Worksop Priory
of Our Lady & St Cuthbert

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday 15 November 2026

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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;

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

the sick, especially;

Christine S, Jan, Jon, Lynn, Maria, Mick, Paul, Richard, Richard Francis, and Tuomas.

for those who are unable to attend Mass;

Christine, Fr Wilson, Jannette, Judith, Linda, Maureen, Pam, Vera, Violet and Tony.

for those who have died recently;

Steven Gladwin, Hugh Patrick (priest)

and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time.



15 Nov	Mary Elizabeth Ward
16 Nov	Raymon Marsden, Ben Reynolds, Lewis Henry Tweed, John Edward Humphreys
17 Nov	Annie Walton, Peter Boulton (Priest), Kathleen Battersby
18 Nov	Tom White, Laura Smith
19 Nov	Christopher Machin, Leslie Bagshaw
20 Nov	Herbert Smith, Hazel Isabel Garrity, Jean Hassett

Services for the week ahead …		
Today	**9.30am** **11.30am** **12.15pm**	**Mass with Junior Church** **Mass at Clumber** **Baptism at Clumber**
Monday 16 November S Margaret of Scotland	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 17 November S Hilda	1.00pm 6.30pm	Funeral of Steven Gladwin Mass
Wednesday 18 November Feria	9.30am	Mass
Thursday 19 November Feria	6.30pm	Mass
Friday 20 November Of Our Lady	12noon	Mass
Saturday 21 November Presentation of Our Lady	9.30am	Mass
Next Sunday **Jesus Christ the Universal King**	**9.30am** **11.30am**	**Mass with Junior Church** **Mass at Clumber**

Live streaming through Worksop Priory Facebook Page will take place whenever possible and technology allows.





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.

Public Hour

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

Other Activities …		
Tuesday 17 November	2pm-3pm 6.30pm	St Paul's Community Pantry Adult Confirmation prep
Wednesday 18 November	5pm-6pm	St Paul's Community Pantry
Thursday 19 November	9.30 – 11.00am	Songs & Stories
Friday 20 November	10.30-11.30am	Public Hour
Sunday 22 November	10.45am	Youth Group Meeting



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2026

We already have 35 organisations set to display a tree at this year's festival, which hopefully will draw in more visitors than ever especially for some of the entertainment we have got booked.

We now desperately need people to help out throughout the festival with switching tree lights on/off at the beginning and end of each day, welcoming visitors and serving refreshments. If everyone gave just a few hours of their time it could all be easily covered, please do consider if you can help:



Wednesday 2 Dec 10am-4pm; Thursday 3 Dec 10am-7.30pm;
Friday 4 Dec 10am-4pm; Saturday 5 Dec (Priory Christmas Fair) 10am-4pm;
Sunday 6 Dec 11am-4pm

Sign up lists are at the back of church or call Susan on 07355 850735.



CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

Donations for the **TOMBOLA** and **BRIC-A-BRAC** stalls are needed and can be left in the Allsop Room. These stalls are always a great fundraising success!

BOTTLE STALL – could you organise and run a lucky dip bottle stall for church? It requires donations of ANY types of bottles e.g. alcohol, soft drinks, toiletries etc… Please speak to Susan if you can help.

We also need help moving chairs out of the nave on Friday afternoon and back after the Fair on Saturday. Please let Susan know if you can help.

BISHOP STEPHEN will be with us 9.30am **Sunday 3 January** to preside at the Parish Mass and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Please pray for those discerning being confirmed. Not confirmed yourself and want to know more? Please speak with Fr Spicer asap.

CHRISTMASS DECORATIONS

In the past we have decorated the nave windowsills with greenery during Advent and the Christmass. Please let Fr Spicer know if you could provide suitable branches.

Donations towards the Christmass trees and Christmass flowers would be greatly appreciated. Please donate via your bank, the contactless machine or in an envelope marked '**CHRISTMASS DECORATIONS'**. Thank you.



NEW YEAR RAFFLE

We will begin selling tickets for this years raffle at the **Christmas Fair**, so if you can help sell tickets on the day your help would be greatly appreciated!

EVERY RAFFLE NEEDS PRIZES, so if you are able to donate a prize or can help request prizes from local businesses, please get in touch with Susan on 07355 85073.

If you need an official letter please give Susan a call to arrange this. Prizes can be left at church.

The draw will take place after Mass on
Sunday 3 January 2027.



Songs & Stories

at Worksop Priory Church

A warm and welcoming playgroup for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups

What to Expect

- Songs and rhymes
- Story time together
- Play and exploration
- Time to chat & connect

Good to Know

- Free to attend
- Free tea, coffee & refreshments
- Everyone welcome

When?

Thursdays
9:30am – 11:00am

Where?

Worksop Priory Church

We would love to welcome you and your little one.

• Play • Sing • Listen • Belong •

Including the 2026
Worksop Community
Christmas Tree Festival

Worksop Priory CHRISTMAS FAIR



CRAFT - GIFTS - TOMBOLA
RAFFLE - REFRESHMENTS

SAT 5 DEC
10am-4pm

FREE ENTRY

Our Christmas Fair is the perfect place to find gifts for everyone on your list! Plus vote for your favourite Christmas Tree - £100 prize donation for the tree with the most votes!

Priorswell Road, Worksop, S80 2BU
For more details including running a stall:
07355 850735
admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

Medieval Vespers for the start of Medieval Advent

Worksop Priory, Priorswell Road, S80 7BU.

Sunday 15th November at 4pm

WHAT IS IT?

Sung Evening Prayer - Vespers – in the form used in medieval times (Advent starting mid-November)

First Vespers of Advent, in English

- Singing led by the Priory choir
- Instrumentalists from City of Lincoln Waites, and Sixteen-Eighty-Five

other content from a broad range of traditions, including

- Processional Entry, representing the arrival of Christ
- Reading of the Truce (keeping of the peace)
- Lighting of the lamps at sunset (Lucernarium)



Photo: Rachel J Wood

Worksop Community Christmas Tree Festival

Worksop Priory Church

Priorswell Rd, Worksop, S80 2BU

Wednesday 2 December to Sunday 6 December 2026

10am - 4pm (Wed, Fri & Sat)
10am - 7.30pm (Thurs)
11am - 4pm (Sun)

Enjoy our beautiful church filled with decorated and lit trees representing the local community!

Includes Priory Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5 December

For further details contact admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

Worksop Community Christmas Tree Festival

Worksop Priory Church

Priorswell Rd, Worksop, S80 2BU

Live Music Among the Trees

Join us for some special entertainment during the festival

Thursday 3 December 2pm

Box of Frogs

Guitar Group part of the Worksop U3A

Friday 4 December 11am

Mosaic Recorder Consort

Delighted to be welcoming them to play at Priory again.

Sunday 6 December 12pm

Whitwell Community Choir

Joyful singing from this wonderful local group!

For further details contact admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

HELP NEEDED PLEASE
WITH PARISH LEAFLETING

Posting leaflets that share the welcome and fellowship awaiting people in our church is a simple but powerful way of living out the Gospel message.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus continually invited people into God's kingdom, reaching out to those who felt excluded, uncertain, or distant from faith. By delivering information about the church's worship, community life, and open invitation, we are extending that same welcome beyond the church walls and into the neighbourhood.

It is an act of hospitality, evangelism, and service that reflects Christ's call to "go and make disciples" and to love our neighbours. Supporting a leaflet campaign is therefore not merely a practical task but a shared ministry, allowing every member of the congregation to play a part in helping others discover the hope, friendship, and spiritual encouragement that the church offers.

The next date for leafletting from 10am (for just an hour) will be
Saturday 28 November

Please consider if you can help deliver leaflets on a street near you, even if it is not on one of these dates.
We can arrange for leaflets to be available for a time more convenient for you.





Following our recent application, which was kindly supported by 5 of our congregation who have Co-op Dividend Cards, the Kilton Co-op will be raising money for our church between **6 Sept 2026** and **6 Mar 2027**.

There is likely to be more than one Community Champion cause, so please do use your dividend card during the fundraising period, as money will be split equally between each charity.

If you haven't got a dividend card and shop at the Co-op please consider signing up to make the most of this opportunity for us!

Thank you!

Priory Play Pals

FREE





WEDNESDAY
1.15PM-
2.15PM

A FRIENDLY BABY & TODDLER PLAYGROUP





- Stay & play activities
- Songs and stories
- Sensory and exploratory play
- Time to chat and connect

Play • Explore • Connect • Grow together

Worksop Priory C of E Primary Academy
Holles Street, Worksop S80 2LJ

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF EGMANTON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

2026 PILGRIMAGE TO EGMANTON

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER



SUNG REQUIEM MASS
12.00NOON

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER:
FR ED MARTIN SSC

SHRINE DEVOTIONS
2.30PM

LUNCHES AVAILABLE IN SAINT MARY'S HALL

WWW.EGMANTON-SHRINE.NET

The Society

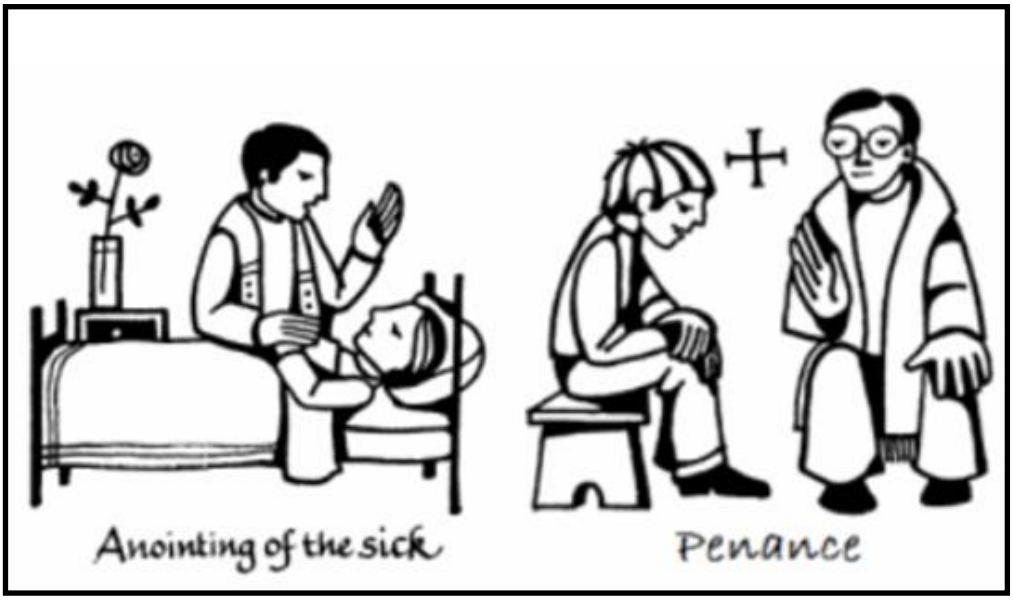
BAPTISM BOOKINGS AT PRIORY



Are you, or some-one 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:

Worksop 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.

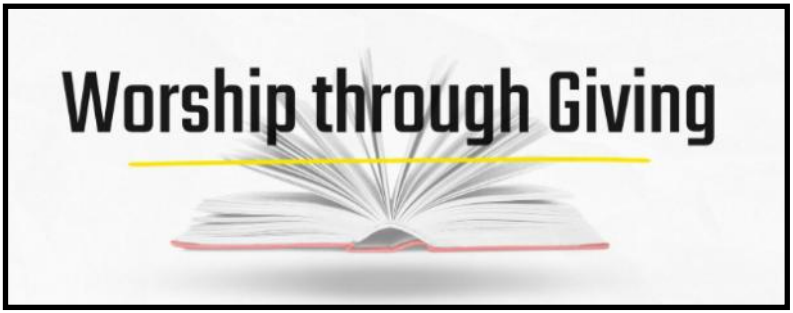


For convenience there is also a card machine in the Priory which can be used for donations or regular payments.

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!

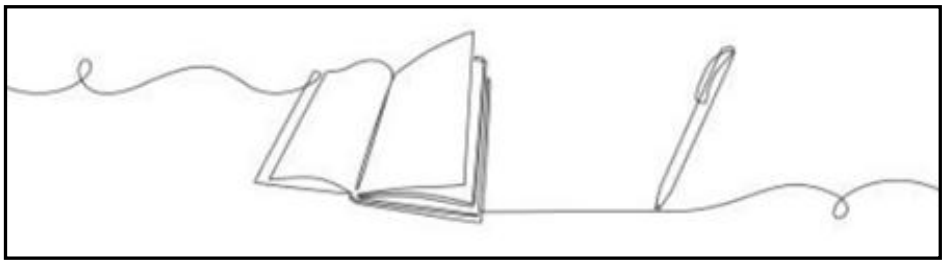
If you wish to continue to put cash in the collection plate each week, gift aid envelopes are only required for amounts over £30.

We are deeply grateful for all your continued financial support.

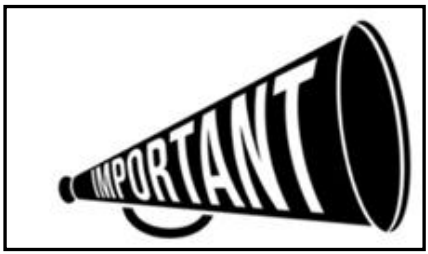


WORKSOP PRIORY BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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 3 numbers available;

62

The subscription is £1 per week per number.
Contact Susan for more details:
admin@worksoppriory.co.uk
07355 850735


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ABC Health Drop In Hub

Ageing Better Communities

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat!

A friendly, relaxed space to have a chat, ask questions and find out what's happening locally. You might want to:

- Have a chat about your health and wellbeing
- Get help with technology and using the NHS App
- Find out about local support and services
- Find out what's happening in your community
- Find out about local groups, activities or volunteering

You don't need to know exactly what you're looking for – that's what we're here for.

Just pop in and say hello - no appointment needed.



1 - 3 pm
Every Tuesday

BCVS
The Old Abbey School,
Priorswell Rd, Worksop
S80 2BU

Free!
tea, coffee & nibbles



Email: bcvs@bcvs.org.uk for more info

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.



100 WINNER CLUB

Friday 6 November Draw Winners

£20	21	Mrs V Woolmer
£10	89	Mr R Towle
£5	35	Mrs M Patrick
£5	34	Ms L Winstanley

Available Numbers: 62

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.

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 Wednesday 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



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!



St Paul's, Worksop
At the Heart of Manton

Community Pantry



Everyone Welcome
£5 per bag
Cash Only

Come and visit our second hand community 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 communitea, have a cuppa, biscuit and a chat
St Paul's Church Hall, Pelham Street

Rhubarb Farm
greencore
FareShare Midlands
HIS CHURCH

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

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.

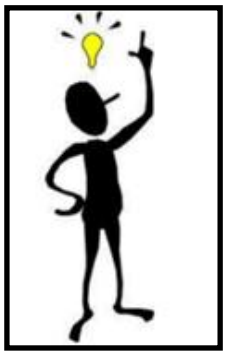
Most weeks we are also joined by a small group of nursery children & staff from Priory School who bring a craft activity along.

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.
admin@worksoppriory.co.uk
07355 850735



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.

IF YOU ARE READING THIS, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER & MONTHLY MAGAZINE...

Our weekly newsletter and monthly magazine are emailed and printed for an audience of around 350 people. However, when we previously asked for feedback, we received only two responses.

With recent publication software changes and a renewed focus on the time it takes to prepare the copy now seems a good time to review how we communicate as a church. We would particularly like to know whether you read these publications and what you think about our communication channels, the options available, the content we share and how often you would like to hear from us.

All ideas, comments and feedback—positive or negative, but hopefully constructive—will be very welcome and will help us decide the best way forward.

Please contact Susan, Parish Administrator; admin@worksoppriory.co.uk. with your comments or suggestions.



PLEASE BE MINDFUL…
and keep your bags closed and, along with other valuables, about your person always.

We hope this will reduce any opportunistic thefts.

It saddens us to have to write this, but being as vigilant as you can could prevent the upset and inconvenience a theft can have.



Email:
vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk
warden@worksoppriory.co.uk admin@worksoppriry.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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under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda