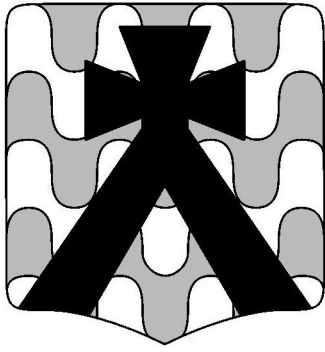




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Treasurer	Janet/Linda	
Electoral Roll Officer	Janet Laycock	01977 662028

of Knottingley



Sunday Services:

Parish Eucharist 10.00am
(all the family are welcome)

Holy Days - As announced

Contact us: Mother Sharon 01977 671415

Churchwardens : Linda 07939967800

Janet 07790939025

Or email **stbotolphchurchknott@yahoo.com**

Parents wishing their children to be Baptised should attend church beforehand, our services are 10 am on Sundays.

Diary Dates

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

2 Nov - Memorial Service, 4.00 pm

29 Nov - Christmas Wreath Making Workshop,
6.30 - 8.30pm

6 Dec - Christmas Fayre,

The Editor

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Saint Luke the Evangelist

18 October

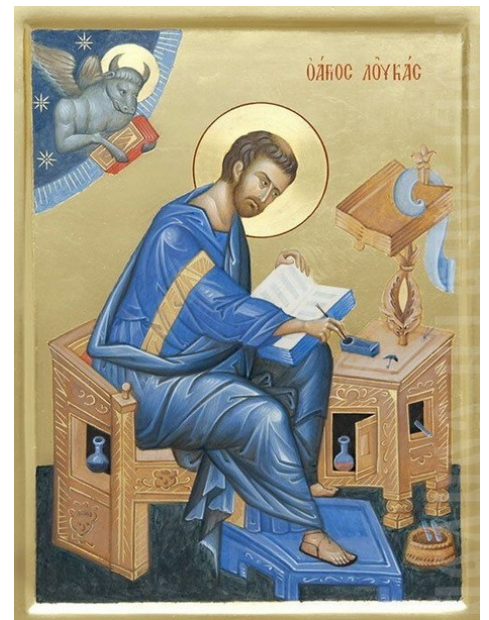
Saint Luke was one of the most modest disciples of Christ. He was not one of the chosen twelve who were constantly beside the Son of God catching His every word and witnessing His blessed deeds. He was but an insignificant human grain amongst multitudes heeding Christ from afar in preparation for future harvest. And he listened, becoming wax to imprint God-Man's words.

But why is Luke considered an apostle? That is because he was one of the seventy sent to seek and pray *“ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2).*

Due to his selfless perseverance in quest for heavenly truths, apostle Luke's evangelist symbol is a winged ox. St. Luke's Gospel best represents the sacrificial aspect of the ministry of the Saviour.

Seemingly, as indicated in the Epistle to Colossians, apostle Luke was a physician who left his trade to pursue Christ. So, apostle Luke's occupation was one of a doctor. He accompanied apostle Paul in his journeys.

As passed down by tradition, Saint Luke was also a painter who depicted the Holy Mother of God on a board of the table where the Saviour, his holy Mother and St. Joseph dined. Apostle Luke's icon was venerated by generations of Christians and, along with his Gospel, earned him the name *“second apostle Paul”*.



Recipe for kindness

Ingredients

100 g of love
40 g of smiles
9g of kisses
3 g of laughter
6 g of hugs
Makes 12 cups of kindness

Method

Collect all the ingredients together
Put the love, smiles and laughter in a bowl and whisk together
Stir in the kisses and hugs until they are combined.
Sit down with friends and enjoy sharing the kindness

Memorial Service



Dear

Knottingley, St Botolph's Parish Church will be holding a Memorial Service on Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 4:00 pm.

This is a time when, in our worship, we will remember loved ones who have died recently. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend the service which will include the lighting of a candle in memory of your loved ones and to hear their name read out in prayer.

If you would like a lily placed in church in memory of your loved one, please send a donation of £3.00 to:

Linda Brown, 2 Cheviot Place, Knottingley, WF11 8EW

Or Janet Laycock, 1 Ryecroft Gardens, Eggborough, Goole, DN14 0JZ

or complete the form below and return it to the either of the above addresses by 5th October 2025. The lilies will be placed around church on the evening of 2nd November

After the service you are invited to share in light refreshments in the Parish Rooms.

The Churchwardens of Knottingley St Botolph's Parish Church.



Memorial Service to be held at Knottingley St Botolph's Parish Church on Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 4.00 pm.

Name of deceased:(Block Capitals please) _____

I / We will / will not be attending the Memorial Service on 2nd November 2025.

I do / do not enclose a donation of £3.00 for a lily.

Please do not post coins as they can fall out of the envelope. Cheques can be made payable to St Botolph's PCC. Please return by 5th October 2025

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

“I Am There”

Look for me when the tide is high
And the gulls are wheeling overhead
When the autumn wind sweeps the cloudy sky
And one by one the leaves are shed

Look for me when the trees are bare
And the stars are bright in the frosty sky
When the morning mist hangs on the air
And shorter darker days pass by.

I am there, where the river flows
And salmon leap to a silver moon
Where the insects hum and the tall grass grows
And sunlight warms the afternoon.

I am there in the busy street
I take your hand in the city square
In the market place where the people meet
In your quiet room – I am there.

I am the love you cannot see
And all I ask is – look for me.

by Iris Hesselden



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

Full date of death, day-month-year _____

Name of deceased _____

Date request received _____

Puzzle Corner

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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APPLES
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Harvest Festival

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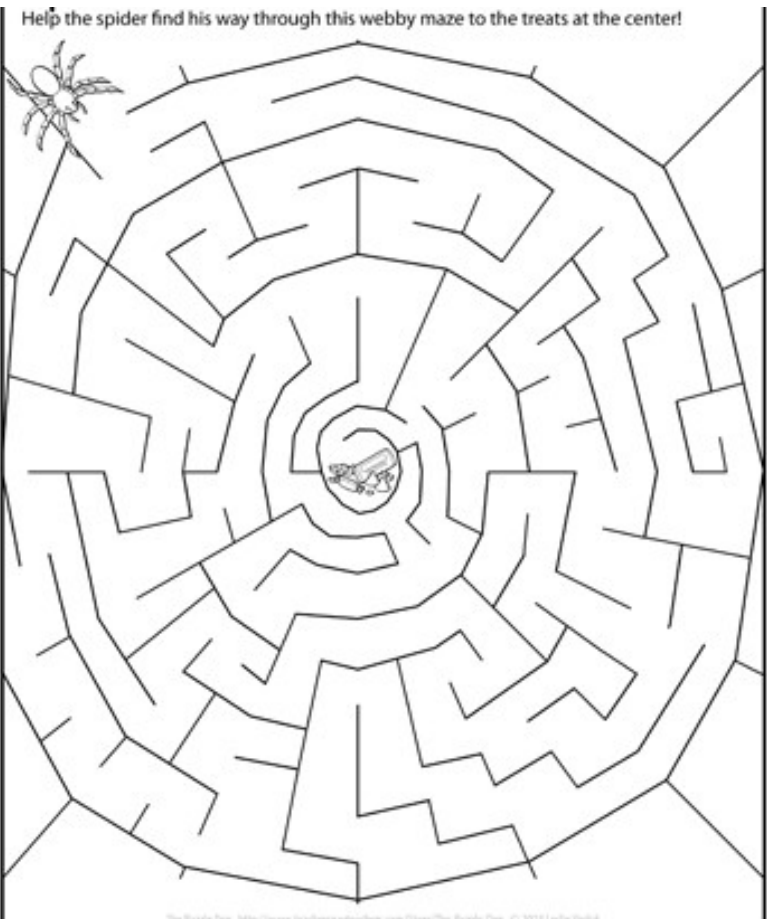
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HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MERRIMENT
MUSIC
OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
REGIONAL
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH



Spot the difference

Find 6 differences between the pictures below



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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the night.

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1st Wed Tower Bell Practice, 7.30 pm

2nd

3rd

4th

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SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
6.30 - 8.30 PM

£20 PER PERSON

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Contact Linda Brown to secure your place.

Mob : 07939 967 800

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

Calendar - October 2025

5th HARVEST THANKSGIVING

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am



*** * * NOVEMBER MAGAZINE COPY DATE * * ***

12th SUNDAY - TRINITY XVII

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

19th SUNDAY - TRINITY XVIII

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

26th SUNDAY - LAST AFTER TRINITY

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

**2nd NOVEMBER
SUNDAY - 4 BEFORE ADVENT**

**PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
MEMORIAL SERVICE 4.00 pm**

St Botolph's Parish Room

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



5 October	Glenis	Ann	Colin
12 October	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
19 October	Renée	Edna	Mark
26 October	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
2 November	Glenis	Ann	Colin
9 November	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
16 November	Renée	Edna	Mark
21 November	Jackie	Dianne	Jackie
23 November	Sheila	Rita	Sheila
30 November	Renée	Edna	Mark

An evening of ringing and singing



What a marvellous evening we all enjoyed on 6 September. St Botolph's Hand Bell Ringers organised an excellent social evening, with something for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who took part. The hand bell ringing team with some very different tunes from

those we have heard before, Grahaeme on the guitar plus other strings singing the shanties with rousing choruses and Bev to finish off with songs to get our feet tapping and to sing along.

Thank you to all those who baked. The refreshments were delicious.

Then there was the inevitable raffle. There were 40+ superb prizes and people were very generous in buying tickets.

It was a relaxed, social evening, a chance to catch up with people we don't see very often or have a good chat with friends. We really hope everyone enjoyed it.

A really big thank you to everyone who came along. £565 was raised from tickets, raffle and donations, to go towards the clock appeal.



Bottery



Club

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

3 August	16	Marlene Tunningley	£40
	80	Barbara Hall	£10
10 August	163	Anne Barker	£40
	72	Michael Daniels	£10
17 August	39	Sheila Wilson	£40
	132	Jane Williams	£10
24 August	29	Jackie Prince	£40
	160	Avril Chisem	£10
31 August	75	Sandra Cooper	£40
	46	Janet Penty	£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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The Methodist Church, Ropewalk, Knottingley, WF11 9AL

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

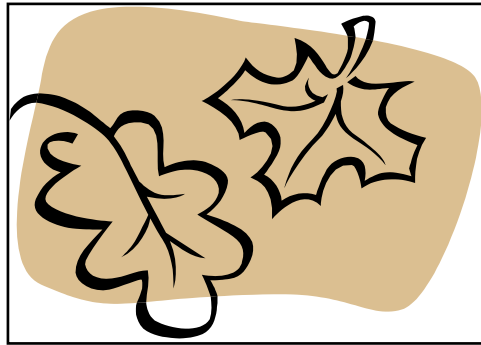
You can set up a Direct Debit to donate regularly to St Botolph's:

via gift form available from Janet Laycock
07790939025 or janet.laycock@yahoo.cpm

or directly via the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271
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The 3rd Saturday of each month

18 October 2025

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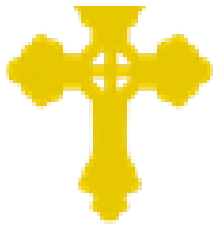
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The Knottingley Club



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





St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram



Our usual service times are below:

Sunday

8am Said Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Eucharist
11.00am Parish Eucharist

St Andrew
St Edward the Confessor
St Andrew

Wednesday

9.15 am Eucharist

St Edward the Confessor

Thursday

10.00 am Eucharist

St Andrew

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

1st Sunday of the month

St Edward the Confessor

3rd Sunday of the month

St Andrew

Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.

Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

Website: www.stedwardsbrotherton.co.uk

Website: www.standrewsferrybridge.co.uk

Events

26 October Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)

To arrange weddings or baptisms please contact Mother Sharon.

God Bless
Mthr Sharon Brown MA SCP

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

4 October Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon

Everyone Welcome

Kellington, Eggborough and Whitley

Church of St Edmund King and Martyr

Sunday Parish Eucharist 9.30 am



Please come along and join us

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415

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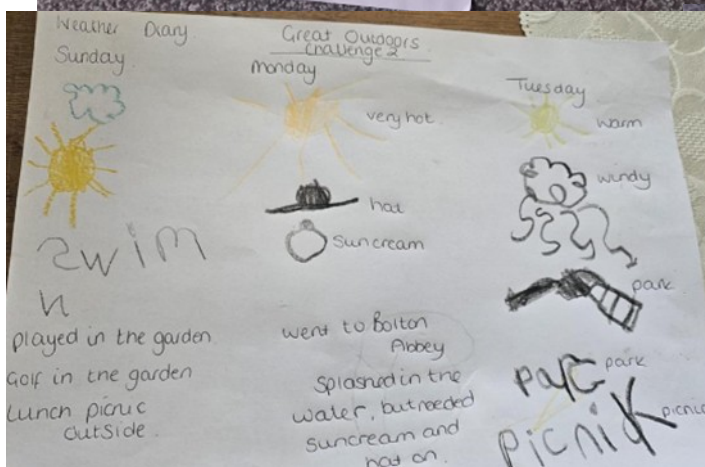
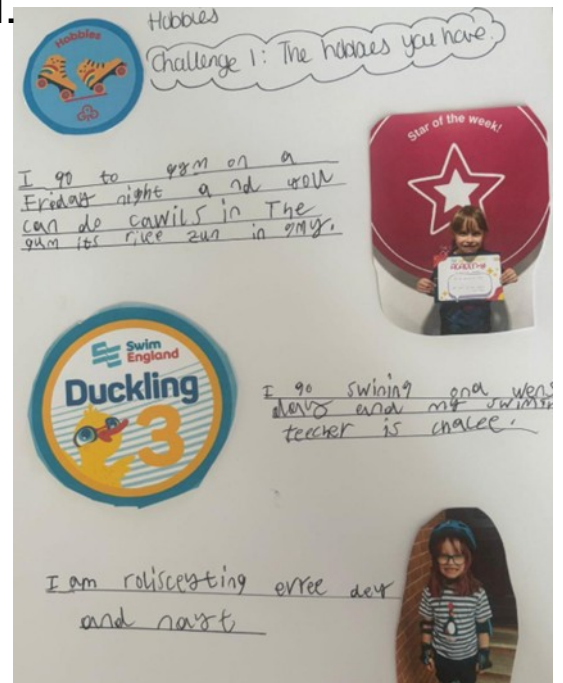
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1st Knottingley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Guides

We had a good start to the new term in September, welcoming some new members.

We began our first meeting by trying some of the, much publicised, new badges. Rainbows did lots of giggling with the Laughter badge, Brownies got active with the Sportsperson badge and Guides thought seriously about friends and how important they can be for the Friendship badge. These badges are all from the Be Well Theme. Some of the girls worked really hard and tried out some of the new badges during the summer holiday, below is a taster of what they did.



Brownies

Rainbows

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

Everyone Welcome



Poppy Launch Night



The Knottingley Club
Friday 24th Oct
7.30pm



Tombola



Entertainment by Knottingley
Silver Band

Support Your Local British Legion

About our Diocese of Leeds

The Diocese of Leeds is unique in having three cathedrals in one diocese.

This gives us three centres of worship and learning, three vibrant powerhouses of Christian mission, three historic civic institutions, three rich sources of heritage, and three visitor attractions.

As we're situated at three key points in our large diocese, Ripon, Bradford and Wakefield, we have wonderful opportunities to encounter the people who live and work and worship here and to inspire all generations to engage with the richness of the Christian faith and its heritage.

Together, we work with the Bishop of Leeds, area bishops, the diocese and the wider church, to be a spiritual focus for West Yorkshire and the Dales and beyond and to support mission in this part of the country.

Together, we seek to be a beacon of hope for the people of our region and beyond.

Together, we welcome you.

Bradford Cathedral

In Bradford, this ancient site of prayer continues to be a place where all are warmly welcomed. For over thirteen hundred years there has been a Christian church on this site and today it stands to the glory of God as a sign of the presence of a Christian community who seek to express the love of God through hospitality, faithfulness and wholeness.

Ripon Cathedral

In Ripon, worship has taken place on the site of the Cathedral for 1350 years. The Cathedral includes the crypt of the first stone church in the north of England, built by St. Wilfrid in 672AD. Ripon Cathedral continues to be a vibrant, living church centred on the worship of God, the welcome of visitors and pilgrims, and Christian

witness to the city, region and diocese. We want to develop as a key resource for mission for the parishes and communities of this part of the diocese.

Wakefield Cathedral

In Wakefield, we seek to be a place of welcome, prayer, reflection conversation and celebration for people across the region and beyond. The recent makeover of the nave has attracted many more people through our doors and helped us understand what it means to be a church for the whole community.



New deacons ordained at Wakefield Cathedral



Thirteen new deacons were ordained at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, June 28 at a joyful service of celebration.

At the service the new deacons were presented by to the Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds, in his last ordination service as Bishop of Leeds.

The Revd Henriette Howarth, Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Coordinator, preached on the first chapter of the book of Jeremiah, encouraging the new deacons to respond to their calling at this moment in time and in the places they will be serving.

After Bishop Nick laid out the responsibilities and duties of a deacon, the new deacons made their declarations, while the congregation, made up of friends, family members and more, affirmed their support and encouragement for them.

Bishop Nick prayed for each deacon, and with the laying on of hands called for the Holy Spirit to help each deacon in their office and work.



The deacons were welcomed enthusiastically by all present, before being given a copy of the New Testament.

The service ended with Holy Communion, before the deacons were sent out to begin their ministry.

A full list of those ordained can be found below.

For the Bradford Area
Marc Voase - Benefice of Ilkley St Margaret
Zoe Smith - Benefice of Burley in Wharfedale

For the Huddersfield Area
Victoria Angell - Benefice of Birstall and Benefice of Brownhill

For the Leeds Area
Jessica Farrant - Benefice of Upper Armley
Rebecca Davidson - Benefice of Moor Allerton & Shadwell
Rosie Phillips - Benefice of Morley
Joanna Barrington - Benefice of Headingley and All Hallows

For the Ripon Area
Lee Finnegan - Benefice of Bedale, Leeming and Thornton Watlass
Clare Wood - Benefice of Skipton Christ Church with Carleton
Scott Lunn - Benefice of Penhill
Emma James - Benefice of Lower Wharfedale
Anna Boyce - Benefice of Ripon Cathedral

For the Wakefield Area
Edward Parker-Sunderland - Benefice of The Priory

Ackworth Howard School benefits from new solar power



One of our Wakefield area schools is using solar energy to power its classroom, thanks to a £2 million investment.

Ackworth Howard School is the first to benefit from the investment from the not-for-profit organisation Solar for Schools Community Benefit Society.

The school's solar panels are now installed and generating power.

The project has students to thank for encouraging it to be done.

These voices included Ben, a Year 6 pupil at the school, who spent years encouraging school leaders to do something to respond to the challenge of climate change, including getting solar panels for the school.

Beth Maclean, Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Programme Manager, said: "It's exciting to see solar panels now installed at Ackworth Howard!

"This project is a shining example of the positive change we can make.

"I hope it sparks more renewable energy projects across our schools."

Reflections of a Retiring Dean

Very Revd Simon Cowling
Dean of Wakefield

There is much for me to give thanks for as I prepare for my diocesan farewell service on Sunday, July 6 at 3.30pm and my subsequent retirement as Dean of Wakefield: the privilege, along with my fellow deans in Ripon and Bradford, of supporting the ministry of Bishop Nick; the gifted team of staff and clergy I have worked with; the joy of worshipping in such a beautiful space every day; and the wonderful diversity of the congregations who make up the cathedral's worshipping community. But above all I give thanks for the opportunities for mission and ministry that Wakefield Cathedral, right at the centre of our great city, enjoys. My colleagues here are used to me referring to my stated wish, when I was appointed, to 'turn the cathedral inside out'. In other words, to make ourselves open and available to our partners across the various sectors of our city, district and diocese. Art exhibitions, concerts (ranging from the Sixteen to Jethro Tull!), graduations, nave dinners, civic services, Messy Cathedral, diocesan spirituality days, all this and much else besides brings people from a huge range of



demographics into the building.

The first thing you see when you come into Wakefield Cathedral is a magnificent rood beam: the crucified Christ flanked by St John and the Blessed Virgin; and underneath the words of John 3.16: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. This verse is sometimes called 'the Gospel in a nutshell', and we hope that the unconditional welcome we seek always to offer to all, along with the understated but profound beauty of the building, combine to offer this Gospel message of God's love for all who come through our doors, for whatever reason.

I leave the cathedral, the city and the diocese with thankfulness for God's blessings during my time as Dean of Wakefield, with hope and confidence for all that is to come – and with a final reminder that it is your cathedral where you will always find a welcome.

Confidence and generous giving help make St John's fit for the future



Worshippers at St John the Baptist, Knaresborough chose the Feast of St Barnabas to hold a celebration service attended by Bishop Anna to mark the end of a three-year re-ordering project, made possible by £180,000 donated by local residents Barney and Julia Skrentny.

Key elements of the re-ordering included new easy-access glass doors, improved lighting, added pew-cushions, and new screens.

"A small kitchenette now helps us offer more friendship and fellowship for small groups, plus we have a bespoke creche area and better storage solutions throughout," Revd Garry said.

He explained that the project, although enthusiastically supported by the church congregation, was only made possible through the extremely generous support and funding of Mr and Mrs Skrentny of Scriven Park, Knaresborough.

For more news, help and advice for parishes, visit www.leeds.anglican.org

1ST KNOTTINGLEY RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES



COFFEE EVENING

*Tuesday 18th November
St. Botolph's Parish Room*

6.00 - 7.00 pm

Admission £1

including refreshments.

raffle, tombola, etc.



Everyone Welcome



Harvest Pie and Pea Supper

including raffle

St Botolph's Parish Room

Friday 26 Sept 2025

4:30 - 6:30pm

Tickets £7

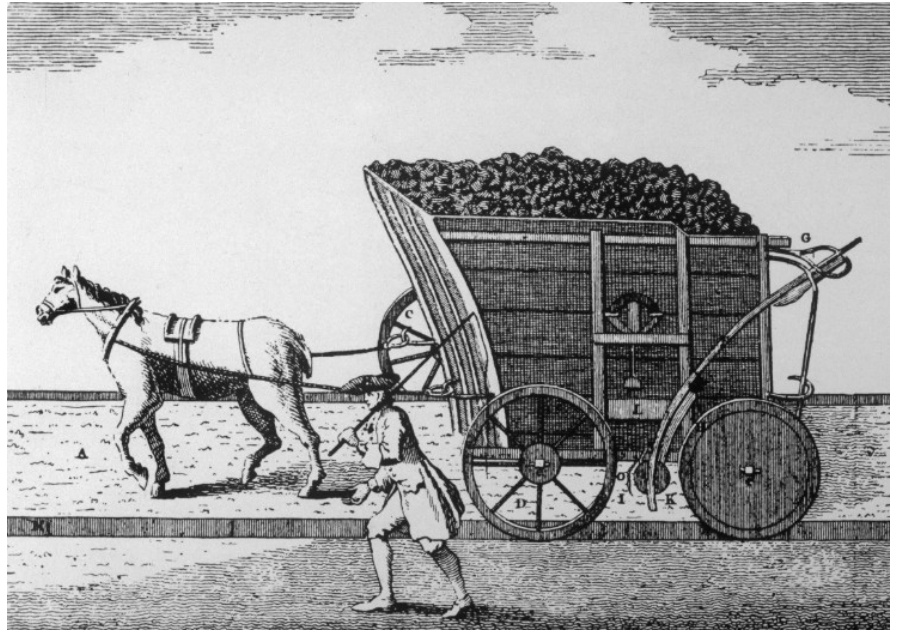


All welcome



200 years of Railway

Since ancient times, human ingenuity has led to guided systems of transport that make tasks easier. By the 1700s, miles and miles of wooden track was used to haul coal across the North East of England – with some help from horses too.



On 27 September 1825, George Stephenson's steam-powered Locomotion No. 1 travelled 26 miles between Shildon, Darlington and Stockton, carrying hundreds of passengers to great fanfare. It set in motion a train of events that changed the world forever.

2025, is a monumental milestone – 200 years since the birth of the train travel! It all began right here in the North of England, where innovation and ambition laid the tracks for a global revolution in travel and industry. George Stephenson created Locomotion number 1 and on September 27, 1825 carried the first passengers on a train on the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

In 1830, the Liverpool and Manchester Railway opened. Being the world's first inter-city passenger railway and the first to have

'scheduled' services, terminal stations and services as we know them today, it set the pattern for modern railways. The railways carried freight and passengers

Darlington North Road Station was built a few years later and is situated just to the west of the original departure point. The station has recently been restored as part of Darlington's Railway Heritage Quarter and Hopetown, a new railway heritage attraction.

Robert Stephenson was the engineer for the Stockton and Darlington Railway, and a few years later, he designed and built the Rocket locomotive (also known as 'Stephenson's Rocket') in his Newcastle works, which still exists today.



The Rocket was built for the Rainhill trials, a competition amongst engineers to find suitable machines to operate the Liverpool-Manchester Railway, the world's first inter-city line, in 1830.

Happily, the Rocket also still exists and can be seen in the National Railway Museum in York.

Though travel was generally divided into 3 classes, the railways were a great leveller in terms of mobility. Holidays by rail experienced significant growth throughout the 19th century, with entire resorts being created in seaside areas.



Scarborough, for example, expanded massively after the arrival of a railway from York in 1845, and its Grade II listed station remains today.

Bournemouth in Dorset did not exist before the railways, although its grand, continental-style station dates from 1885, 50 years after the town's first villas.

Weston-super-Mare in Somerset was also a product of the railways. The size of the staircases at its Grade II listed station shows the vast size of the crowds that would once rush through, although the adjacent excursion platforms are long gone.

As train travel became the norm in the 19th century, passengers began to demand both comfort and speed. GWR pioneered the railway buffet, opening the first-ever railway refreshment room at Swindon station.

Just as steam had supplanted the horse at the start of the 19th century, in the late Victorian period, a new form of traction began to emerge – electric. The first electric railway in the country was a short, narrow-gauge passenger line along Brighton Beach, and fantastically, it still runs today.

Early electric trains also offered a solution in central London. While steam engines could be used on underground railways constructed just beneath the street using cut-and-cover tunnels with frequent vents, it would be impossible to operate steam in deep-level tunnels.

In 1938 the Mallard set a new world speed record for a steam locomotive. The streamlined LNER locomotive Mallard pulled a test car carrying several railway engineers, who were lying flat down on the shaking floor. It reached an incredible 126 miles per hour, a record still unbeaten today.

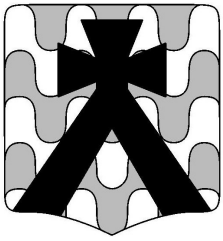


Diesel trains had operated on Britain's railways since the 1920s. They really got going in the post-war period. For some rail managers they're just a stand-in until electrification – for others the solution itself. Passengers and drivers viewed diesel as a new, modern and, importantly, clean transport mode.



The future of trains focuses on sustainability, efficiency, and enhanced passenger experience through green technologies like electric and hydrogen power, AI-driven services, and automated systems. Key developments include next-generation trains with higher capacity and speed, improved infrastructure management, and technologies like augmented reality (AR) windows and regenerative braking to reduce environmental impact and improve operational performance. The industry also seeks to meet growing demand by expanding networks and adapting to climate challenges.





From the

Wedding Blessing



16 August

Emma and David

May God bless this couple and may their love for each other continue to grow.

Funeral

2 September

Michael William Parker

69yrs

St B

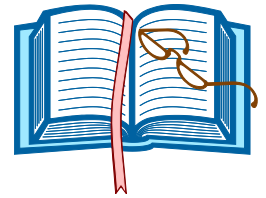
May he rest in peace and rise in glory

PC Pontefract Crematorium
St B St Botolph's Church
KC Knottingley Cemetery



Parish Registers

IN MEMORIAM



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

1	Agnes Adams	1998	20	Paul Steven Livsey	1973
2	Thomas Forster	1983		Mary Ann Spencer	1994
3	Alwin Hughes	1995		Elsie Woodall	1995
	George Robert Huscroft			Bernard Cooper	1997
		2003		Mary Wood	
	Jack Aaron	2013		Glendenning	2002
	Kathleen Aaron	2014	21	Mary Raynor	1983
4	Elsie Winter	1973		Brian Shaw	1989
	Clifford Charlesworth	1987		John Henry Branford	1964
5	Mary Hannah Schofield	1992	22	Alice Chapman	1982
6	George Hunter Bagley	1998		Kate Timms Adams	1994
	Grace Frances Jordan	1999	23	Marian Daw	1976
7	Elizabeth Parkin	1954		Mary Hannah Holroyd	1978
	Pete Ellis	1989		Irene Bains	1998
	Sandra Fox	2012		Allan Drury	1992
8	Robert Webster	1955		Harry Conroy	1999
	Lily Clayburn	1974	24	Stanley Kynman	1983
	Ada Miller	2005		Wilfred Chisem	2020
	Mary Newby	2011	25	Mary Rebecca Walker	1937
9	June Bywater	2020		Gwenneth Georgina	
10	Jack Hargrave	1978		Hargrave	2016
11	Frances Swales	1988	27	Walter Miller	1991
	Stanley Joe Whitwell	2006		Violet May Stones	1987
12	Reginald Turner	1993	28	Alfred Lunn	1988
	Ann Woodcock	2020	29	Elizabeth Ann Smith	1991
13	Leonard Lifsey	2012	30	William James Fuller	1998
14	John (Jack) Hall	2020		Richard Harland	2006
15	Margaret Dunn	1987	31	Sidney Shay	1986
16	Gladys Ethel Turner	1985		Alice Birkitt	1993
	Fred Wilkinson	2009		Mollie Butler	2017
17	Irene Mary Drury	2015			
18	Doris Whitwell	2006			
	Glen Andrew Wilson	1975			
	Julie Clayton	2016			



Holy Days and Commemoration

October

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4 Francis of Assisi, 1226
5 HARVEST THANKSGIVING
6 William Tyndale, Martyr, 1536
7
8
9 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop, 1253
10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, 644
11 Ethelburga, Abbess, 675
12 TRINITY XVII
13 Edward the Confessor, 1066
14 Esther John, Missionary, Martyr, 1960
15 Teresa of Avila, 1582
16
17 Ignatius, Bishop, Martyr, 107
18 Luke the Evangelist
19 TRINITY XVIII
20
21 Trafalgar Day, 1805
22
23 James of Jerusalem
24 United Nations Day
25 Crispin, Martyrs at Rome, 287
26 BIBLE SUNDAY
27
28 Simon and Jude, Apostles
29
30
31 Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

Eucharist Readings
Many TBA as there
are options on the
calendar

5 October
TRINITY XVI
Harvest Thanksgiving
TBA

12 October
TRINITY XVII
TBA
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

19 October
TRINITY XVIII
TBA
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18: 4-8

26 October
TRINITY XIX
TBA

2 November
TRINITY XX
Isaiah 1: 10-18
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Luke 19: 1-10

9 November
TRINITY XXI
Job 19:23-27
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,
13-17
Luke 20:27-38

What's On?

The Aire Benefice

- 26 Sep - St Botolph, Knottingley
Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon
Pie and Pea Harvest Supper, 4.30 - 6.30pm
- 4 Oct - St Martin, Womersley Coffee Morning with various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon
- 26 Oct - Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm
Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)
- 2 Nov - St Botolph, Knottingley,
Memorial Service, 4.00 pm
- 30 Nov - Team Service, St Edmund, Kellington, 10.00 am
This will be a service of Confirmation

*please
join us*



Knottingley, St Botolph's Church
in the Parish Room

Lunch Club
Fourth Thursday of the month
12 noon



Tickets £5 available from Linda

Friends of St Botolph's
in the Parish Room
Knit and Natter
Second and fourth Thursdays of the
month

1.30 - 3 pm



Knit & Natter

All welcome

**The Parish Room is available
for hire for
Parties or Meetings
at a reasonable rate
Ring 673463
for bookings**