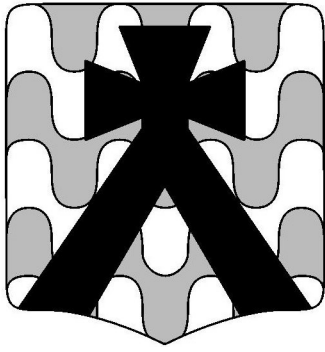




# St Botolph's Church Magazine

September 2025

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# Knottingley



# Parish News

# The Parish Church

|                           |                                      |             |
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| Vicar                     | Mother Sharon                        | 671415      |
| 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, |             |
| Deanery Rep.              | Wayne Evans                          |             |
| Safeguarding              | Janet Laycock                        | 07790939025 |
| Health and Safety Officer | Sheila Hutley                        |             |
| Flower Co-ordinators      | 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

|                |               |        |
|----------------|---------------|--------|
| Editor         | Janet Laycock | 662028 |
| Treasurer      | Janet Laycock | 662028 |
| Advertisements | Janet Laycock | 662028 |
| Distribution   | Linda Brown   | 673463 |

## The Parochial Church Council

|                        |               |             |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Chairman               | Mother Sharon | 671415      |
| Vice Chairman          | Janet Laycock | 662028      |
| Secretary              | Sue Barlow    | 07485170704 |
| Treasurer              | Janet/Linda   |             |
| Electoral Roll Officer | Janet Laycock | 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

6 Sept Concert of singing and ringing, 6 pm

13 Sept - Heritage Day, Church Open 11am - 2pm  
Service to dedicate clock and windows, 2.30pm

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

2 Nov - Memorial Service, 4.00 pm

The Editor

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

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

**Copydate**

**Copy for October:- 7 September 2025**

**November:- 5 October 2025**

**December/January 9 November 2025**

## Generosity Week

### 28th September - 5 October 2025



In Galatians 6:9 - 10, Paul writes: "Let us not become weary in doing good... Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."

How could we give our time to help someone this week?

Perhaps visit someone who is recovering from illness; bake a cake, visit and take it to someone who is lonely; speak to God and ask him to guide you in using your time generously; the list of possibilities is endless

A prayer

Loving God, you have given us more good things than we need. Help us to share them with those who have less. **Loving God, help us to be generous in giving.**

Loving God, you have given us families and friends and neighbours to care for us. Help us to show love for those who are unhappy or alone. **Loving God, help us to be generous in giving.**

Loving God, you have given us different gifts and talents and many opportunities to learn. Help us to use them creatively to make your world a richer and a lovelier place. **Loving God, help us to be generous in giving.**

Loving God, you have given us freedom to live how we choose. Help us to use it wisely for those deprived of basic human needs and rights. **Loving God, help us to be generous in giving.**

# Church Funds/Flowers

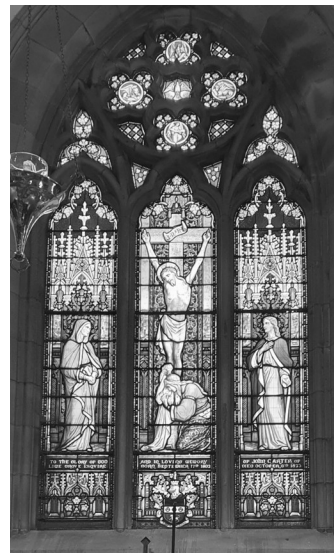
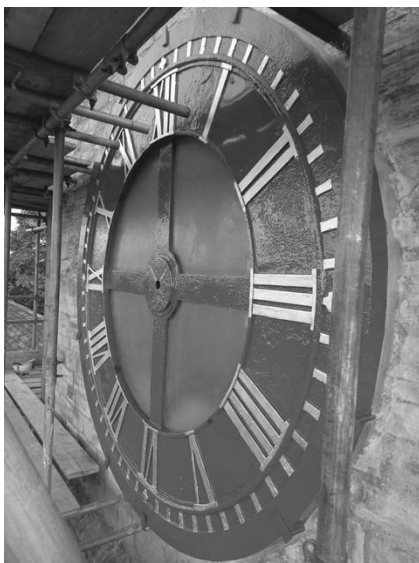


*We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:*

*from the family of Eric and Susan (Betty) Fussey remembering their anniversary*

*from Doug*

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Our clock is restored, our stained glass windows have been restored and cleaned and so we are holding a

Service of Dedication

On Saturday, 13 September 2025  
At 2.30pm

featuring Womersley Hand Bell Ringers

There will be light refreshments after the service

## Memorial Service



Dear

***Knottingley, St Botolph's Parish Church will be holding a Memorial Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 at 4.00 pm.**

Name of deceased:(Block Capitals please) \_\_\_\_\_

I / We will / will not be attending the Memorial Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**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

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| God           | Heaven     |
| Earth         | Light      |
| Darkness      | Day        |
| Night         | Waters     |
| Dry Land      | Vegetation |
| Trees         | Sun        |
| Moon          | Stars      |
| Sea Creatures |            |
| Beasts        |            |

### CREATION Word Search



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### Animals in the Bible

*Unscramble the words. Take the letters in the squares and unscramble them to find the phrase.*

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*They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with these. ~Isaiah 40:31*

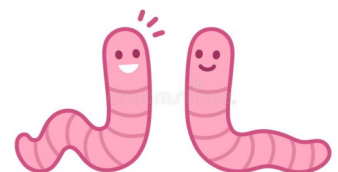
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A few jokes

Q: What did Daniel tell the estate agent?  
A: I want a house without a den!

Q: Why did Noah not go fishing?  
A: Because he only had two worms!

Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?  
A: Because Noah was standing on the deck!



# 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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# Community Shop

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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.



## Dance Addicts

Congratulations to members of Dance Addicts, who meet in the Parish Room, on their successes at the word championships in Blackpool.

The dancers have trained hard every week and attended extra sessions and their hard work paid off.

Ava is pictured after winning her under-10 section, making her 2025 World Champion.



The dance teacher, Maia Middleton is pictured with Ava and Harriet, six, who was a double finalist in two sections.

Dedication by the girls, their parents and Maia has resulted in excellent results and helped the girls to make their dreams come true.

Well done everyone.

# Calendar - September 2025

6th Sat Summer Concert of Singing and Ringing,  
6.00 - 8.00pm, St Botolph's Parish Room

7th **SUNDAY - TRINITY XII**  
**PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**  
**\* \* \* OCTOBER MAGAZINE COPY DATE \* \* \***



13 Sat Heritage Day, Church Open 11am - 2 pm

Service of dedication of Clock and Windows, 2.30pm,  
in church

14th **SUNDAY - TRINITY XIII**  
**PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

21st **SUNDAY - TRINITY XIV**  
**PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

26th Fri Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon,  
St Botolph's Parish Room

Pie and Pea Supper. 4.30 - 6.30 pm,  
St Botolph's Parish Room

28th **SUNDAY - TRINITY XV**  
**PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am**

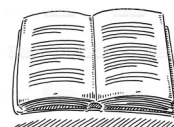
5th **SUNDAY HARVEST THANKSGIVING 10.00 am**

## St Botolph's Parish Room

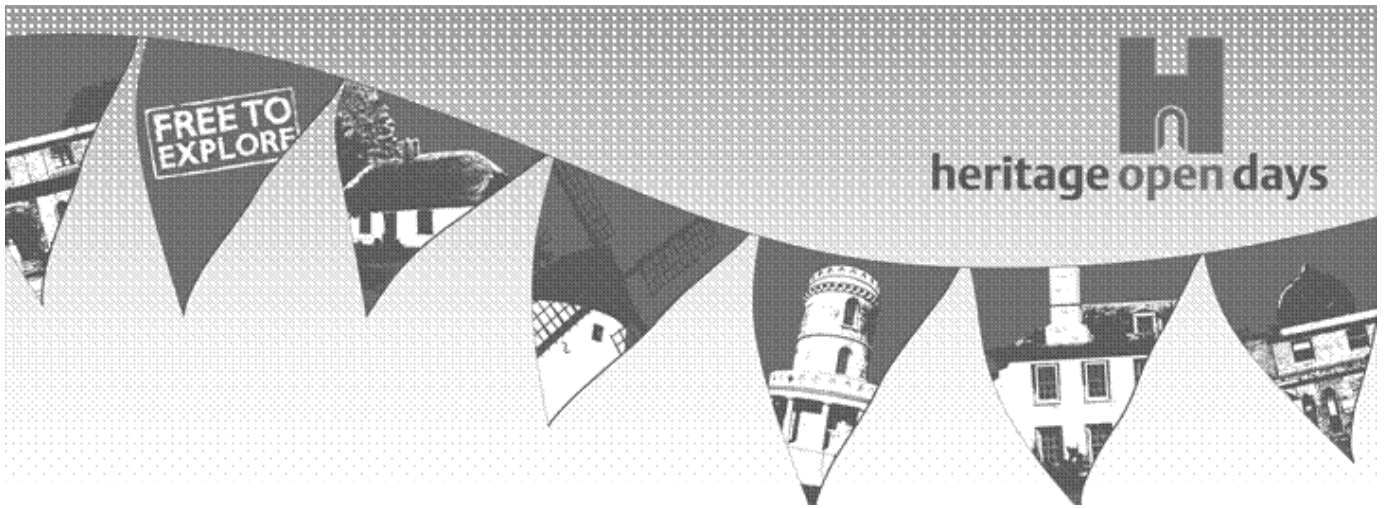
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| Tuesday   | Saviour Trust<br>Rainbows, Brownies and Guides<br>Hand Bells                      |
| Wednesday | Homestart - parent and toddler<br>Dance Addicts                                   |
| Thursday  | Friends of St Botolph's (second Thursday)<br>Lunch Club (fourth Thursday)<br>Judo |

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## Church Rotas



|              |        |        |        |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 7 September  | Glenis | Ann    | Colin  |
| 14 September | Sheila | Rita   | Sheila |
| 21 September | Renée  | Edna   | Mark   |
| 28 September | Jackie | Dianne | Jackie |
| 5 October    | Glenis | Ann    | Colin  |
| 12 October   | Sheila | Rita   | Sheila |
| 19 October   | Renée  | Edna   | Mark   |
| 26 October   | Jackie | Dianne | Jackie |



# **St Botolph's Church Open**

**Theme: Architecture**

**Saturday 13 September 2025  
11.00 am - 2.00 pm**

**Refreshments available in the Parish Room  
Look around church, research our parish  
records, view our art display by the local art  
club**

**Followed by a service for the dedication of the  
renovated clock and church windows**

**Do come along and join us**

# Bottery



## Club

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

|         |     |                    |     |
|---------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 1 June  | 16  | Marlene Tunningley | £40 |
|         | 180 | Mary Bagley        | £10 |
| 8 June  | 27  | Dianne Wrigley     | £40 |
|         | 77  | Dennis Wilson      | £10 |
| 15 June | 73  | Renée Huby         | £40 |
|         | 84  | Jean Hoaksey       | £10 |
| 22 June | 21  | Louise Wrigley     | £40 |
|         | 139 | Linda Wood Stones  | £10 |
| 29 June | 78  | Molly Fox          | £40 |
|         | 70  | Doug Chapman       | £10 |
| 6 July  | 32  | Anne Barker        | £40 |
|         | 104 | Julie Dobbins      | £10 |
| 13 July | 48  | Brenda Barlow      | £40 |
|         | 37  | Sheila Hutley      | £10 |
| 20 July | 176 | NSW                | £40 |
|         | 54  | Simon Ward         | £10 |
| 27 July | 37  | Sheila Hutley      | £40 |
|         | 5   | Barbara Birdsall   | £10 |

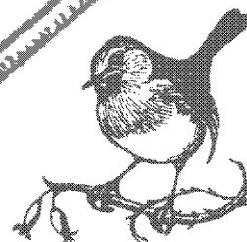
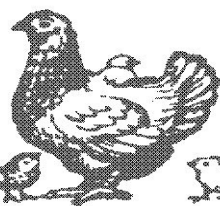
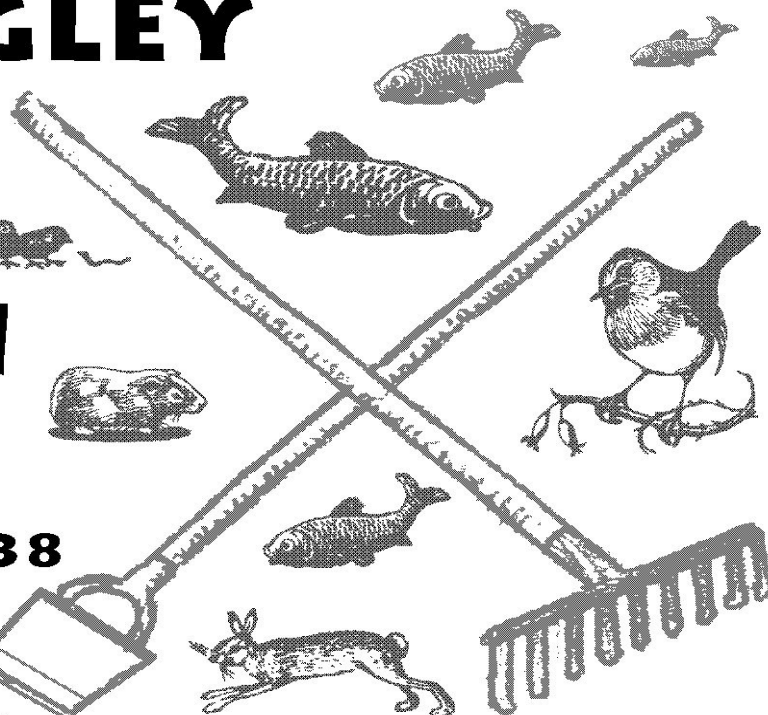
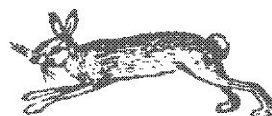
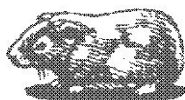
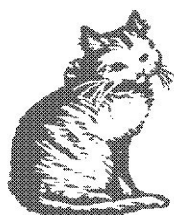
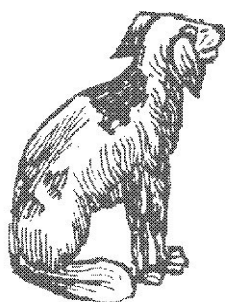
We would be grateful for any additional members to join our Bottery Club, all proceeds go directly to support the upkeep of St Botolph's Church.

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.

# **KNOTTINGLEY PET**

## **& GARDEN SUPPLIES**

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KNOTTINGLEY 671238**



10 Tennyson Way  
Pontefract  
WF8 1LD

07769 181720





# 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](mailto:manager@knottingley.foodbank.org.uk)

## St Botolph's Parish Giving Scheme

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

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



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

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

**The PGS makes it possible for donors to:**  
**Donate monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit**  
**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:**

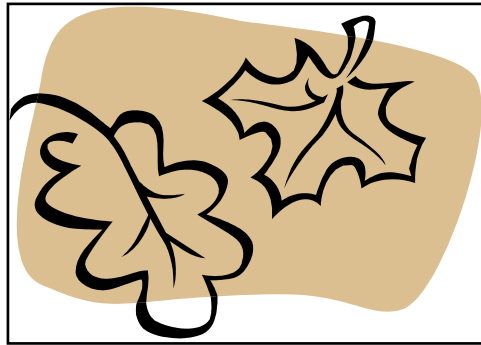
**via gift form available from Richard Bagley (Treasurer).**

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

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

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**[www.the-manse.me.uk](http://www.the-manse.me.uk)**

# Fancy a cuppa?

**The 3rd Saturday of each month**

**20 September 2025**

**10am until 12 noon**

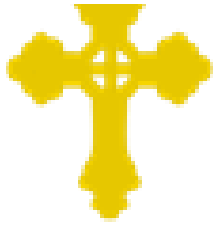
**at**

**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  
9.15am Parish Eucharist  
11.00am Parish Eucharist

St Andrew  
St Edward the Confessor  
St Andrew

### **Wednesday**

9.15 am Eucharist

St Edward the Confessor

### **Thursday**

10.00 am Eucharist

St Andrew

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

1st Sunday of the month

St Edward the Confessor

3rd Sunday of the month

St Andrew

Facebook: St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.

Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Ferrybridge

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

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

## **Events**

28 September 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

Vicar of the parishes of Ferrybridge, Brotherton, Knottingley,  
Kellington & Whitley with Eggborough, and Womersley.

New Vicarage

Pontefract Rd

Ferrybridge

WF11 8PN

Tel: 01977 671415

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## **Womersley**

### **Church of St Martin**

Sunday Mass 11am

Arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings  
contact Mother Sharon Brown 01977 671415



## **Events**

6 September 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

# LSH DECOR

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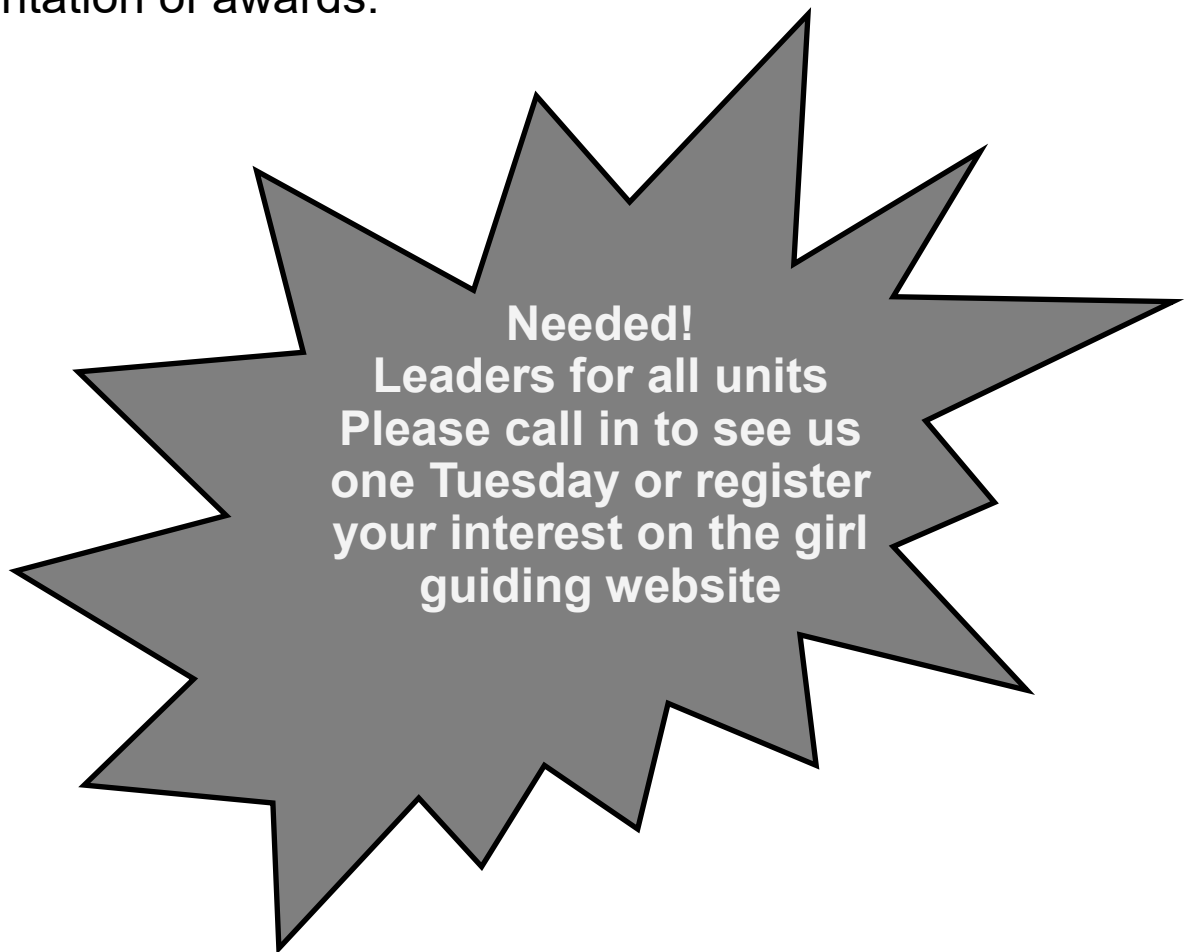
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City & Guilds  
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What a busy year. We have welcomed new members, many girls moving from one section to the next and some leaving us.

We had a fantastic celebration of achievements in Whitwood Division, we spent a morning learning circus skills, playing on the bouncy castle, making crafts, eating a picnic followed by the presentation of awards.



As we begin our new term on 9th September we look forward to meeting some new members. It is an important time for schools and we wish everyone well as they move into their next classes or, for our 11 year olds, their high schools,



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
**7.30pm**



**Tombola**



Entertainment by Knottingley  
Silver Band

*Support Your Local British Legion*

## **A great day out in Scotland**

### **Culzean Castle: A Majestic Jewel of Scotland's West Coast**

Nestled on the rugged cliffs of the Firth of Clyde in southwestern Scotland, Culzean Castle is a true testament to Scotland's rich history, architectural grandeur, and stunning natural beauty. This magnificent structure, set against a backdrop of lush woodlands and dramatic sea views, stands as one of the most iconic castles in Scotland. With a history that spans several centuries and a reputation for grandeur, mystery, and romance, Culzean Castle is a destination that draws visitors from across the globe. This article explores the castle's history, architectural wonders, and its role in Scotland's heritage, offering a glimpse into what makes Culzean Castle one of Scotland's finest treasures.

### **The History of Culzean Castle**

Culzean Castle's history dates back to the 12th century, although its true transformation into the grand structure that exists today began in the 18th century. The castle is situated on the Culzean Estate, a sprawling piece of land that has been inhabited since medieval times. The estate itself has an intriguing past, starting as a centre of agricultural activity and evolving into a place of military importance and aristocratic leisure.

The earliest known structure on the Culzean site was a medieval tower house built around 1165 by the Kennedy family. The Kennedys were a powerful family in the region, and their influence is reflected in the castle's long history. Over the centuries, the castle underwent several modifications and expansions. However, it was during the 18th century that Culzean Castle truly began to take shape as we know it today.

In the 1770s, the 10th Earl of Cassilis, a member of the Kennedy family, commissioned the renowned Scottish architect Robert Adam to redesign the castle. Adam, known for his work in the neoclassical style, transformed the modest tower house into an elegant and imposing country residence. The work began in 1777 and continued for more than a decade, with the final touches being completed in 1792. Adam's vision combined classical elements with a touch of romanticism, creating a structure that was both grand and inviting.

The result of Adam's design is an impressive fusion of classical architecture and Scottish baronial style. The castle's façade is marked by tall, elegant columns, while the interiors boast exquisite rooms, with high ceilings, intricate plasterwork, and elegant furnishings. Adam's signature style, characterized by symmetry and grandeur, is evident throughout the building, making Culzean Castle one of his most celebrated works.

### **Architectural Wonders and Features**

Culzean Castle is a stunning example of neoclassical architecture, with several features that set it apart from other castles in Scotland. The exterior of the castle is constructed from local sandstone, which gives it a warm, honey-toned appearance that complements its natural surroundings. The

layout of the castle follows an impressive asymmetrical design, with the main building flanked by two wings that extend towards the sea. This unique shape allows for magnificent views of the surrounding landscape, including the Firth of Clyde and the island of Ailsa Craig in the distance. One of the most striking elements of Culzean Castle is its central tower, which rises above the rest of the building. The tower, with its distinctive round shape, offers breathtaking panoramic views of the estate and the sea beyond. It is often considered the castle's most iconic feature and has become a symbol of Scotland's architectural heritage.

Inside the castle, visitors will find a series of rooms that reflect the elegance and sophistication of the 18th century. The Great Hall, for example, is a space of impressive scale, with towering columns and a beautifully designed ceiling. The dining room is equally grand, with large windows that overlook the sea and a large fireplace that adds to the room's warmth and charm. The library, with its rich wood panelling and antique furnishings, evokes a sense of old-world sophistication.

Perhaps the most famous feature of Culzean Castle is its stunning staircase, which leads up to the castle's upper floors. Designed by Robert Adam, the staircase is a masterpiece of neoclassical design, with delicate wrought-iron railings and a graceful curve that leads the eye upward. The staircase's elegant design is a testament to Adam's skill as an architect and his ability to create spaces that are both functional and beautiful.

Culzean Castle is also renowned for its beautiful gardens and grounds, which have been carefully designed to complement the architecture of the building. The castle's formal gardens are filled with symmetrical hedges, manicured lawns, and ornamental fountains, while the surrounding woodland is home to an array of wildlife, including deer, squirrels, and birds. The estate's expansive grounds also include a walled garden, a vegetable garden, and a range of walking trails that allow visitors to explore the natural beauty of the area.

### **Culzean Castle and the Kennedy Family**

The Kennedy family played a pivotal role in the history of Culzean Castle, and their legacy is still felt today. The Kennedys were one of the most influential families in Scotland, with extensive lands and estates across the country. They were involved in many key events in Scottish history, from the Wars of Scottish Independence to the religious conflicts of the Reformation.

Over the centuries, the Kennedys made significant contributions to the development of Culzean Castle. In addition to the work of Robert Adam, the family invested heavily in the upkeep and expansion of the castle, ensuring that it remained a symbol of their wealth and status. However, it was in the 19th century that the family's connection to the castle took a dramatic turn.

In 1792, the 10th Earl of Cassilis, the last member of the Kennedy family to live in Culzean Castle, decided to donate the estate to the National Trust for Scotland. This decision came about after a visit from the future King George IV, who was so impressed with the castle that he offered to purchase it for the sum of £70,000. The Earl, however, chose to leave the castle in the care of the National Trust, ensuring that it would be preserved for future generations.

The National Trust for Scotland took over the management of the estate, and in the years since, they have worked to preserve and protect the castle and its surroundings. Today, Culzean Castle remains one of Scotland's most important historic sites and continues to be a symbol of the country's rich heritage.

### **Culzean Castle and the National Trust for Scotland**

Since its acquisition by the National Trust for Scotland in the early 20th century, Culzean Castle has become a major cultural and historical landmark. The Trust has worked tirelessly to maintain and restore the castle's architecture, gardens, and interiors, ensuring that visitors can experience the grandeur of the past while enjoying the beauty of the present.

The National Trust has also opened the castle to the public, offering guided tours and exhibitions that provide a deeper understanding of the castle's history and significance. Visitors can explore the various rooms and chambers of the castle, each of which tells a unique story of life in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Trust also organizes events throughout the year, including concerts, art exhibitions, and family-friendly activities, making Culzean Castle an exciting and engaging destination for all ages.

### **The Role of Culzean Castle in Scottish Culture and Heritage**

Culzean Castle is not only a stunning architectural gem; it is also an important cultural and historical symbol for Scotland. The castle's connection to the Kennedy family, its association with Robert Adam's neoclassical design, and its role as a National Trust property all contribute to its significance in Scotland's heritage.

The castle also holds a special place in Scottish popular culture. Its dramatic location, perched on a cliff overlooking the sea, has made it a favourite backdrop for photographers, filmmakers, and artists. Culzean Castle has featured in numerous television programs, films, and books, helping to cement its place in the national imagination.

Additionally, Culzean Castle's association with Scotland's aristocratic past and the preservation of its historical features contribute to its role in educating the public about Scotland's social, political, and cultural history. The castle's grandeur and beauty stand as a reminder of Scotland's storied past, and its ongoing preservation ensures that future generations will be able to appreciate its significance.

## Conclusion: A Must-See Scottish Landmark

Culzean Castle is a must-visit destination for anyone interested in Scotland's history, architecture, and natural beauty. Its stunning location, breathtaking design, and fascinating history make it one of the most iconic landmarks in the country. Whether you are exploring its magnificent interiors, strolling through its beautiful gardens, or simply soaking in the breathtaking views of the Firth of Clyde, Culzean Castle offers something for every visitor.

Visiting Culzean Castle is not just about exploring a historical site—it's about stepping into a living piece of Scotland's past and experiencing the timeless beauty that has made this castle one of the country's most beloved treasures.

There was also a Brick wonderland, a large scale lego brick models of beloved characters from Lewis Carols classic tale, Alices adventures in wonderland, this ran from 1st to 31st July 2025.



Please come along to St Botolph's Hand Bell Ringers concert to raise funds for the Clock Appeal

# **St Botolph's Summer Concert of Singing & Ringing**

**Entertainment from:  
Bev Rooker - Female Vocalist  
Grahaeme on Guitar**

**Plus music from:  
St Botolph's Handbell Ringers**

**£5**

**Includes light  
refreshments**



**Saturday 6th  
September 2025**

**St Botolph's Parish Rooms,  
Knottingley, 6pm-8pm**

**In support of:  
Church Tower  
Clock Appeal**

**Tickets available from: Janet - Church Warden: 07790 939025 or Anne: 01977 678741**

# Harvest Pie and Pea Supper

including raffle

St Botolph's Parish Room

Friday 26 Sept 2025

4:30 - 6:30pm

Tickets £7



All welcome



St Botolph's  
Church  
Knottingley



Dedication Service  
with Womersley Hand Bells  
Saturday 13 September  
2025  
at 2.30pm

Come along to help us  
celebrate the restoration  
of our clock and church  
windows.

the tower bells will be rung  
Refreshments available

Everyone welcome

# Diocesan News

## July 2025

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Leeds  
[www.leeds.anglican.org](http://www.leeds.anglican.org)

**Loving.  
Living.  
Learning**

### Public consultation about the next Bishop of Leeds launches

The Diocese of Leeds has launched its public consultation looking for the views of all people across our region about the next Bishop of Leeds.

We are asking for people to answer three questions about our new bishop and the future of our diocese, which are:

- What are your three hopes for the future of the church in your community?
- What three words describe the main skills and qualities the next Bishop of Leeds needs to have, to help us grow in confidence as a diocese?
- What is the one thing you want to say to the next Bishop of Leeds?

These questions can be answered by filling in our online form, which can be found here, or by scanning the QR code below.



The Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford and the chair of our Vacancy in See committee, said: "This is a major moment for our diocese as we look forward with confidence to the next stage of our shared future.

"In doing so we would really like to hear what people think.

"Our prayer is these questions enable everyone in our diocese to have their say and to feel part of the process."

As part of the consultation process, we have produced postcards with the questions on them which are being sent to every church, which can be filled in by hand and are pre-addressed to be posted back to Church House in Leeds.

Alongside these we have produced and are sending a poster advertising the consultation to every church, with a QR code to access the online form on it.

### Mission Apprentices and Interns celebrate serving churches and communities



Some 60 people gathered at Fountains Church on Tuesday, June 10, to celebrate and give thanks for our Bradford Mission Apprentices and Diocesan Interns, celebrating all that God has done in and through them during the time they have been serving their churches.

11 of our Mission Apprentices are approaching the end of their two year part-time role working in Resource or Resourcing Churches, or churches linked with them.

During this time, they have taken on responsibility for developing or growing areas of church life, ministry or mission in response to their particular gifts and sense of calling, and engaged with theological and practical learning through the Monday Learning Community.

The highlight of the evening was hearing from the interns and Mission Apprentices themselves about what they have been doing.

## **“There’s an ancient path in Yorkshire’s hills, marked with crosses of stone”**

Bishop Smitha

“Sing to the Lord a new song,” says the psalmist. From well-known hymns to contemporary worship songs, each of us carries a song in our hearts to express the heights and depths of our lives, to give voice to and help articulate our praise and prayer.

In the modern era, our worship is often shaped not by the local but global. Whether choral or contemporary music is used, large publishing houses have become powerful forces to shape the style and sound of worship across continents. This is a far cry from the ancient world of Whitby, in which the 7th century cowherd Cædmon is believed to have written sacred songs for his community. With compositions deeply rooted in local traditions and musical styles, he’s said to have engaged with the cultural rhythms of Yorkshire.

Drawing on this heritage of spiritual song that has seeped into our culture, can we now raise up our local musicians to craft music and lyrics that are suited to our northern dialect and reflect the spiritual needs of our local congregations? Can we encourage those who are gifted to write their own songs to draw authentically on our unique experiences and spiritual journeys? Locally written songs give voice to the specific joys, struggles, and stories of a congregation, making worship more meaningful and rooted in the realities of our shared life.



Writing local music also honours the incarnational nature of our Church where we see God at work in our people and place.

In Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery, contemporary worship musicians have come together from different places to share their songs with each other. Some bring their own compositions whilst others bring songs which speak particularly into their community.

Longing to connect the congregation with their spiritual roots here in Yorkshire, Robb & Ruth Sutherland have written a song about the Yorkshire Saints. It begins with the line “There’s an ancient path, in Yorkshire’s hills, marked with crosses of stone” and speaks of building God’s kingdom here, as heroes like Hilda, Margaret and Paulinus once did.

One of the greatest charisms of our Church of England is a commitment to incarnational ministry through the local parish. As we faithfully declare that God became flesh and lived amongst us in the person of Jesus Christ, two millennia later, we form Christian communities that seek to live this reality each day. A living witness to God’s grace and compassion which flows out through our worship, pastoral care and social outreach and responds directly to our local needs and culture.

## **Cornerstone helps churches think about generosity and grow giving**

Churches across the diocese have been able to take advantage of a new online learning platform to help them with their giving and generosity.

Cornerstone is a platform from the Church of England’s Giving Team designed to support churches in all aspects of giving and generosity by using clear, step-by-step practical actions to grow giving and develop a deeper understanding of generosity.

Some 15 churches in the Harrogate deanery took part in our pilot for the Cornerstone platform in the autumn of 2024.

Following the workshop in October, the group from St Andrew’s, Starbeck have worked through many pathways and have engaged the PCC in embedding generosity in the church.

The Revd Phil Carman, Vicar at St Andrew’s, said: “One of the main learning points for us has been about how we communicate our impact and not just our need.”



# **It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited**

Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.

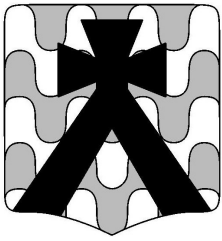
**St Botolph's Parish Room**

**Friday 26 September 2025**

**10 am - 12 noon**

**Everyone welcome**





# From the

## Baptism

29 June Dexter Carrington  
6 July Oscar Alan Paul Fradgley  
13 July Trinity Daniel  
George Harvey Daniel  
Freddie John Matthewman



**Shine as a light in the world**

## Holy Matrimony



19 July Richard Peter Pouton and Astrid Sharon Wandless

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

## Funeral

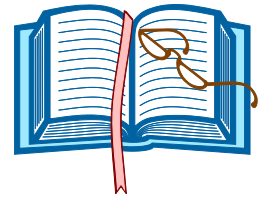
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| 19 June | Barbara Brown | 95yrs               | St B |
| 30 June | Gillian Cook  | Internment of ashes | KC   |
| 28 July | Jean Wormald  | 93yrs               | PC   |

**May they 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 September please pray for the repose of the souls of:*

|    |                         |      |    |                          |      |
|----|-------------------------|------|----|--------------------------|------|
| 1  | Rose Greenwood          | 1961 | 18 | Brian Fox                | 1981 |
|    | Graham Ledger           | 1990 | 19 | Alfred Schofield         | 1973 |
| 2  | Lizzie Webster          | 1947 |    | Doris Harker             | 1988 |
|    | Robert Miller           | 1990 |    | Belinda Sara Fussey      | 2009 |
|    | Doris Towell            | 1994 |    | Alice Buckley            | 2012 |
| 3  | Thomas Edwin Forder     | 1920 |    | David Richard Schofield  | 2022 |
|    | Herbert Cooper          | 1976 | 20 | Harry Fenwick            | 1978 |
| 4  | Jane Turpin             | 1967 | 21 | Rowley Alice Coward      | 1955 |
|    | Minnie Williamson       | 1984 |    | Lillian Violet Walker    | 1987 |
|    | Violet Knapton          | 1982 |    | Paul Gosling             | 1995 |
| 5  | Alice Ellis             | 1992 |    | Jemima Dunn              | 1986 |
| 6  | Frank Burden            | 1991 |    | Michael Morgan           | 2023 |
|    | Muriel Elizabeth Wilson | 1993 | 22 | John Henry Hemingway     | 1960 |
| 7  | Elsie Etherington       |      |    | Jonathan Gardiner        | 1988 |
|    | (Hiorns)                | 1998 |    | Florence Isabel Dey      | 1965 |
|    | Mary Sellers            | 2024 | 23 | Mary Burden              | 1986 |
| 9  | Dorothy Court           | 1981 |    | Jennie Sunderland        | 1993 |
|    | Cora Elizabeth Birkitt  | 1993 | 24 | Irene Beaumont           | 1974 |
|    | Arthur Adino Ridge      | 1995 |    | Edward Kirkwood          | 1996 |
|    | Matthew McLauchlan      | 1977 |    | Beatrice Elizabeth       |      |
|    | Edith Wilcox            | 2020 |    | Dawson                   | 1989 |
| 10 | Mary Ann Hartley        | 1921 | 25 | Millicent Sherwood       | 2012 |
|    | HM Queen Elizabeth II   | 2022 | 26 | Hilda Brookes            | 1975 |
| 11 | Arthur Herbert T. Ridge | 1986 |    | Janet J B Taylor         | 2023 |
|    | Dennis Smith            | 1992 | 27 | Sidney Winterbottom      | 1996 |
|    | Mildred Cooper          | 1990 |    | William Gregg            | 1995 |
|    | Doreen Brown            | 2007 | 28 | Eva Annie Dibb           | 1964 |
|    | David Ian Jackson       | 2022 |    | Cyril Ernest Frank Clark | 1990 |
| 12 | Olga (Mollie) Downing   | 1980 |    | St Mary Ivaline Smith    | 1992 |
|    | John Edward Betts       | 2016 |    | Margaret Taylor          | 1999 |
| 13 | Barbara Newlove         | 2020 |    | Margaret Jean Jordan     | 2003 |
| 14 | May Ethel Dawson        | 2014 |    | Margaret Ann Firth       | 2020 |
| 15 | John Michael Barns      | 1997 | 29 | Walter Whitwell          | 1974 |
|    | Peggy Betchette         | 2013 | 30 | Catherine Downing        | 1978 |
| 16 | Ronald S Tunningley     | 1987 |    | Keith Brown              | 2000 |
| 17 | Gordon Charles Nash     | 1977 |    | Frederick Maeer          | 2000 |
|    | Jean Rhodes             | 1994 |    |                          |      |

## Holy Days and Commemoration

### September

1 Giles of Provence, Hermit, 710  
2  
3 Merchant Navy Day  
4 Cuthbert, Bishop, 687  
5  
6  
7 Trinity XII, Creation 1  
8 Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary  
9  
10  
11 Deiniol, Bishop of Bangor, 6th C  
12  
13 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, 258  
14 Trinity XIII, Creation 2  
Holy Cross Day  
15 Battle of Britain Day  
16  
17  
18 Matthew, Prior, Poet, 1721  
19  
20  
21 Trinity XIV, Creation 3  
Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
22  
23  
24  
25 Lancelot, Bishop, 1626  
26  
27  
28 Trinity XV, Creation 4  
Generosity Week begins  
29 Michael and All Angels  
30 Jerome, Translator, 420

**Eucharist Readings**  
**Many TBA as there**  
**are options on the**  
**calendar**

**7 September**  
**Trinity XII**

**14 September**  
**Trinity XIII**  
**Holy Cross Day**

**21 September**  
**TRINITY XIV**  
**Matthew**

**28 September**  
**TRINITY XV**

**5 October**  
**TRINITY XVI**  
**Dedication Sunday**

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

# **What's On?**

## **The Aire Benefice**

**31 August Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm**  
**Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)**

**6 September Womersley, St Martin: Coffee Morning with  
various stalls, 10.30am - 12 noon**

**St Botolph's Summer Concert of Singing and  
Ringing, St Botolph's Parish Room, 6 pm**

**13 September Heritage Day, St Botolph's Church Open  
11am - 2pm**  
**Service to dedicate the clock and windows,  
St Botolph's Church, 2.30 pm**

**26 September Knottingley, St Botolph: Macmillan Coffee  
Morning, 10am - 12 noon**  
**Pie and Pea Supper, 4.30 - 6.30pm**

**28 September Sunday Social, 1 - 3pm**  
**Brotherton Parish Hall (last Sunday of the month)**

*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**