



The Benefice of St Hugh of Lincoln Cantley & Holy Trinity Doncaster

Everingham Road, Cantley



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SERVICES

Sunday	9.15 am	Sung Mass
Tuesday	10.00am	Mass
Thursday	6.30pm	Mass
Friday	12.00 noon	Mass
Saturday	12.00 noon	Rosary



You can find parish information and the weekly newsletter on our 'a church near you' website

GROUPS



Craft & Chat

Every Monday 1.30pm – 3.30pm



Community Café

Every Saturday 9.30am – 11.45am



Messy Church

Every 3rd Thursday 4.00pm – 5.30pm

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Dear Friends at Saint Hugh's,

Firstly, I would like to thank you again for the very warm welcome you extended to me and Fr. Michael at the start of our ministry with you, which was much appreciated. I am also grateful for the way in which you adapted easily to the new Sunday Mass time of 9.15am.

All clergy are different, so we each approach matters in slightly varied ways. Doubtlessly, you have already noticed some of the changes I have made in the church, especially in the sanctuary area. This will hopefully give it a greater sense of space and vision. It was perfectly understandable why the altar was where it was originally, (because of the need for distancing), but with the reduced risk from Covid it seems appropriate to restore it to its original position.

I have made some slight changes in the sacristy too – the servers can't find anything now!

In addition to the above, I am very keen to begin considering how we might be able to do some work on the exterior of the church. Saint Hugh's is a building of its time, with an internal beauty of its own, which I have always appreciated; however, externals are also important in respect of preservation of the building's life. That's why it's important that we look to some work there too.

This is not all about buildings though! The church is about people as well, and there is very clearly a strong sense of community at Saint Hugh's. We can therefore look forward to working together as a family in the discernment of where God might be leading us in this next chapter of Saint Hugh's life.

You will be in my prayers in the days ahead.

With every blessing.

Fr. Andrew

Funny Church Magazine Typos

"The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir."

"Maundy Thursday service: The ladies of the altar guild will be stripping on the altar."

"The associate minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'"

"The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict."

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a great chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

"It's Drug Awareness Week: Get involved in drugs before your children do."

'After the sermon: A moment of silence for prayer and medication.'

"When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel."

"The vicar is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary."

"For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."

"The visiting monster today is Rev. Jack Bains."

St Hugh of Lincoln



Hugh was born at the Château of Avalon of a noble family, the son of Guillaume, Duke of Avalon. His mother died when he was eight years old and, because his father was a soldier, he was sent away for his education. When his father returned from military excursions, he retired from the world to the Augustinian Monastery of Villard-Benoît, near Grenoble and took his son Hugh, with him.

In 1140 Hugh joined the Carthusian Order at the age of 20 at Grande Chartreuse. He was highly regarded for his

intellectual ability, his integrity and kind and caring nature. In 1175, at the request of Henry II, he was sent to England to found the first English Charterhouse at Witham in Somerset. It flourished so well under his care, that in 1181 the King chose him to be Bishop of Lincoln. Hugh was reluctant to leave the monastic life but agreed and moved to Lincoln in 1186. He set about rebuilding the part of the Cathedral which had been damaged in an earthquake the previous year.

The Diocese was vast and Hugh travelled ceaselessly on horseback, ministering to the needs of the people. He stayed at small diocesan manors, as he travelled through the countryside. The most central of these was what has become Buckden Towers which he built, halfway between Lincoln and London.

Hugh was known for his love of justice and his kindness to the oppressed, children and animals. Throughout his ministry he tended to lepers and in 1190 he risked his life to protect a group of Jews from violence. He also upheld the rights of the peasants against the King's harsh and unjust forestry laws. Although he was highly principled and outspoken, his conciliatory nature and sense of humour helped him to win over his opponents.

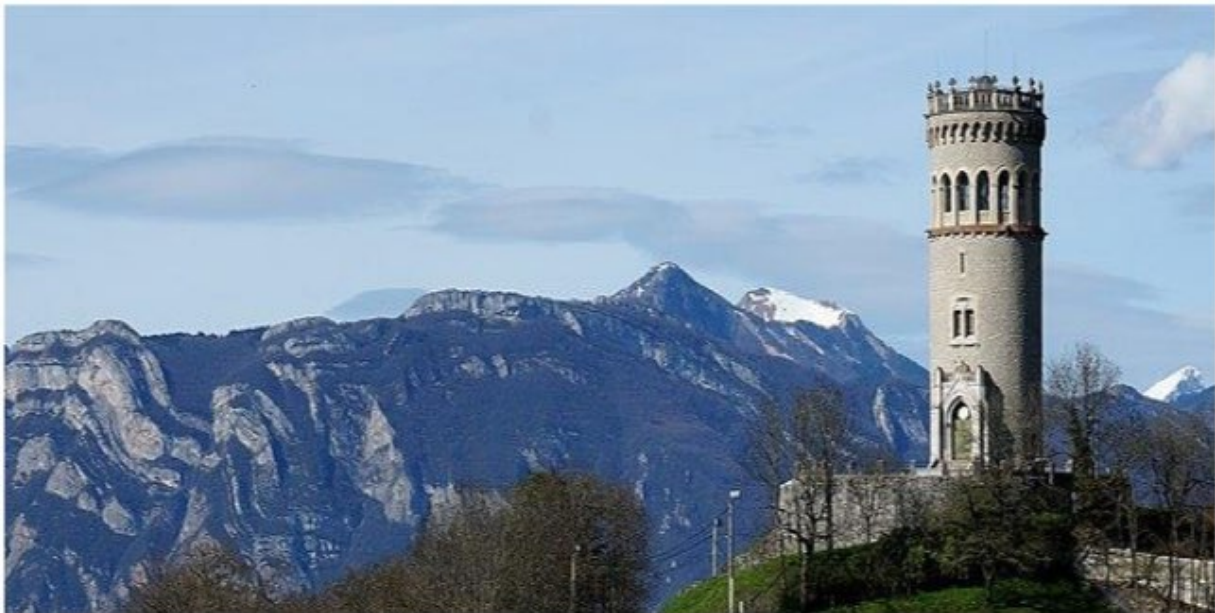
As one of the premier Bishops of the Kingdom of England Hugh more than once accepted the role of diplomat to France for Richard and then for King John in 1199, but the

latter trip took great toll on his health. He Consecrated St Giles' Church, Oxford, in 1200. There is a Cross consisting of interlaced circles cut into the western column of the tower that is believed to commemorate this. Also, in commemoration of the Consecration, St Giles' Fair was established and continues to this day each September. While attending a national Council in London, a few months later, he was stricken with an unnamed ailment and died two months later on 16 November 1200

Hugh was held in great affection by everyone from peasants to monarchs and on his death at the age of 60, he was greatly mourned. At his magnificent funeral the Kings of England and Scotland helped to carry the bier. He was buried in Lincoln Cathedral and Canonised on 18 February 1220 by Pope Honorius III.

St Hugh is usually depicted as a Bishop, sometimes as a Carthusian. In either case he is accompanied by a swan, the swan of Stow, Lincolnshire which had a deep and lasting friendship with the Saint, even guarding him while he slept. The swan would follow him about and was his constant companion while he was at Lincoln.

At Avalon, a round tower in the Romantic Gothic style, was built by the Carthusians in 1895 in Hugh's honour on the site of the castle where he was born.



The Roman Martyrology states of him today: "In England, St Hugh, Bishop, who was called from a Carthusian Monastery to the government of the Church of Lincoln. He ended his holy life in peace, renowned for many miracles."

As a post note – My Dad, Maurice Hibling, was a devout and faithful member of St Hugh's Church and a Churchwarden for many years. When my Dad died, my Mum, brother and I along with Fr Paye (priest of St Hugh's Church at the time) decided that a fitting memorial was to purchase the statue of St Hugh. The statue originally had the head of a small child seen in the chalice, however, we felt that this looked rather unseemly especially as the statue was placed above the font and we decided to remove it.

Laurie

LOOKS

Look back and thank GOD
Look forward and trust GOD
Look around and serve GOD
Look within and find GOD



Looking forward to Summer with a Prayer for Summer

May flowers always line your path and sunshine
light your day
May songbirds serenade you every step along the
way
May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's
always blue
And may happiness fill your heart each day your
whole life through.

Thank you Lord for a wonderful Summer
AMEN

Doncaster's Edwardian Girl Preachers

You won't find anything about them in the history books but there is story worth telling about a number of girls from Doncaster who found fame around the world, if not fortune, by preaching and singing the gospel. They came from local Primitive Methodist and Wesleyan chapels, but witnessed for Christ in many other places.

Revivalism was in the air as preachers tried to reconnect with working class communities but here was a new phenomenon whose fervour rapidly caught people's attention.

Cissie Roberts



In her book 'My Call to the Work' Cissie traced the start of her career to family prayers on 15th October, 1905 when she was 'moved by the spirit' and joined her father Henry Hosea Roberts, an evangelist, in his mission. Cissie like the girl gospel preachers who were to follow was very young (11 years old), had a strong sense of personal sin, a need for redemption and a Christian family background.

With her father, she preached across the North. Souls were saved and lives were changed. Careful records were kept of the converted and donations received. Cissie and her father met miners at the coalface at Dinnington Colliery and the public houses of Denaby. By the summer of 1908 Cissie estimated she had spoken to 75,000 people and made over 1,100 converts. Henry Roberts listed their converts as 'gamblers, drunkards, jailbirds, wife beaters, would be murderers. Roman Catholics, coloured people, Dutchmen, yea all classes, rich and poor'.

The high point of Cissie Roberts early career was a week long mission to Southport where she preached to thousands on Southport Sands. A photograph of the time shows a confident Cissie holding the attention of a crowd of cloth capped, bowler hatted and bonneted holidaymakers. Cissie's mission ran until 1915 when she married George Johnson, minister of Oxford Place Chapel.

Frances Bradley Storr



Frances rose to fame in 1907 propelled by her mother who was actively involved in local chapel life, preaching and working as a Doncaster Police Court Missionary. Widowed twice and left virtually destitute with 5 children to support and 'only 2d in her pocket' she nevertheless recognised her daughter's vocation to preach even at such a young age.

Frances was a regular attender at chapel, Sunday school and the Christian Endeavour movement. In 1906 at the age of 11 she accompanied her mother to a service at Norton where she 'spoke a little'. Two months later she preached at South Ferriby, Lincolnshire and was soon drawing large crowds to her services. Unsurprisingly she wore 'hand me downs' on her first preaching engagement when she said 'only her boots were her own'. Her mission took off the following summer when the Daily Mail printed an article entitled 'Wonderful Girl Preacher' describing how in one month she addressed more than five thousand people and converted 400 men and women.

The story was reprinted by newspapers across the globe. More bookings followed culminating in a three week mission to Scotland. A mission to London witnessed the 'wonder-night' of her preaching where huge venues were filled to overflowing. The atmosphere in the halls and chapels was fervid and it was said that at Holloway Hall, 'holy disorder

reigned'. Frances, returned to her home town as 'Doncaster's Prodigy' when she preached at Duke Street P.M. Chapel in August 1908. This time every pew was taken long before the service began and an estimated 300-400 people were turned away.

A description of Frances's services survives.

'Once in the pulpit she is quickly at ease. Usually she gives out the opening hymn and engages in extempore prayer. Frances gives out the text in a clear ringing voice, which can be easily heard in any hall or chapel. A slight Yorkshire burr adds a little interest to its tones, and, of course, it is a child's voice, sweet and winning in its appeal. Little or no gesture is used, except an occasional raising of the arm. The sermons themselves do not reveal any great depth of thought, but the child has the right grip of eternal things. Every service is followed by an after-meeting at which results are secured, the girl-preacher herself, as well as other workers, making personal appeals to men, women, and children to come forward and accept the Saviour. A large number of children have been influenced for good in this way'.

Not all reactions were encouraging though.

The Primitive Methodist Leader remarked as early as January 1907

'May I suggest if her mother is still living she should pause and consider whether the higher interest of her daughter as well as the kingdom of God would not be better served if she were to keep her daughter in training and conserve her physical and spiritual powers until she is of a proper age to address audiences on the great spiritual themes of scripture'.

Gertie Brackenbury



After a year Frances was joined by Gertie Brackenbury who lived on the same street as the Bradley Storrs and also had a conversion experience before committing herself to working with her missionary neighbours as the 'girl singer'. Gertie quickly came to do most of the service and was herself a good preacher which enabled Frances to save her strength for the 'message'

Rose Bradley Storr (and Minnie Woad)



Rose followed in the footsteps of her younger sister without achieving quite the same success. Her main singing companion was Florrie Elkins but she was

supported by several other gospel singers including Minnie Woad from Hyde Park and Eva Woodcock, a local Doncaster girl of 15.

In September 1911 Frances, her mother and Gertie Brackenbury travelled to Halifax, Canada and within 10 days of arriving they were preaching in Winnipeg, Manitoba 3,500kms bringing the gospel to the prairies. Rose Bradley Storr and Robert Storr her

new stepfather then joined them in March, 1912. However, the Canadian missions eventually came to an end. Frances married Frank Draper a lawyer in 1915 and presumably gave up preaching. Rose married a Methodist minister Matthew Conron about 1920, but when she stood in for her minister husband when he was called away her preaching was not considered appropriate and she was reprimanded by the church authorities. Robert Storr discouraged by the harsh prairie winters and having had to build a log cabin at the age of 70 returned to Doncaster soon afterwards.

Florrie Elkins and Florence May Harrison (left)



Florrie was the daughter of Isaac Elkins a slater of Wheatley Lane and another Doncaster Primitive Methodist preacher. She was recruited for her gospel singing but preached as well on 'Lamplighters Wanted' and 'The Women's Place in the Church and World to-day'. She often supported Florence May Harrison, another girl evangelist who called herself the '17-Year- Old Preacher' or the 'Fully Accredited Preacher' to distinguish her from the competition. Florence was born in 1892 and first came to attention in the Primitive Methodist Leader on 11th July 1907. She was described as a

girl evangelist from Hexthorpe whose 'services were great in spirituality, 'with easy terms for weekend and mission services'. Like the others she sold or distributed batches of postcard portraits from Luke Bagshaw the local photographer to support her work. She married Laurence Cullingworth a miner in March 1914 and went to live in Goldthorpe where she died in 1964.

Ruth Ellen Storer



Ruth Ellen Storer was born in 1895 at Barnby Dun near Doncaster, the daughter of a policeman.

Postcards show her as a girl preacher from Upper Denby, Huddersfield and as an evangelist or missionary from the age of 16 .

Doncaster should be proud that it produced so many girls who were moved to spread the gospel far and wide.

By **FRANK CARPENTER**

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What gives us joy?

Nowadays it's so easy to complain. As a nation we complain about the weather or the state of the country or we complain about others who don't always do the things the way we do. However, throughout the Bible we are encouraged to be thankful and look for what's good.

Helping others and being kind not only contributes to the happiness of others, it can also help us to bring joy to our own lives! By doing kind things it makes us feel good and it can take our minds off the things we complain about.

Even small acts of kindness count - such as a friendly smile or a few kind words. Kindness doesn't cost – we can give our attention to others, our time, our energy or our support.

By helping others, we can contribute to our own joy and happiness in different ways. It can help increase our sense of meaning and satisfaction with life and boosting our self-confidence. It can reduce stress and help us feel calmer too. People who volunteer regularly can experience fewer symptoms of depression and anxiety.

So, if you want to feel good, find ways you can do good.

On that note we could surely find 3 good things every day that gives us joy and makes us happy. May be this is a good challenge for us all during the summer season that we can find 3 things each day that we can thank God for.

For me personally, this morning I saw an abundance of bluebells in my garden that reminded me of my Mum and made me feel joyful. At lunchtime I popped next door to see my housebound neighbour and it made me happy that he was happy to see me, and, in the afternoon, I saw my grandson. Well, his happy little face just had me bursting with joy and happiness!

So, there you go, it's not that difficult to think of 3 things each day that give you joy and make you feel good. Let's not complain - but be kind and joyful!

Laurie



SURVIVAL KIT FOR ALL CHURCH CONGREGATIONS



TOOTHPICK – to help pick out the good qualities in others



COTTON BALL – for cushioned support for the tough roads ahead



PLASTER – to stick back and repair niggling problems



CHEWING GUM – to remind us we will always stick together



ELASTIC BAND – to remind us to be flexible



MARBLES – to replace the ones we've lost



TISSUES – to wipe away the tears of joy and sadness

And lastly



NUTS – because every Church has a few



Intentions for May

1 - Mon	St Joseph the Worker	All who are unemployed
2 - Tue	St Athanasius	Growth in Faith
3 - Wed	Ss Philip & James Apostles	USPG
4 - Thurs	St Asaph	The disposed & Refugees
5 - Fri	Feria	All Teachers & Schools
6 - Sat	St Francis de Laval	All who use the foodbanks
7 - Sun	5 th Sunday of Easter	Our Priests & Community
8 - Mon	Mother Julian of Norwich	Our Prayer Life
9 - Tue	Feria	Servers on the Sanctuary
10 - Wed	St Congall	All Children at risk
11 - Thurs	Feria	The Hospice Movement
12 - Fri	St Pancras	All home carers
13 - Sat	Our Lady of Fatima	Shrines & Pilgrims to Fatima
14 - Sun	6 th Sunday of Easter	Our Church Wardens
15 - Mon	St Carthage	The Prison Service
16 - Tue	St Brendan	People of Ireland
17 - Wed	St Paschal	The Samaritans
18 - Thurs	Ascension Day	Strengthening of our Faith
19 - Fri	St Dunstar	The Blind
20 - Sat	St Bernadine of Sienna	All religious communities
21 - Sun	7 th Easter in Easter	Our Congregation
22 - Mon	St Rita	Family Life
23 - Tue	Feria	Our City and villages
24 - Wed	Our Lady of Christians	All who worship in difficult countries
25 - Thurs	St Bede the Venerable	Our Society Bishops
26 - Fri	Feria	Our Bishops
27 - Sat	St Augustine of Canterbury	Our Servers
28 - Sun	Pentecost	St Hugh's
29 - Mon	Feria	All who have lapsed
30 - Tue	St Joan of Ark	All who visit Walsingham
31 - Wed	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Shrines to Our Lady



Intentions for June

1 - Thurs	St Justin of Rome	Theological writers
2 - Fri	St Marcellinus	All on pilgrimage
3 - Sat	St Kevin	All who use Foodbanks
4 - Sun	Trinity Sunday	St Hugh's & St Wilfred
5 - Mon	St Boniface	All in Religious orders
6 - Tue	Blessed Virgin Mary	Society of Our Lady
7 - Wed	St Coleman	All struggling with their faith
8 - Thurs	St William of York	The Archbishop of York
9 - Fri	St Columbia	USPG
10 - Sat	St Landry of Paris	People of France
11 - Sun	Corpus Christi	Our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament
12 - Mon	Feria	Our dear departed
13 - Tue	St Anthony of Padua	The Fair Trade movement
14 - Wed	Feria	Pilgrimages to Walsingham
15 - Thurs	Feria	Social & Care Workers
16 - Fri	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Our spiritual awakening
17 - Sat	Feria	Our towns and villages
18 - Sun	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peace throughout the world
19 - Mon	St Romuald	All called to the priesthood
20 - Tue	St Alban of England	Burnham Abbey
21 - Wed	St Aloysius Gonzaga	All who work in the media
22 - Thurs	St John Fisher & Thomas More	More men for the ministry
23 - Fri	St Etheldreda	The healing ministry
24 - Sat	Nativity of John the Baptist	Our pilgrimage of faith
25 - Sun	12 th Sunday of Ordinary time	Our spiritual awakening
26 - Mon	Blessed Mary Josephine Catanea	Our church community
27 - Tue	St Cyril of Alexandria	Leaders in our community
28 - Wed	St Irenaeus Bp & Martyr	All who suffer for their faith
29 - Thurs	St Peter & St Paul Apostles	The Roman Catholic church
30 - Fri	The first martyrs	ACS

For the past eight years, Sennette and I have worshipped here at St Hugh's. When we first attended Mass on a Tuesday evening in September 2015 and then on the following Sunday, We did not realise at that time how God would change the course of our lives. It was because of the warm welcome we received that we were able to make our home here and will forever now feel part of your church family.

I have been given space and time to grow into my faith and search how God was calling me to his service and the service of his people. I can still remember being sat in church with Sennette in late 2015 when I said to her "I feel God is calling me to ministry". This statement of realisation began a spiritual journey that is eight years thus far in the making. First through reader training and then, through the grace of God, to training for ordination. We will be forever grateful for the guidance, support and friendship of Fr Stokoe and Carol throughout this journey.

For all of us our journey in faith is a lifelong commitment and God never stops transforming our lives. That journey could not have even began if it was not for the kindness and the support we have received from the many friends we have made here. My prayer is that friendship will continue into ordination and both Sennette and I would like to continue to visit over the next few months and years ahead.

We all need somewhere to call home and this place has become our spiritual home. A home full of love, friendship, support, and acceptance. I do not know where God will lead us after curacy. We are in his hands and we put all our trust in him. All we can do is follow where he leads us and God could not have led us to a better church for the start of our journey.

Recent growth in Messy Church, in the community café and at Mass fills me with joy and it has been wonderful to be a part of that.

Sennette and I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you as we head out to the Mission Partnership of Warmsworth. We leave with a heavy heart but with many friendships.

Chris & Sennette