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of Knottingley



Sunday Services:

Parish Eucharist 10.00am (all the family are welcome)

Holy Days - As announced

Contact us:

To arrange a funeral please contact Linda 07939967800

Parents wishing their children to be Baptised should attend church beforehand, our services are 10 am on Sundays. To arrange a wedding or banns please contact Janet on 07790939025

Or email stbotolphchurchknott@yahoo.com

St Botolph's Diary Dates

6 April, Thursday

Lent Lunch in the Parish Room at 12 noon

5 May Plant Sale, Parish Room, 10 am

11 May Afternoon Tea, Parish Room, 1 pm

17 June Garden Party & Gift Day

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Dear Friends,

As you read this Easter will be upon us. We have journeyed with Jesus to the cross though Lent and Holy Week and now celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus

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Christ. This is the most important day in the Church year.

The Gospels tell us the story of the Resurrection, of how good triumphed over evil, of how death was overcome. Jesus died for us, and his resurrection opens to us the possibility of eternal life, life in abundance here, now, on earth but also after our life on earth is over.

Whatever you believe about heaven and life after death, it is the resurrection of Jesus that gives us the gift of forgiveness, hope, love and life. It tells us our loved ones it was Jesus Christ who came to repair the bridge between us and God.

Each Easter we have a new, large candle in church, the Paschal (Easter) candle. It represents Jesus, the Light of the World. Reminding us that whatever darkness is in our lives, the light of the resurrected Christ will pierce it and illumine our lives.

'For 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.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3.16-17

I wish you a blessed Easter, and I pray that the Gospel of the Resurrection may bless and comfort you always.

Mother Sharon

EVERY TIME I PASS A CHURCH I PAY A LITTLE VISIT

SO WHEN AT LAST
I'M CARRIED IN
THE LORD WON'T
SAY
"Who is it?"



Children's Area



We have reinstated our children's area in St Botolph's church.

Thank you to everyone who has donated toys and books to help resource this.

We will be happy to receive any further donations. Thank you.

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

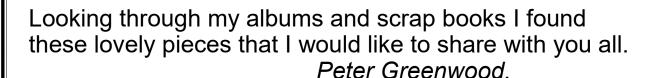
You should call 101 if you want to talk to your local police officer, get crime prevention advice, or report a crime that does not need an emergency response, for example: if your car has been stolen. your property has been damaged. you suspect drug use or dealing.

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





I heard the blackbird sing today His anthems to the sky, And off my thoughts went travelling, My spirit lifted high. The winter left behind me now The earth once more awakes. The trees will soon be dressed in green, So little time it takes. The winter will lose its winter chill The breezes will be light, And we'll go walking woods and fields As days grow long and bright, So thank you blackbird, once again As, one more time, I learned Your songs have magic in their sound I'm glad that you returned!

Thank you, Lord, for another day
And all the new day brings,
For sun and rain, for joy and pain
And all life's little things.
For those I love, who love me, too,
For every bird that sings,
Each sight and sound, the friends I've found
And all life's little things.

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.

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Additional short inscription (if required)					
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For office use only – details to go in Church Parish Magazine Full date of death, day-month-year Name of deceased Date request received					



Lent Lunches

Thursdays during Lent
23 February - 6 April 2023



At 12 noon in the Parish Room

Soup, roll, biscuit and tea/coffee

£4
Everyone welcome

Good Friday Children's Workshop

7 April 2023 10:00 am - 12 noon

Easter activities for children aged 5 - 12 years

Crafts, puzzles, Easter Egg Hunt

Hot cross buns and juice

Do come along and join the fun



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.

Puzzle Corner

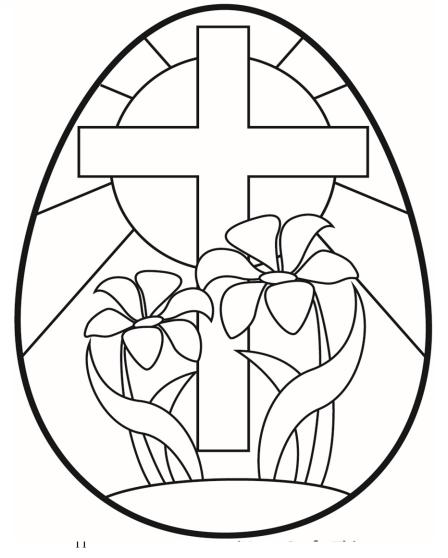
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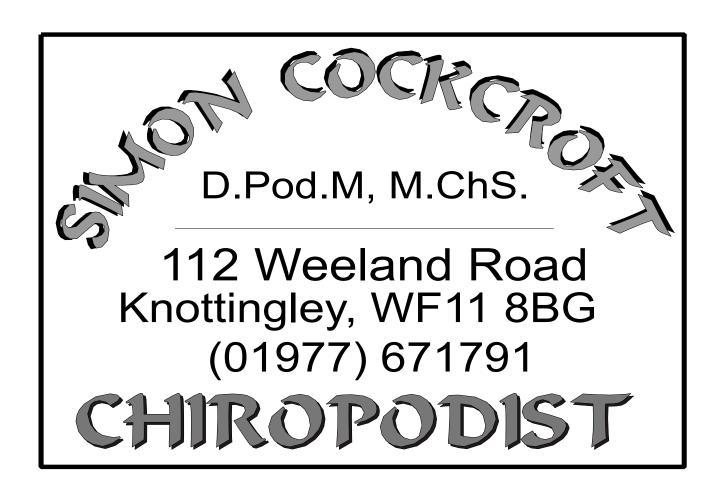
APOSTLES CAVE CROSS CROWN EASTER FAITH FORGIVEN LAMB **MESSIAH MIRACLE REDEMPTION** RESURRECTION **RISEN SACRIFICE SUNDAY THORNS TOMB**

Can you unscramble these Easter words?

- 1. essju _____
- 2. albm ____
- 3. motb
- 4. ossrc _____
- 5. rensi
- 6. vaiel
- 7. yansud _
- 8. dfiary

A picture to colour





Church Funds/Flowers

We gratefully acknowledge donations from:

Peter in memory of a dear relative, Mary Johnson (nee Idle), who died in December 2022. God Bless.

Peter Greenwood

A very generous legacy from the estate of the late Betty Hobman

Silver and copper collection



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.

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

The Knottingley Branch of the Royal British Legion

for the Coronation of King Charles III.

At the Knottingley Club

on Friday 28th April

at 7.30pm.

Tombola, raffle and entertainment by the brilliant Bev Rooker.



The 2nd Sunday Social

Join us on Sunday 26 March between 1 & 3 pm in the Parish Hall in Brotherton for tea/coffee, cake and company.

Hopefully (fingers crossed) the may also be some entertainment.

All monies raised go towards St Edward's running costs.

Calendar - April 2023

2nd PALM SUNDAY

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

CHURCHES TOGETHER, WOMERSLEY, 3 pm

HOLY WEEK at St Botolph's Church

3rd Mon Stations of the Cross, 10 am

6th Thu MAUNDY THURSDAY

Eucharist 10 am

Lent Lunch, Parish Room, 12 noon

7th Fri GOOD FRIDAY

Children's workshop, Parish Room, 10 am - 12 noon

Good Friday Liturgy, 2 pm

8th Sat **EASTER EVE**

9th EASTER SUNDAY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am
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16th SUNDAY - EASTER II (LOW SUNDAY)
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

23rd SUNDAY - EASTER III PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

30th SUNDAY - EASTER IV

PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AND AGM

St Botolph's Parish Room

Monday Tai chi

Tuesday Brownies and Guides

Hand Bells

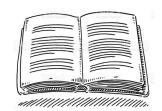
Thursday Friends of St Botolph's (second Thursday)

Lunch Club (fourth Thursday)

Judo

Church Rotas





2 April	Sheila	Janet T	Janet L
9 April	Renée	Edna	Anne
16 April	Dianne	Jackie	Jackie
23 April	Glenis	Ann	Sheila
30 April	Sheila	Janet T	Janet T
7 May	Renée	Edna	Alex
14 May	Dianne	Jackie	Anne
21 May	Glenis	Ann	Jackie
28 May	Sheila	Janet T	Sheila



Knottingley Judo Club





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

lan Sidaway 07935 498518 iansid@live.co.uk

Catriona Barber 07594 922614 catriona.barber50@gmail.com





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

5 February	21	Louise Wrigley	£40
	19	John Bywater	£10
12 February	29	Jackie Prince	£40
	40	June Haggan	£10
19 February	54	Simon Ward	£40
	116	Jennifer Atha	£10
26 February	84	Jean Hoaksey	£40
	77	Dennis Wilson	£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 or any member of the church.

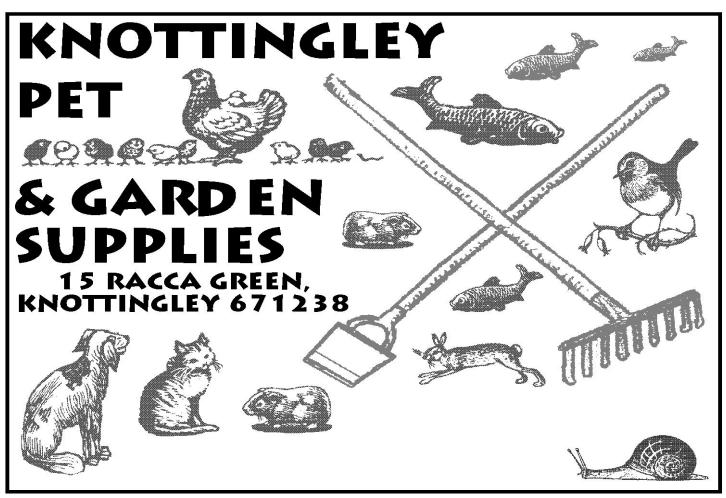
St Botolph's Tower Bells

St Botolph's has a lovely ring of 10 bells in the tower, they sound really beautiful when they are all ringing. Unfortunately we now have only 6 ringers and 3 of these travel from Doncaster.

We usually ring from 9.30 - 10.00 am on Sunday mornings for the Church Service. We also ring for weddings on request.

If anyone is interested in learning to ring these bells, please get in touch with Paul Hargrave on 01977 678741.









Is the cost of living crisis affecting you?

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

The foodbank can support you with:

Providing emergency food

Offering a listening ear over a cup of tea

Support to find further help

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

We are located at:
The Methodist Church, Ropewalk, Knottingley, WF11 9AL
Tuesday and Friday 10am – 12noon

Donate

We rely on donations! Items we run short of

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

Volunteer

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

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

St Botolph's Parish Giving Scheme

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

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



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

Further details can be found here: www.parishgiving.org.uk

The PGS makes it possible for donors to: Donate monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit Sign up to inflation-linked giving annually Enhance your gift to your church by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving Give securely and donate anonymously, if you prefer

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

via gift form available from 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)

Bible Bloopers

It is truly astonishing what happens in Bible stories when they are retold by young students around the world. Here are a selection that are sure to make you smile.

In the first book of the Bible, Guinessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.



Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals came on to in pears.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

Samson was a strong man who let himself be led by a Jezebel like Delilah. Samson slayed the Phili-stines with the axe of the Apostles.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards Moses went up onto Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.

The First Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth Commandment is to humour thy father and mother. The Seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained. "Man doth not live by sweat alone."

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

One of the opossums was St Matthew who was, by profession, a taximan.

St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

A Christian should only have one wife. This is called monotony.

Thank you Dennis for submitting these

St Botolph's Garden Party is rapidly approaching.

17 June 2023

All donations of raffle prizes, tombola prizes, bottles, bric-a-brac gratefully received. Please bring items to church or contact one of the church wardens who will collect.

Cakes, pies, etc gratefully received on the day.

Thank you.

Friends of St Botolph's

We have just dropped off another 11 blankets for The Rivers care home in Aire Street. I think that could be around 30 blankets that we have made for the care home.

If you know anyone who would benefit from one of our lovely blankets please let Glenis or Linda know and we can drop you one off.

Thank you to all the ladies who have taken the time to sit and knit these squares to make these beautiful, colourful blankets.

We are making Lent Lunches during Lent for 7 Thursdays starting on the 23rd February, in the Parish Room, 12 noon. If you know of anyone who would like one delivering please let us know. They are £4 for a soup, bread bun and a sweet. Please let us know if you would like to come along then we know how many we are catering for.

Love from Friends of St Botolph's

Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

Afternoon Tea



11 May 2023

In the Parish Room

At 1 pm

Tickets £6



If you'd like to donate to Knottingley Foodbank the below items would be really helpful!

Non Perishable Items

Cereal Tinned Fruit

Jar of pasta/rice sauce Soup

Rice Tea

Pasta Coffee

Biscuits Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Meat Meal Spread (jam etc)

Tinned Meat Hard Beans

Tinned Veg Long Life Milk

Instant Mash Juice

Tinned Fish Snacks

Rice Pudding Chocolate Bar

Custard Tinned Sponge Pudding

Toiletries

Toilet Roll

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body Wash

Tooth Paste

Deodorant

Cleaning

NO BLEACH

Washing Up Liquid

Surface Spray

Laundry Detergent

Laundry Softener

As you are probably aware the foodbank rely on donations via the public. Above is an updated list of staple items which we require to fulfil our food parcels. We use this list of items along with a menu plan for our clients so these are the essential items we require.

No donation is too small, we appreciate every donation we receive!

Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't do what we do without you

Through the decades The 1920's

As the world slowly recovered from World War I, here are some of the events which occurred during, what was, The Roaring Twenties or the Jazz Age.

On 5 May 1921 the perfume Chanel No 5 was officially launched. The new fragrance immediately revolutionised the perfume industry and it has remained popular for over a century. On 15 May of the same year The Royal British Legion was founded.

In 1922, on 10 June, Judy Garland was born and later that year the BBC was formed. Daily broadcasting began in November of that year.

Having been discovered in Canada in 1921, insulin was became widely available in 1923 as a successful treatment for diabetes saving countless lives. In the same year the first edition of The

Radio Times was published, the Duke of York (later King George VI) married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon and the first FA Cup Final was played at Wembley, this was known as the white horse final as reported in a previous issue of this magazine.



1926 saw the birth of Princess Elizabeth of York. The General Strike dominated the headlines for months and Wimbledon celebrated it's Golden Jubilee.

In 1928 all women over the age of 21 years were granted the vote. Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, the first broadly

effective antibiotic, in the same year and Mickey Mouse appeared for the first time. Emmeline Pankhurst, a suffragette who fought hard for women's rights, died in this year.

In 1929 The Wall Street Crash began and saw the period of the great depression, lasting over 10 years and said to end during World War II in 1941. The St Valentine's Day massacre took place, the first Academy Awards were held in Los Angeles and the actress, Grace Kelly, was born.





The 1920's was the decade of the flappers. Prime Ministers of the decade included David Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, Stanley Baldwin and Ramsay MacDonald, a Scot, became the first Labour Prime Minister.

American Presidents of the decade included Woodrow Wilson, Warren G Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover. In the US the 1920s was a period of dramatic social, economic and political change.

The 1920s began with a roar and ended with a crash. To paraphrase Charles Dickens who wrote in a Tale of Two Cities "It was the best of times, and sometimes it was the worst of times."

This was the decade of the 1920s and here's to the next decade.

Kind regards
Peter Greenwood





Holy Week and Easter 2023

Monday 3rd April	10am	Stations of the Cross	St Botolph, Knottingley
Tuesday 4th April	11am	Stations of the Cross	St Edmund, Kellington
	8pm	Compline St And	•
Wednesday 5th April	9.15am	Midweek Eucharist the Confesso	St Edward
	11am	Stations of the Cross	
Maundy Thursday	10am 7pm	Eucharist St Botolph Eucharist & Watch	n, Knottingley St Andrew, Ferrybridge
	7pm	Eucharist St Martin,	, ,
Good Friday	10am -12	Children's Activities	St Botolph, Knottingley
	10am	Stations of the Cross the Confesso	
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	1pm	Music, readings, sile	, ,
	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy	
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Saturday 8th April	8pm	Easter Vigil St	Andrew, Ferrybridge

8am	Easter Day Mass (said) St Andrew, Ferrybridge
9.15am	Easter Day Mass St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton
9.30am	Easter Day Mass St Edmund, Kellington
10am	Easter Day Mass St Botolph, Knottingley
11am	Easter Day Mass St Martin, Womersley
11am	Easter Day Mass St Andrew, Ferrybridge
	9.15am 9.30am 10am 11am

Keeping Holy Week

It is uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification.

Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the structure of Holy Week and Easter. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated.

Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment') contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday with its two characteristic episodes. The veneration of the Cross is older; the sequence of meditations and music known as the Three Hours' Devotion was introduced into the Church of England in the nineteenth century. The first is now sometimes incorporated into the structure of the second. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday, but for the consecrated bread and wine remaining from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist to be given in communion. The church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day, which is a day without a liturgy: there can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the Easter Vigil draws near.

This 'Week of Weeks' preserves some of the oldest texts still in current use, and rehearses the deepest and most fundamental Christian memories.



Spring Fayre

Saturday 25 March 2023

12 noon - 2:00 pm

Eggborough Village Hall

Refreshments, various stalls

Everyone welcome

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www.leeds.anglican.org

Coronation Resources for Churches now available

The Church of England is providing a range of resources to help churches and parishes to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, an historic moment in the life of our nation.

Ceremonial, celebratory and community events will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday, May 6 and Monday, May 8.

A Book of Daily Prayers has been produced. As the King and Queen Consort prepare to solemnise the promises and commitments they make to the nations and people they represent, the Church will



begin 28 days of prayer and spiritual preparation alongside the King – praying with and for the King from Easter Sunday to the Coronation.

Service materials and various liturgical resources will be available to download including prayers and forms of intercession for use at Morning and Evening Prayer, a vigil service, and special forms of service for a civic or community gathering.

Daily prayers and reflections will be published on the Church of England website and across their social media channels. Christians are also encouraged to share their prayers and thoughts on the Coronation using the hashtag #CoronationPrayers from Monday, April 10.

A publicity toolkit, made up of Coronation logos, posters and social media graphics is now downloadable as well.

For details of all Coronation resources, visit the Church of England website.

Bishop Arun speaks against race-related rhetoric

Bishop Arun Arora has spoken plainly and powerfully on the real life dangers of inflammatory language at a special service to mark Racial Justice Sunday.



Preaching at Blackburn Cathedral, the Bishop of Kirkstall examined how misplaced notions of patriotism, combined with reckless political rhetoric, can result in racist outpourings on our streets.

He also stressed the need for those in power to choose their words with greatest care when referring to asylum seekers and refugees.

Lent reminds us of God's great love

Bishop Tony Robinson

I'm sure you will all agree that there is no particular skill involved in playing Snakes and Ladders, nor is special knowledge required; you are simply subject to the fickle forces of fate and fortune. I'm also sure that many of us regard our lives as a version of Snakes and Ladders: All of us are moving forward as best we can along some fixed route marked out for us. If fortune smiles on us and we do good deeds, then we get to climb the ladder of success and prosperity, quickly ascending the mountain of life.

But, as easily as fortune may elevate us to the higher tiers in life, a sudden turn of luck, ill health, the loss of a job, the cost of living, the challenges of marriage and family life can send us spiralling downward. We must start over again, determined to make it to the top, but always subject to the whims of destiny.

Lent is a time to remind ourselves that our lives are not mere matters of chance, that what happens to us is not the consequence of a cosmic roll of the die or spin of the wheel of fortune. "Look up!" Jesus says. Look up, for the



Son of Man has been lifted up on a cross." It is in Jesus, lifted up on the cross that we see what God's own love looks like!

When Jesus died on the cross, that was the full and dramatic display of God's own love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." We are loved by the God who loved us so much that he gave his Son for us, a Son lifted up on the cross that formed a ladder to heaven.

Lent is the time to learn to love our souls more than our bodies. My prayer is that more of us will make a special effort to strive for holiness during the days of Lent so that we can truly celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour.

+Tony Bishop of Wakefield

Children and Youth volunteers invited to thank-you events

This year, those involved with children and youth ministry across the diocese are invited to TEND, three one-day conferences designed to thank, encourage and equip.

Attendees will have the option to book onto one of the dates, found below, each hosted at one of our three cathedrals in Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield.

Jonathan Wood, Secretary for the Diocese of Leeds, said, "It's fantastic to be able to do something special for those who make such a difference in the lives of children and young people.

"It is the most important role in our churches. The thank-you events promise to be brilliant days where we can encourage those who serve others. Come, enjoy and be energised."

Wakefield Cathedral: Saturday, April 22 from 10am to 2.30pm Ripon Cathedral: Saturday, May 13 from 12pm to 4.30pm Bradford Cathedral: Saturday, October 7 from 10am to 2.15pm.

Visit learning.leeds.anglican. org to book your place.

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Prayer vigils for Ukraine take place across diocese

Services took place across the diocese to mark the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as people continue to pray for peace and justice in the region.



At Holy Trinity Boar Lane, Leeds people from across the city gathered to pray, reflect and light candles.

Congregation members from the church sang hymns, led prayers and shared stories from Ukrainians about that first day of the conflict one year ago.

The service was led the Revd Josh Cockayne, leader at the church, and attended by, among others, Tom Riordan, Chief Executive of Leeds City Council; James Lewis, Leader of the Council; and Rachel Reeves MP, MP for Leeds West. The Rt Revd Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall, closed the service with a blessing of peace.

In the evening people from across Bradford District met at Bradford Cathedral for a prayer vigil, with songs, prayers, and stories from those who have been displaced by the war and those who have opened their homes.

Attendees heard from Ukrainians who have fled their homes and found sanctuary in Bradford, as well as from the Fialka Ladies Choir and the Dibrova Male Voice Choir.



Other vigils and acts of solidarity also took place, including at Halifax Minster.

Iona Community's John Bell leads day of joyful song in the Dales

John Bell of the Iona Community headed south to lead a day of joyful singing for more than a hundred keen voices at St Alkelda's, Giggleswick.



Folk from Revd Julie Clarkson's three parishes of Giggleswick, Rathmell with Wigglesworth and Settle, were joined by friends from other local churches and farther afield for "The Big Sing" with the well-known Scottish hymn writer, broadcaster and Church of Scotland minister.

This was a return visit to the Dales for John and he was given an enthusiastic welcome before he encouraged and taught this scratch choir of singers to make a grand noise, singing songs of "Justice and Joy," said Edith Diggles of St Alkelda's.

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Flying and Falling

Revd Sam Crook

"Everyone forgets that Icarus also flew. It's the same when love comes to an end, or the marriage fails and people say they knew it was a mistake, that everybody said it would never work. That she was old enough to know better. But anything worth doing is worth doing badly."

These are the opening lines in a poem called 'Failing and Flying' by Jack Gilbert. In this season of Lent when we focus on our sin and frailty, they are words of hope reminding me, a curate emerging fresh from the dust of Ash Wednesday, that they can still fly. That the Glory of the Christian life is not in sustained perfection, but in a cyclical process of flying and falling as we learn to trust God, in our lives, in our church and in our world. Gilbert's poem reminds us that failure, and fear of it, mustn't be allowed to clip our wings, or to blind us to the beauty and glory around us.

As God's children we are drawn to the light and to the sun, our wings frail and mortal, like Icarus, are made of the ephemeral feathers



of will, and the wax of our good intentions. So often our resolve melts as we get near the heat of the sun and we find ourselves falling headlong back to the earth. Unlike for Icarus, God is there to catch us, to strengthen our wings and increase our resolve. By his love we are transformed little by little into creatures that can fly further and faster, buoyed up by the winds of the Spirit and the healing touch of God. In our flying we in turn inspire those around us to flap their wings, to test the air and to fly along with us. Hope becomes more than a feathered thing "That perches in the soul" but a murmuration, swooping and soring, urging each other to the light. A sign for each other, and for the world, of the love of God and the beauty of redemption.

Revd Sam Crook
Curate at Halifax Minster

Digital clinic helps parishes make giving easier

Digital giving has got another boost in our diocese, thanks to a recent clinic offered to help churches make the most of the opportunities offered.

The digital clinic was the first of its kind, and gave the chance for churches to seek help and advice on how to get started, or how to improve their digital giving offer.



Krys Lyon, treasurer at Shelf St Michael with Buttershaw St Aidan, said: "I found the clinic extremely helpful.

"We hope by going digital with our giving, we'll be able to get more money. Fewer people are carrying cash these days, so giving the opportunity to pay using card would be a beautiful extra."

Contact our Stewardship Team for advice - resourcingparishes @leeds.anglican.org





St Edward the Confessor

From the parishes of Ferrybridge and Brotherton and Byram

Our usual service times are below:

Sunday

8am Said Holy Communion

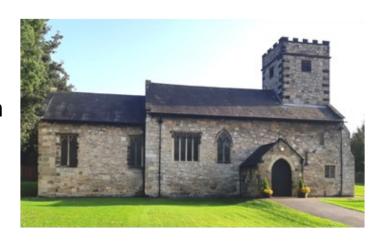
St Andrew

9.15am Parish Eucharist

St Edward the Confessor

11.00am Parish Eucharist

St Andrew



Wednesday

9.15 am Eucharist

St Edward the Confessor

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

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Chair of the Parish Council, John McCartney. 662558
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Womersley

Church of St Martin

Sunday Mass 11am

Events



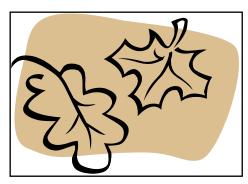
1 April Coffee Morning, 10.30 am –12.30 pm Cakes, jam, chutney, books and plants

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2 April Palm Sunday Churches Together Service, 3 pm

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St George's Day 23 April

Every nation has its own 'Patron Saint', St George is the patron saint of England.

Very little is known about St. George's life, but it is thought he was a high ranking officer in the Roman army who was killed in around AD 303.

It seems that the Emperor Diocletian had St. George tortured to make him deny his faith in Christ. However despite some of the most terrible torture, St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine. His head was later taken to Rome where it was interred in the church dedicated to him.

Stories of his strength and courage soon spread throughout Europe. The best-known story about St. George is his fight with a dragon, but it is highly unlikely that he ever fought a dragon, and even more unlikely that he ever visited England, however his name

was known there as early as the eighth-century. In the Middle Ages the dragon was commonly used to represent the Devil so the story could be that St George fought of evil and the Devil.

It was probably the 12th century Crusaders however who first invoked his name as an aid in battle.

King Edward III made him the Patron Saint of England when he formed the Order of the Garter in St. George's name in 1350, and the cult of the Saint was further advanced by King Henry V, at the battle of Agincourt in northern France.



Shakespeare made sure that nobody would forget St. George, and has King Henry V finishing his pre-battle speech with the famous phrase, 'Cry God for Harry, England and St. George!'

King Henry himself, who was both warlike and devout, was thought by his followers to possess many of the saint's characteristics.

In England St. George's Day is celebrated, and his flag flown, on his feast day, April 23rd.

An interesting piece of trivia – Shakespeare was born on or around St. George's Day 1564, and if the story is to be believed, died on St. George's Day 1616. An appropriate end perhaps for the man who helped to immortalise the Saint in English tradition.

And yet another interesting piece of trivia – for over 300 years the Patron Saint of England was actually an Englishman, St. Edmund, or Edmund the Martyr, the Anglo-Saxon King of East Anglia. Edmund fought alongside King Alfred of Wessex against the pagan Viking and Norse invaders until 869/70 when his forces were defeated.

Edmund was captured and ordered to renounce his faith and share power with the Norsemen, but he refused. Edmund was bound to a tree and used as target practice by the Viking

bowmen before being beheaded.

St. Edmund's Day is celebrated on 20th November.





From the

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4 March James Richard Wilkinson and Sarah Louise Baines

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Funerals

15 February	Brenda Elizabeth Westerman	83 yrs	St B
24 February	Pearl Kerry	90 yrs	St B
26 February Grace Rowbottom		83 yrs	St B
	Julie Blackburn	51 yrs	St B
2 March	Sarah Bainbridge	80 yrs	St B
3 March	David Wright	82 yrs	P.C.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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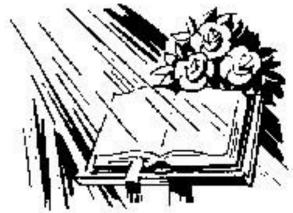
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Parish Registers IN MEMORIAM



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2	Elizabeth Senior	1964	22	Horace Brown	1979
	Edwin Harrison	1980	23	Harry Heath	1985
3	Lilian Warrington	2001		Janet Tucker	2006
4	Greta Sheard	2004	24	Harry Lancaster	1978
5	Ellen Buck	1978		Harold Chisem	1993
	Paul Barlow	2011	25	Mary Jane Wood	1990
6	Wilfred Hepworth	1981		William King	2010
	Phyllis Scott	2010		Dennis Taylor	2010
7	Mary Ann Arnold	1953	26	Joan Smithfield Fozz	zard
	John Robert				2017
	Fletcher (Jack)	1999	29	Phyllis Gwendoline	
	Audrey Newlove	2015		Tunningley	2018
8	Lionel Branford	1982		John Henry Moon	1988
9	HRH Prince Philip	2021	30	Gordon Hayes	1991
10	William Ratcliffe	1965		John Mark Hepworth	
	Roy George Blakesto			Joshua Joe Draper	2005
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	John Chadwick	2002			
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Eucharist Readings

April 2023 Holy Days and Commemorations

1	
2	PALM SUNDAY
3	Monday in Holy Week
4	Tuesday in Holy Week
5	Wednesday in Holy Week
7	MAUNDY THURSDAY
8	GOOD FRIDAY
9	Easter Eve
10	EASTER DAY
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16	EASTER II
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19	Alphege, Archbishop, 1012
20	Bueno, Abbot, 640
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22	Earth Day
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24	George, Martyr, 304
25	Mark the Evangelist
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27	Christina Rosetti, poet, 1894
	Peter Chanel, missionary, 1841
	Catherine of Siena, 1380
30	EASTER IV

2 April PALM SUNDAY Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a Philippians 2: 5 - 11

Matthew 26: 14 - end 27 Or Matthew 27: 11 - 54

9 April EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10: 34 - 43 Colossians 3: 1 - 4 *John 20: 1 - 18*

16 April EASTER II LOW SUNDAY

Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 *John 20: 19 - end*

23 April EASTER III St George's Day

Acts 14a, 36 - 41 1 Peter 1: 17 - 23 Luke 24: 13 - 25

30 April EASTER IV

Acts 2: 42 - end 1 Peter 2: 19 - end *John 10: 1 - 10*

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