsley, Vicar of St. Mary's, said: "The Meeting Place has been a new opportunity for the Church to meet people's needs whilst also offering the love of God to new people."

Bishop Toby said: "This project is a much needed provision for the people in this area, and it is great to see the churches working so closely together ecumenically."



The Calling

Revd Olasupo Ogunyinka
Team Vicar, Benefice of
Morley

Have you been called or did you call yourself? Well, I think either is okay with God who created us and knows us intimately. Remember the excitement you felt when you think you're called by God to his mission. The excitement of talking to your vicar, making several visits to the DDO and eventually attending BAP and afterwards receiving that important call from the Bishop telling you the good news... Well, where are you now in your calling?

The burning question is: if we are so sure of our calling at the beginning, why then are we sometimes acting like those without faith and trust in God? We are very quick to give up and feel powerless as if we are in control of everything in the first place. We are not in control, God is. He is the one who called us into his mission.

We are called to embrace everything that is beautiful, peaceful and loving and not to run away from putting right everything that is ugly, destructive and hateful no matter how hard it is.



After all, Christ, who we follow, made himself powerless, suffered humiliation, torture and death on the cross all because of His love for us. He could have forced us to submission instead.

We recognise the love of God in the joy we feel when we are in contact with all that is pure and beautiful, but fail to recognise that adversity is the wound of contact with God when it is painful and sorrowful.

We experience the will of God's nurturing pressure on us when it is necessary for us to experience it. And to the extent that we are obedient to his will he rewards us with the knowledge of his faithfulness and love for us.

Now that you're faced with the reality of who you are and who you're called to be, wake up from your slumber, ignite that passion you felt at the beginning and let it burn by the power of the Holy Spirit which is in all of us. Amen.

Churches raise £57,000 in Give To Go Green project

Churches across the diocese have raised some £57,000 in just six weeks to help reach carbon net zero, as part of the Give To Go Green project.

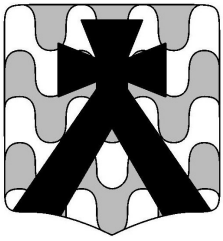
11 churches took part in Give To Go Green, a match-funding pilot from the Church of England working with churches to double local digitally-raised donations, to allow for more work on reducing carbon emissions.

The Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon and Lead Bishop for the environment in our diocese, said: "It's wonderful to see our churches do so well fundraising in the Give To Go Green pilot.

"I want to say a massive congratulations to all the churches for their efforts, and how much I am looking forward to seeing the positive results of the works this money will support."

It has been confirmed that the diocese will be taking part in the second round of Give To Go Green when it launches, with more details to come.





From the

Funeral

18 March	Colleen Clayton	86 yrs	St B
20 March	Elizabeth Ann Allott	77 yrs	St B
25 March	Edna Fuller	99 yrs	St B
4 April	Barbara Sunderland		P Crem

May they rest in peace
And rise in glory

A prayer for those who mourn

May God be with you in your sorrow
And comfort you in your loss.

May your God, your family and your friends,
Give you strength and confidence.

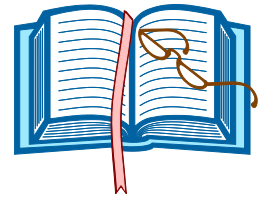
May your spirits be lifted,
May your heart be filled with peace and
May the light of God's promise fill you with
joy and hope.

Amen



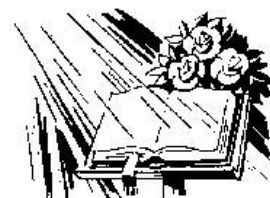
Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

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



Holy Days and Commemorations

Eucharist Readings

May

1 Philip and James, Apostles

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4 English Saints and Martyrs of the
Reformation Era

5 Rogation Sunday

EASTER VI

6 John the Evangelist

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8 Julian of Norwich, 1417

9 ASCENSION DAY

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12 EASTER VII

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14 Matthias the Apostle

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16 Mary Seacole, Nurse, 1881

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19 PENTECOST

20 Ethelbert, King and Martyr, 794

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24 John and Charles Wesley

25 The Venerable Bede, 735

26 TRINITY SUNDAY

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29 Oak Apple Day

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31 Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to
Elizabeth

June

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2 TRINITY I

5th May

Easter VI

Acts 10: 44-48

1 John 4: 1- 4

John 15: 22– 27

12th May

Sunday after Ascension

Acts 1:15-17,21-26

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

19th May

Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27,16:4-15

26th May

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

2nd June

TRINITY 1

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

John 4:7-21

9th June

TRINITY 2

1 Samuel 8: 4-11

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

The Aire Benefice Events

- 3rd May Coffee and Chat (Every two weeks)
St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm
- 4th May Coffee Morning
St Martin, Womersley, 10am - 12 noon
(first Sunday of the month)
- 10th May Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
St Botolph's Knottingley, 10 am - 12 noon
- 17th May Coffee and Chat
St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, 2 - 4 pm
- 18th May Plant Sale
St Edmund, Kellington
- 26th May Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)
- 1st June Plant Sale
St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton
- 15th June Garden Party and Gift Day
St Botolph's Knottingley, 10am - 2pm



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happy	pray	sick	faith	anoint

**Knottingley, St Botolph's Church
in the Parish Room**

Lunch Club

Fourth Thursday of the month

12 noon

Tickets £5 available from Linda

**Friends of St Botolph's
in the Parish Room**

Knit and Natter

**Second and fourth Thursdays of the
month**

1.30 - 3 pm

All welcome