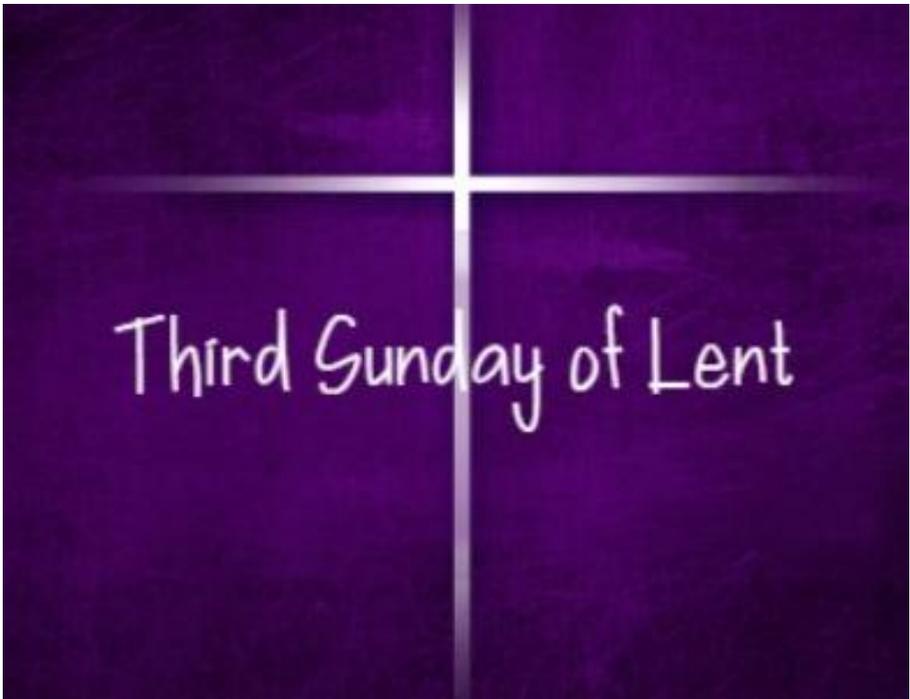




Worksop Priory
of Our Lady & St Cuthbert



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday 8 March 2026

**O God, author of every mercy and of all
goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our
lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our
conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.**



Background to the Gospel

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle. In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by

the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.



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Please pray for

**the peace of the world; especially in the Middle East and Ukraine;
for people living in all those places where there is war or armed oppression of civilians, that their suffering may end;
for those living in places where there is the threat of conflict, that peace may prevail;**



our GP surgeries, hospice, hospital, and care homes;

the sick, especially;

Angela, Angela, Chris, Christine, Eric, Jan, Jon, Lynn, Mary, Mick, Paul,
Richard, Richard Francis, Roxy, Tracey, Tuomas, and Violet.

for those who are unable to attend Mass;

Christine, Judith, Linda, Maureen, and Tony.

for those who have died recently;

Maureen Drabble, Graham Rowbottom
and Betsy Arnott



and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

8 Mar	Winifred Barker, Edward King (Bishop), Hilary Hudson, Florence Harrop
9 Mar	Rachel Butler, Kenneth Shaw
10 Mar	Wilfred Jarvis (priest), Edith Mokes
11 Mar	George Frederick King, Beatrice Gaffney, Charles Willcox, Audrey Mary Morby, Robin Woodhead, Carrole Cooley, Kevin Bryn Cuthbert
12 Mar	Denys Cecil Dickinson, Joyce May Colton
13 Mar	Charles Sawyer (priest), John Henry Moran
14 Mar	Marjorie, Lilian Hazel Street, Kenneth Colton, Mary Winifred England, Moira Phyllis Miller

Services for the week ahead		
Today	9.30am 11.30am	Parish Mass with Junior Church Mass at Clumber
Monday 9 March Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 10 March Lent Feria	6.30pm	Mass
Wednesday 11 March Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Thursday 12 March Lent Feria	6.30pm	Mass
Friday 13 March Lent Feria	12 noon 6.30pm	Mass Stations of the Cross
Saturday 14 March Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 15 March 4th Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am	Parish Mass with Junior Church Mass at Clumber



Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment, or before Mass on Thursday Evening or Friday Lunchtime.

Please contact Fr Spicer for either prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit if we can, and especially in extremis. If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit.

**Live streaming through Workstop
Priory Facebook Page will take place when-
ever possible and technology permits.**



Other Activities		
Tuesday 10 March	2pm-3pm	St Paul's Community Pantry
Wednesday 11 March	10.20am-11am 5pm-6pm	Lent Talk- Fasting St Paul's Community Pantry
Thursday 12 March	9.30 – 11.00am	Songs & Stories
Friday 13 March	10.30-11.30pm	Public Hour
Sunday 15 March	10.45am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Public Hour

For booking Baptisms and Weddings and any general queries regarding
Priory.





2026

Please continue to think how you are going to keep this season in a way which deepens your discipleship.

- Collecting boxes are available for the money you save by abstaining from something and your times of fasting. Everyone who is fit and able is encouraged to forgo a meal on Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Fridays.
- Can you stay for a half hour learning session after Mass on a Sunday or Wednesday?
- Is attending one of the weekday Masses and or Stations of the Cross 6.30- 7.15pm on a Friday a possibility?
- Is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation something you should consider or do again?

*Lent is to be a joyful time deepening our faith
with our brothers and sisters.*

*Please prayerfully think how you are going to
keep it.*

Let's do

PARISH LUNCH

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

12.30PM



**MEAT & POTATO PIE
WITH MASH & VEG
JAM COCONUT SPONGE
& CUSTARD**

£8.00

**TO BOOK ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST AT THE
BACK OF CHURCH**

OR CALL SUSAN ON 07355 850735

ALL WELCOME!

Saturday 14th March
10-11am
Children's preparations for
Mothering Sunday in church

All Dads/carers are welcome with their children to help us prepare Mother's Day flowers and cards for distribution at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 15th March.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Visit from Bishop Paul: Paul, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham will be with us on **Sunday, 8th March**, to preach and give the 10.50am talk on the transforming power of prayer.



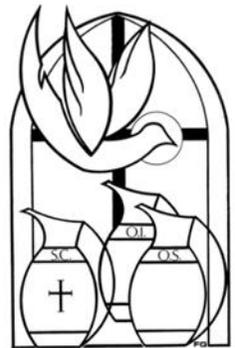
Chrism Mass

Monday 30 March at **12noon** in church.

Please join us as we welcome Bishop Stephen to our parish.

What it is: A special Mass where the Bishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens (for baptism), the Oil of the Sick (for anointing), and consecrates the Holy Chrism (for baptism, confirmation, and ordination).

Why it's important: It symbolizes the unity of the diocesan priesthood with their bishop and the entire Church, with priests renewing their promises of service.



**WORKSOP PRIORY
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Please note we have had to change the date for the APCM and it will now be held at **10.45am on Sunday 15th March.**

Please do make every effort to attend this important meeting if you can.

If you would like to check we hold the correct details for you on the electoral roll, please either get in touch asap:

Fr Spicer vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk
Parish Administrator admin@worksoppriory.co.uk



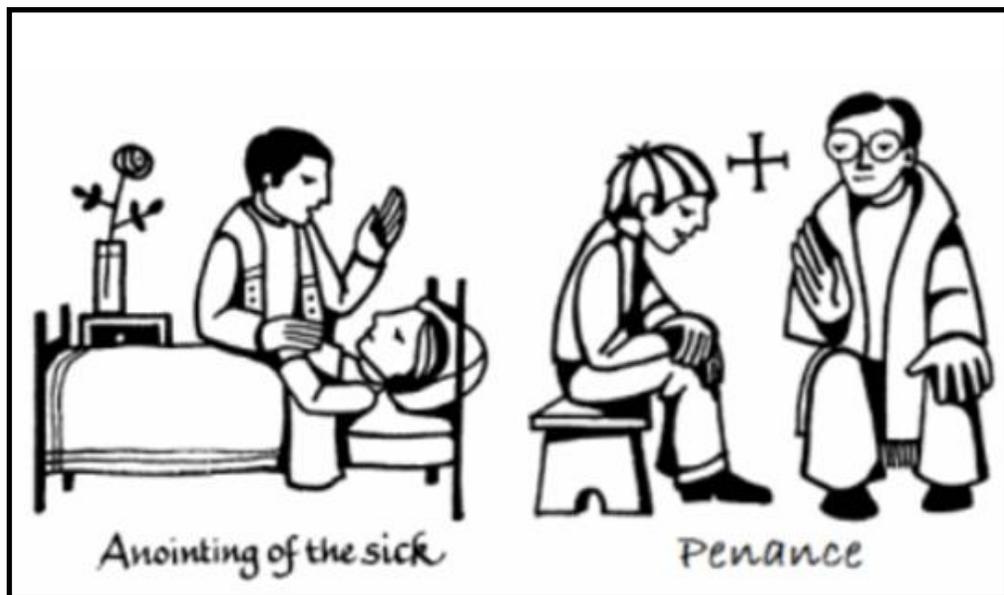
BAPTISM BOOKINGS AT PRIORY



Are you, or someone you know, wanting to have either a child or yourself baptised in Priory Church? Baptism Services generally take place during the first weekend of each month. Either at 4pm on Saturdays or 11am on Sundays.

Bookings are taken during the public hour in church on Fridays 10.30am to 11.30am when availability can be confirmed by Susan (Parish Administrator). For more information email admin@worksoppriory.co.uk or call 07355 850735.

The Sacraments of Healing



Please contact Fr Spicer for either prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit, if we can, and especially in extremis. If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit.

vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk

01909 472180

07748 653640

Our Giving

Bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Workshop Priory PCC:

Virgin Money Sort Code: 05-09-89 Account Number: 38125853

Due to bank charges for processing cheques and cash, we kindly ask that, wherever possible, people donate money using online banking, even for small amounts. This doesn't cost us a penny. Please indicate in the reference field who it's from, and what for, then we can Gift Aid your donation wherever possible.



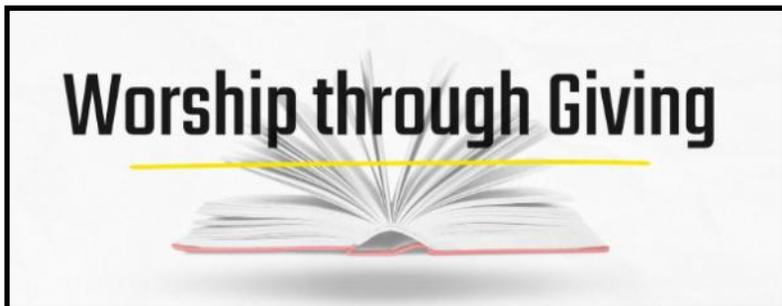
For convenience there is also a card machine in the Priory which can be used for donations or regular payments.



You can also donate to Priory quickly and easily by scanning our QR code, where there is an option to register to gift aid your donation, it takes a matter of seconds!

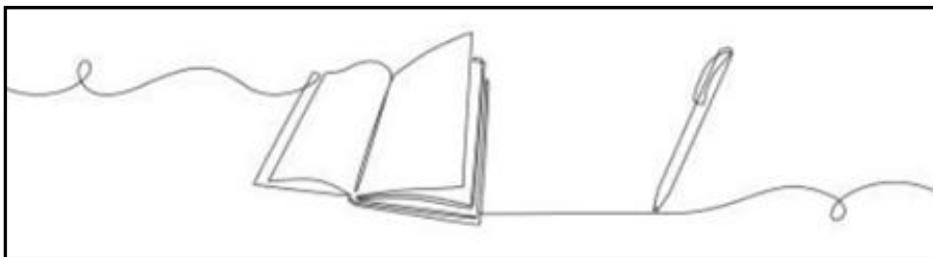
If you wish to continue to put cash in the collection plate each week, gift aid envelopes are only required for amounts over £30.

We are deeply grateful for all your continued financial support.



WORKSOP PRIORY BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like a loved ones' name to be recorded in the Worksop Priory Book of Remembrance, please complete and return a form (available at the back of church). There is a £10 fee toward the cost of the calligraphy.



100 CLUB

The weekly draw now takes place on Friday mornings during the public hour with winners announced one week later in the mass booklet/newsletter.

We would like to inform winners straight away if they have won, but we need your permission to contact you, and also check any details we do have are up to date. With this in mind if you are a member of the 100 Club, could you either email or call Susan to confirm your contact details and consent for Priory to store them.



Thanks to recent new subscribers we only have 10 numbers available;

29,32,34,59,62,63,74,80,82,96

The subscription is £1 per week per number.

Contact Susan for more details:

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

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Radiant Life Day Centre CIC is a community-based service established to support older adults, adults with learning disabilities/difficulties, basic additional support needs, and individuals with mild mental health challenges.

Our aim is to provide a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment where older adults could feel less isolated, individuals can build confidence, develop life social skills, enhance their wellbeing, enjoy meaningful social gathering and fulfilling lives. We are committed to promoting independence, inclusion, diversity and dignity through person-centred and community-focused activities.



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🎨 **Art & Creative Expression**
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Familiar songs like lanterns
guiding forgotten emotions home.

🧠 **Cognitive Stimulation**
Puzzles, storytelling, guided conversations—
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🤝 **Companionship Circles**
Because a hand to hold
is sometimes the deepest medicine.

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Soft breezes. Slow steps.
Moments shaped with tenderness.

❤️ **Affection-Centered Support**
Every interaction infused with love,
every gesture crafted with patience.

Why Families Trust Us

You Are Not Alone. Let Us Walk This Journey With You.

Choosing care is never easy—but at Radiant Life, you'll find a dedicated team committed to:

- Safety
- Professional support
- Emotional wellbeing
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- Genuine compassion

Your loved one receives more than care—they receive connection, warmth, and community.



Kingston Road Community Hub |

Kingston Road | Manton |

Workshop S80 2UH

Phone: 07770222509

Email:

contact@radiantlifedaycentre.co.uk

Website:

www.radiantlifedaycentre.co.uk



ALL PROCEEDS TO THE UPKEEP OF PRIORY

Set of 24 classical CDs. Each CD is set in a booklet filled with information about the music included.



Two bowls of the same pattern, one round, one leaf shaped. Need a clean but otherwise in good condition.



Two small bud vases, matching design of Workstop Priory, slight difference in sizes. Made in Workstop.



Interested? To make an offer or for more details please contact: admin@workstoppriory.co.uk / 07355 850735

Two framed drawings of landmarks in Beverley, East Yorkshire. The Market & The Minster.



All proceeds to the upkeep of Worksop Priory.



Watercolour paintings of Worksop Priory in cardboard mounts. Two looking towards the East End (Altar).

Interested? To make an offer or for more details please contact: admin@worksoppriory.co.uk / 07355 850735



WINNER

CLUB

Friday 27 February Draw Winners

£20	97	Mrs C. Chan
£10	01	Mr R. Carrington-Wilde
£5	12	Mrs M. Dickinson
£5	55	Mr S. Batty

Available Numbers: 29,32,34,59,62,63,74,80,82,96

In addition to the weekly draws there are two £100 draws and an annual £500 draw. Each number is £1 per week.

If you would like to be in it to win it, contact Susan Bekisz who will be happy to help you.

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk or 07355 850735

Subscription Information:

To make this enterprise simpler to manage we please ask that subscriptions be paid by bank transfer if possible and referenced '100 CLUB'. Cash payments should be in an envelope clearly marked '100 CLUB' with your **NAME** and **NUMBER**. Each number is £1 per week. Envelopes can be placed in the collection plate or passed to a member of the clergy, Keith Wake or Susan.

Please consider doing your online shopping through the easyfundraising website or app. Currently if you join and shop with eBay by 30 September, WorksoP Priory will be entered into the draw to receive one of TEN £500 micro grants. Plus, whenever you buy from eBay or any other participating retailer, WorksoP Priory receives a small percentage of the spend as a donation at no extra cost.

All those donations soon add up!

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LEWIS



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Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



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£60m
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£0
extra cost to anyone



Everyone Welcome
£5 per bag
Cash Only

Come and visit our
second hand com-
munity shop.
Items from 10p.
All clothes £1 per
item

Tuesday : 2 to 3 pm
Wednesday: 5 to 6pm
Join us on Tuesdays from 12pm for
communita, have a cuppa, biscuit and a chat
St Paul's Church Hall, Pelham Street



Bassetlaw Food Bank



There are collection boxes at the back of Priory Church

Regular financial donations make a huge difference! 🍅

As grants and funding get harder to come by, knowing we have regular donations in means we know we can continue to support households in crisis in Bassetlaw.

You can set up regular or one off donation here:

[http://bit.ly/donate to BFB](http://bit.ly/donate_to_BFB)



Worksop Priory C of E Primary Academy



Welcome to Priory Nursery and Reception



Our Nursery Times are:

Morning – 8:30am to 11:30am

Afternoon – 12:30am to 3:30pm

We are also able to offer 30 hrs by application



We offer some fun groups to attend *with your little one*, either before your child starts with us or once they are at Nursery.

Playgroup @ Priory Nursery

Activities, dancing, stories and rhymes for the under 5's. Every Monday
1.15 – 2.15pm.

Family Fitness

Action activities with stories and rhymes for the under 5's. Tuesday 3.30-4:15pm. Runs for six weeks each term, please contact the office for dates.

Songs & Stories at Priory Church

Pre-school age children with refreshments, every Thursday 9.30-11am.



We look forward to seeing you!

Contact the Academy Office on 01909 478886

Or email office@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk



SONGS AND STORIES FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Every Thursday 9.30am-11.00am in church.

All parents, carers, grandparents and childminders are welcome to bring children to join in these friendly and fun sessions.

Most weeks we are also joined by a small group of nursery children & staff from Priory School who bring a craft activity along.

Please spread the word amongst your family and friends. Also, if you can help our lovely volunteers with helping set up, run or clear up afterwards we would love to hear from you.

If you would like more details about the group or about helping about, please contact us.

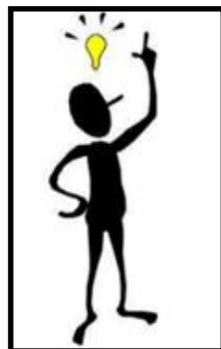
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FUNDRAISING FOR PRIORY

Are you able to host a fundraising event to help boost church funds? For example, a coffee morning, raffle, sponsored activity? Does your employer offer matched giving to charities? Please contact Susan with any ideas of events you would like to see happen and help plan – admin@worksoppriory.co.uk or



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What to do if you have a Safeguarding concern about someone at Worksop Priory

A safeguarding concern may relate to the welfare of someone, or care (or lack of) being provided. Also, you may need to talk to someone about something in our church that isn't right or has upset you.

Urgent concerns

If you believe someone is at immediate risk of being harmed you must contact either the Police or Social Services directly:

Police 999

Nottinghamshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0300 500 8090/0300 456 4546

Non-urgent concerns

If the concern is not urgent or an emergency, Worksop Priory has a **Parish Safeguarding Officer – Susan Bekisz** who manages safeguarding issues at church. She can be contacted on safeguarding@worksoppriory.co.uk

In the first instance it is useful to know the outline of the concern. Whilst the email address is confidential, we understand that you may not wish to disclose names of those involved in this way. It is likely that the Safeguarding Officer would then phone you so please leave a contact number and time of day that is most appropriate to call. If you prefer to liaise by email, please make that clear too.

If you are unable to email you can call **07355 850735**. This phone cannot always be answered immediately, but you can leave a message.

We will endeavour to respond within 48 hours.

There may be occasions when our Safeguarding Officer is not available.

If we have not responded within 36 hours after you have raised a concern, consider the following options to get advice:

Fr Spicer 01909 472180 or 07748 653640

Diocesan Safeguarding Team 01636 817200

We would stress that if you are concerned an issue requires urgent action, you should contact the police or social services directly using the phone numbers above.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL...

You may well have heard that recently there have been some thefts of personal possessions left unattended in church. Please, be aware, keep your bags closed and, along with other valuables, about your person always. We hope this will reduce any further opportunistic thefts.



Email:

vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk
warden@worksoppriory.co.uk admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

Web:

worksoppriory.co.uk
achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-st-cuthbert-worksop-priory

Safeguarding matters please contact:

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

safeguarding@worksoppriory.co.uk 07355 850735

Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org 01636 817200

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