

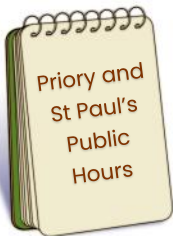
Parish Magazine of Worksof Priory with Carburton & Clumber



October 2025



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The Parish Office

Applications for baptisms, weddings, etc:

Public Hour: Fridays 10.30am - 11.30am

Our Giving

Bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Workshop Priory Parochial Church Council

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Thank you!



Regular Public Worship Times

Sundays

9.30 am Parish Sung Mass with Junior Church
11.30am Mass at Clumber Chapel
6pm Evening Prayer and Benediction (First Sunday)

Monday - Saturday (when possible)

9am Lauds (Morning Prayer)
6pm Vespers* (Evening Prayer)

Daily Mass

Monday	9.30am	Mass at Priory
Tuesday	6.30pm	Mass at Priory
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass at Priory
Thursday	6.30pm	Mass at Priory
Friday	12noon	Mass at Priory
Saturday	9.30am	Mass at Priory



Family Worship

Wednesday 10.15am Songs and Stories for pre-school children and their parents and carers at Priory

Confessions

Thursday 5.45pm at Priory
Friday 11.30am at Priory

vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk

Weddings and Baptisms by appointment. Enquiries to

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

**On the last Thursday of the month the Rosary replaces Vespers and Mass is offered for the Society of Mary, if no other occasion is being kept that day.*

We aim to make our services as accessible as possible by making the best of the resources available to us across the Parish.

Activities For Children and Young People



All children and young people activities are cross parish ventures putting their joint resources to best use.

Pre-school:

'Songs & Stories', for our youngest [new-born to nursery] and their grown-ups. We meet every Wednesday 10.15 to 11.30am, in Priory Lady Chapel. We have play with soft toys, sound toys, a ball park, picture books and baby gyms followed by story and song.

Please see our Facebook page, 'Worksop Priory Family Page' for updates.

Children of primary school age:

Junior Church for children aged 7-11 on Sundays:

- ◆ during the 9.30am Parish Mass at Priory
- ◆ during the 11.15am Parish Mass at St Paul's

Parental consent forms are required for all children and young people accessing any activities unaccompanied.

Registers for September 2025

Baptisms

4th	Torvi Jade Minnie Wood
4th	Sonny Boy Wilson
4th	Rya Isabella Wilson
4th	Dulcinea Elizabeth Wilson
5th	Brynley Eli Andrew West
5th	Bodhi-Jay David Baker
5th	Olive Ella Hands
20th	Eva Medeea Bucur
28th	Torin James Dillon



Baptisms can be booked each Friday morning at the Priory between 10.30am and 11.30am. If you have queries please email admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

Baptism preparation sessions are held at the Priory on the first Saturday of each month at 5pm. Families registering a Baptism are invited to join our new Facebook group: **Worksop Priory Family Page**



Weddings

20th	Keith Bradford and Ashleigh Rodgers
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October 2025

Dates, Observances and Prayer Intentions

1	S Therese of the Child Jesus	
2	Holy Guardian Angels	Priory School
3	Feria	The Hungry
4	S Francis of Assisi	Thanksgiving for Creation
5	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
6	Feria	Town Centre
7	Our Lady of the Rosary	
8	Feria	Lowtown & Sparken Hill
9	S John Henry Newman	Vocations to the Priesthood
10	Feria	Food bank & Pantry users
11	Of Our Lady	Shrine at Egmonton
12	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
13	S Edward the Confessor	England
14	Feria	Kilton & Larwood
15	S Teresa of Avila	Vocations to the Religious Life

MONTHLY DEVOTION:

THE HOLY ROSARY

16	Feria	Clumber & Carburton
17	S Ignatius of Antioch	Bishop Stephen
18	S Luke	Evangelists & Missionaries
19	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
20	Feria	Mission Direct
21	S John of Bridlington	Beverley Parishes
22	Feria	Clumber Chapel
23	Feria	Our Hospital
24	Feria	Our Hospice
25	Of Our Lady	Shrine at Walsingham
26	30th Sunday In Ordinary Time	The Parish
27	Feria	Parish Care Homes
28	SS Simon & Jude	College of the Resurrection
29	Feria	
30	Feria	Societies of Mary & OLW
31	Feria	Safety of Children

A Prayer for Harvest.

Generous God, we thank you
for the gifts you have given
for all people to share.
We plant seeds of hope
and nurture them as we seek
a harvest of plenty for all.

Forgive us for the times these seeds
fail to take root in our hearts.
We grieve when homes and crops
are washed away by floods,
when lives are uprooted by disaster,
or trampled by fear and greed.

Living God, you lead us
to a new way of being.
Move us to help one another
in our times of need,
to care for the earth and
to love one another,
sharing your harvest with all.

Amen.



Fr Spicer writes....

It was a joy to have Bishop Stephen preside at Mass September 7th and ordain Fr Garnett as a deacon in the Church of God.

In the presence of the Bishop of Sher-

wood, the Archdeacon of Newark, the Diocesan Registrar, the Director of Ordinands, the Area Dean, and visitors from London, Scotland, Cheshire, Sneinton and locally, Fr Garnett made his oaths of obedience to the King and to the Bishop, before committing his life to the role. The prayers of the Saints were asked for and Bishop Stephen laid his hands on him praying "send down your Spirit Lord". Fr Garnett was then vested in a stole and a Dalmatic, the robe of a Deacon, received a copy of the New Testament and welcomed by us all. After Mass there was a lovely celebration with food fizz and a cake. Thank you to all who worked hard to bring things together and those of you who contributed with food or financial donations. Priory was at her best.



The role of a Deacon is set out in the Acts of the Apostles, S Stephen being amongst the first. During this year until, pray God, Fr Garnett is ordained a priest you will see him wear his stole across his shoulder, reminiscent of having a towelling to wash the feet of others. During Mass he will assist the Celebrant, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, leading prayers, setting up the altar at the offertory and giving instructions - let us offer one another the sign of peace, bow down for the blessing, The Mass is ended go in peace.

Fr Garnett will Baptise and take funerals, but only preside at Mass and weddings when he is priested. He'll lead school assemblies, visit our homes, assist at the Food bank and Food hub, lead Bible Studies and Confirmation classes, have his quiet and retreat days, regular rest days and times of leave.

For the next three years he will have regular training days with the Bishop of Southwell and numerous evaluations and times of supervision with Fr Spicer. We are greatly blessed by God to have Fr Garnett with us and I know he is looking forward to meeting you and ministering amongst us.

Please be patient with him, suddenly wearing a dog collar and being called Father is a big change. Finding his way around, remembering names, learning all that is involved in and outside of church is a lot. Fr Garnett comes to us with years of experience and wisdom having worked with some of the most disadvantaged people in the world. He has faithfully carried out his preordination training and prayerfully been sent by God to be with us. Let's all enjoy having a curate again and thank God for his generosity to us in providing a deacon to serve in church and outside and help us deepen our ability to worship and serve here.

God bless

Fr S

The Holy Rosary.

October's devotion is the Holy Rosary. For centuries Christians have found praying the Rosary to be a source of blessing where're as an individual or with others. You don't actually need anything which means it's an ideal way to centre oneself on God and his love at anytime, anywhere. You can use Rosary beads if that helps, giving your fingers something to occupy them and help you calm down, or just counting your fingers and thumbs. Centred on twenty "Mysteries " and the familiar Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory be, it can take a short moment of your day or longer if you wish. To pray all 20 Mysteries with others would probably take about an hour. The best way to learn about the Rosary and if it's a good way for you to pray is to join in with others. For those of you online the Shrine at Walsingham livestreams the Rosary at 6pm every day. Here at Priory with pray the Rosary together in the Lady Chapel at 6pm on the last Thursday of the month. During this month we will say the Rosary at 6pm every Thursday before the 6.30pm. Please feel free to come for all or part of it. Guidance is given so you can think on the Mystery for example The Lord Nativity or Resurrection and enter into the peaceful prayers. The repetition of the familiar helps us to still our minds focusing on the Mystery. If you are unfamiliar with the devotion just sitting still and listening is an acceptable and good way to start.

Parish Visiting

The PCC have set themselves the vision to visit every house in the parish with a leaflet over the next few years. On the last Saturday of the month some of us will gather to leaflet a few roads together. The leaflet will be an introduction to our life here, what we can offer to support someone who wants to lead a Christian life and asking if they would like to come to a Mass to hear someone or something that is on their hearts be prayed for.

If you would like to help delivering leaflets please look out for the next meeting place last Saturday of the month. Please if possible say a prayer for this endeavour, around 1030am, that the homes receiving leaflets will come to know of God's love in the Church.



SAFEGUARDING AT WORKSOP PRIORY

What to do if you have a safeguarding concern:

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 alternatively 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

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Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

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extra cost to anyone

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!

Memories of Worksof Priory...

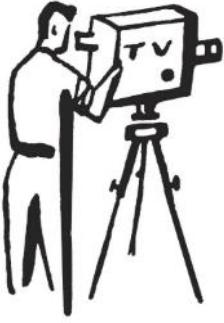
I started attending The Priory when I was about 4. I think my Mum (Pam Wild) wanted some alone time with my baby brother on a Sunday morning so my Dad (Geoff) fixed a little saddle on to the cross bar of his bicycle (no safety helmets in those days) and we peddled along Gateford Road every Sunday. As Dad was in the Choir, I couldn't sit with him so I became an honourary Pridmore/Makeman. In fact a lot of people thought I was a Pridmore! When I was a bit older I badly wanted to join the choir with my Dad but it just wasn't done to have female choristers!

I don't really remember the church pre-modernisation but I do remember the bones being laid on a table which the workmen had dug up during the renovations. Once the new Chancel was laid and before the Altar and organ were installed we had a great time at Sunday School marching around banging drums whilst Peggy Coleman thumped out Onward Christian Soldiers on the piano. In those days Sunday School started at 11.15 in the North Transept and we regularly had 30 attendees. It was a very long morning for me arriving at church for 9.30 and going through to 12.15.

At that time Canon Boulton was the incumbent and seemed a rather remote to us children. He would attend the Sunday School Christmas Party to present books to the regular attendees. Instead, we had a good relationship with Father Snasdell and following Curates who would take the first part of Sunday School before we went off into our classes.

In May 1974 I was chosen to represent the Sunday School Children at the Mass to consecrate the new extension. How many Priory people are still alive who were there that day? Our much-loved Len Pridmore was Church Warden together with Mrs Waltham. I seem to recall the service was televised but Mum





said the camera didn't pan round to me.

As a small child I thought there were a lot of old people in the congregation (they were probably only 35) but even now when their names are read out on the anniversaries of their deaths I can still picture them and even where they used to sit!

I apologies for any inaccuracies but recollections from 50 years ago may vary!

By Kate Walters

WORKSOP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL— UPDATE

Invitations have been now been emailed to all the groups and organisations who have had trees in previous years. If you know of any groups who may be interested in participating for the first time please do ask them to get in touch with me (07355 850735 or admin@worksoppriory.co.uk).

If you usually run a stall, or know of anyone who may want to be included in this year's Christmas Fayre, again please let me know.

Please look out for notices over the coming weeks regarding help manning the church throughout the festival, welcoming and providing hot drinks to visitors. It is impossible to do this alone, and I cannot thank everyone enough who spent time last year assisting with this.

If you have any suggestions at all I am a willing listener, as the faithful congregation of Priory, your wealth of experience and advice is gratefully received.

Susan (Parish Administrator)



An Iceland Adventure...

Saturday 2nd August 25

Woke at 4:30 to get to Nottingham for 5:45. The coach left at 6 to take us to Gatwick airport for our flight to Iceland. The airport is called Keflavik and is located 31 miles southwest of Iceland capital Reykjavik. After a smooth 3hr 15min flight we landed on time, and following passport control and baggage claim we met our coach to take us to Ulfjotsvatn scout and adventure centre, which has been home to Icelandic scouts for over 80 years. On arrival we had to pitch our tents in 50+MPH winds and driving rain, the location of our tents was next to a beautiful lake that had the clearest water and a little wooden chapel on one of its shores. We then had an evening meal and went to bed in a dawn like light which didn't get any darker.



Sunday 3rd August 25

Today started dry but cold as we made our way via coach to the secret lagoon, which was amazing and hot, we then went on to a very large waterfall called Gullfoss which means Golden falls, it is a two-tiered waterfall and is the most powerful one in southwest Iceland, being fed by the melt water from Langjokull glacier. It was really pretty and very loud, the path we walked went very close to the falls.

We then made our way on to see some Geysers which we saw erupt 3 times, really high into the air. We then went on to the lake where the 2 tectonic plates are under and pulling apart. After another lovely evening meal back at camp we enjoyed a campfire where we learnt new songs and met new friends from Portugal.

Monday 4th August 25

Early morning getting up at 6am to drive 2hrs 10mins to Solheimajokull Glacier which is an outlet glacier of the larger Myrdalsjokull ice cap. To walk on it we had to wear a hard hat, harness, crampons and carry picks so we could grip the ice. It was really exciting and amazing to be walking on a glacier.



Some glacier facts:

- * *The most powerful volcano is under a glacier and is called Katla after a witch who fled after eating the villages children is how the legend goes.*
- * *The ice on the glacier is over 100 years old*
- * *The glacier used to go all the way back to the car park which is about a mile away and is melting rapidly at a rate of 40-60metres annually, due to the effects of global warming.*



Tuesday 5th August 25

Campsite day where we took part in team games, chatted to new friends and helped out around the site. The apple cake we had was amazing.

Wednesday 6th August 25

We got up at 8am to leave for our hike at 9:45 in the wind and rain thinking it would be a nice walk up to the local hot springs and the weather would clear. However, we were very wrong and as we went up and down so many hills we could hardly see past our noses and the ground was so slippery that I fell over so many times, and in the end after 8hrs walking we didn't even go in the hot springs because the weather was too bad. However, we did survive the awful hike and celebrated with a lovely hot chocolate.

Thursday 7th August 25

Today we went to Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, we visited a church called Hallgrimskirkja which is famous for the panoramic views from the top of the tower, which we sadly didn't get to go up. After visiting a few local shops and a bakery with the best croissants ever, we went to see the ambassador of foreign office for England called Bryony Matthew who has been in post for 4 years living

with her husband and 2 children. Bryony shared that in her opinion the schools in Iceland are very laid back, hardly anyone goes to university despite it being free to attend. After lunch we joined our boat for an afternoon of amazing whale watching. The sea was clear but a bit rough. We saw so many whales breaching with 10 in sight at one point. We also saw 3 dolphins and lots of beautiful puffins.

Friday 8th August 25

Our second campsite day where we carried out Viking crafts, played team games with some more new friends from America, carried out chores on the site and ended the day and adventure with the best campfire where we had a north / south battle with the scouts with our best campfire songs.

Saturday 9th August 25

Early morning start to leave for the airport and journey home.

Lots of fun, adventure, learning and experiences. Memories made that will last me a lifetime. I can't thank you enough for supporting me on this amazing trip.

Lily. xx



More Iceland facts:

- * *Population of Iceland is 393,396 compared to the population of Nottinghamshire which is 1,154,195 – Wow!*
- * *There are hardly any traffic lights in the country*
- * *There is one continuous road around the whole island*
- * *They mostly make their own energy*
- * *Most people have electric cars*
- * *No traffic queues*
- * *Low crime rate, one murder a year since 1968 (used to be none), we went past a jail and it was VERY small.*





Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday

Priory Church 9.30am



Speak, Lord

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Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalm 94
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year C — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE APOSTLES ASK JESUS TO GIVE THEM MORE ...

Colour in the letters
with an * to find out
what is this important
thing.



To have **MORE FAITH** in **GOD** means
to **B__L__E__E MORE** and **A__W__Y__**
DO WHATEVER HE W__N__S of **YOU.**

Draw a picture of
someone who had
FAITH in God, for
example a saint or
someone mentioned
in the Bible.





2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalm 97
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Speak, Lord

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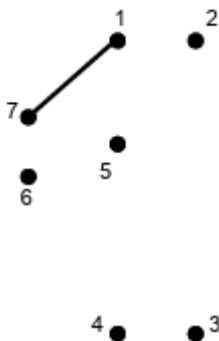
Year C — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JESUS

HEALS 10

Join the numbers to find out how many went back to him to say "THANK YOU".



LEPERS

My prayer of thanks

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for _____



Speak, Lord

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Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm 120
2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2
Luke 18:1-8

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year C — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JESUS TELLS THE STORY OF THE **JUDGE** AND THE **WIDOW**

Draw the widow's face

The **JUDGE**
who
LISTENED
to the
WIDOW

**IS
LIKE**

G ____
LISTENING
to our

P _____

ALWAYS PRAY ... NEVER GIVE UP

Something I want to pray for:



Dear God _____



Eccles. 35:12-14, 16-19
Psalm 32
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Speak, Lord

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year C — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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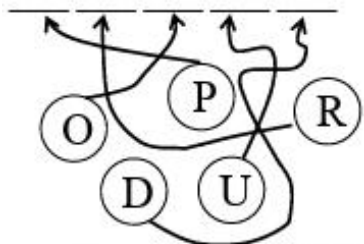


Jesus tells the story of ...

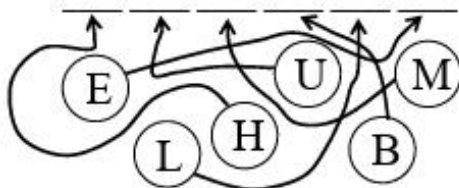
THE PHARISEE & THE TAX-COLLECTOR



Put the letters in the right place to find out something about the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector.



He was too **BOASTFUL**



He was **REALLY SORRY**

GOD WAS PLEASED WITH THE

AND FORGAVE HIS

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Fr Garnett writes...

The first thing I want to say as I write in the parish magazine for the first time is a very big, 'Thank you!'

Thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make my ordination to the diaconate such a special and memorable occasion, particularly to Fr Spicer for putting it all together and to Rosemary for the music, as well as Susan for her work behind the scenes, but also to the choir, the servers, the flower-arrangers, the bell-ringers, the people who provided the refreshments and the wonderful cake, and to everyone who came and to those who were unable to attend but supported me with their prayers.

I'd also like to thank you all for your warm Worksop welcome, for the cards and flowers and gifts and for the welcome package of household things, which has proved very useful, and offers of pieces of furniture to help fill up the curate's house. I'm already beginning to feel very much at home here.

It's very much a period of "first times" for me, which is rather unusual at my time of life and also a great privilege. Like many others before me, I did feel the first time I put on a clerical collar just before my ordination that life was about to change radically. In very many ways it has, but I am more than ever convinced that this is what God has been calling me to.

I'm writing this the day before we go to Walsingham. The Shrine there has been an important place to me - as I know it is to many of you - for many, many years from the time I first visited when I was still at school.

Walsingham has been hallowed firstly of course by God's grace in sending Our Lady to Richeldis to tell her to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth there, but then also by many centuries of prayer and through the many further graces the countless people who made the journey to Norfolk have received.

Along with my fellow pilgrims, I shall be praying for you all in the Holy House, and I'd like to ask all of you continue to pray for me, too, as I grow into this new ministry as a deacon and as your curate.

Thank you – once again - to you all.

Celebrating Harvest (from the Anglo-Saxon word for autumn, 'haerfest') in England.

Customs of the cornfield

Many harvest customs are connected with bringing in corn or other cereal crops. For example, 'Hollaing Largesse' is one of the traditions of the field. If a stranger passed a field in East Anglia where people were harvesting, the reapers would form a circle and shout 'Holla Lar! Holla Lar! Holla Lar-Jess!' The stranger would then be expected to make a donation to them to help pay for their harvest supper!

The final handful of corn stalks might be woven into a 'corn dolly'. This represented the spirit of the corn and was kept until the following spring to ensure a good harvest next year. In Hampshire, this is a Kern Baby and in Devon a Kirn Babby. But the corn dolly isn't always in the shape of a figure. A variety of regional dollies include the Cambridgeshire Handbell, Durham Chandelier and Worcester Crown. In Carshalton, Surrey, there's a 'Straw Jack'. This is a large figure made from the last straw harvested from the fields, paraded through the streets and ceremoniously burned among music and general revelry.



Orchards and vines

Harvest time involves a whole array of other crops too, including apples, cherries, hops and potatoes. For families living in polluted parts of London in the early half of the 20th century, an annual September trip to the hop fields of Kent provided a breath of fresh air. This was hardly Butlins; these were working holidays, and accommodation was cramped and unhygienic. But for many children, it was a rare chance to see the countryside, encountering their first cows and running free around the woods and fields.

Suppers and services

Naturally, a celebration of the harvesting of food often involves special feasts or dishes. Bread is often





featured. A loaf might be baked into the shape of a wheatsheaf, and on Lammas Day, the first of August, bread baked with freshly picked corn was taken into the local church to be blessed. Harvest suppers, or sometimes churn suppers, named after the big jug of cream that might be offered, were traditionally hosted by the farmer. They brought together the community of people who'd helped bring in the crops as a way of saying thank you and celebrating a successful growing year.

It's said that Reverend Robert Hawker, a vicar in Cornwall, introduced the idea of having a harvest festival in church in the 1800s, with hymns giving thanks for the bounty of the fields and orchards.

St Michael's Mass, or Michaelmas, commemorates Archangel Michael who defeated Satan in the war of Heaven in the Bible. It's celebrated on 29 September each year, and it was customary to eat a roast goose, fattened on the stubble of the harvest field, to mark the occasion. Goose Fairs were held across the country, including a famous one in Nottingham. Thousands of geese were walked to the city from Lincoln, Cambridge and Norfolk, to be sold.

Today Nottingham's Goose Fair is over 700 years old, and times have changed. There are roller-coasters, big wheels, waltzers and dodgems – but you're unlikely to see a goose!

Source: www.cpre.org.uk/discover/harvest-traditions-in-england/



HARVEST FESTIVAL

PARISH LUNCH

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

12.30PM

**Beef Stew with Dumplings
and
Apple Pie with Custard**

£8.00

To book either add your name to list at the back of church or contact Susan;
07355 850735
admin@worksoppriory.co.uk.
Thank you!



What is Halloween?

Halloween is a controversial festival, with some Christians embracing it and others throwing alternative light parties.

Hallowe'en is not a Christian concept – many of the activities associated with it have their roots in the ancient Celtic pagan festival, Samhain. But there is a link to the Christian faith and the church calendar and that link explains the name. Hallowe'en falls on 31 October. Many Christians recognise the next day, 1 November, as All Saints' Day. In the Middle Ages this day was called All Hallows and so the evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve. This became modified over time to Hallowe'en.

All Saints' Day commemorates the Christian belief that there is life after death. It is when Christians celebrate that all people who follow Jesus Christ and his teachings will be reunited one day in the new heavens and earth. Christianity teaches that this was made possible because of Jesus' own life, death and resurrection from the dead about 2,000 years ago. In some countries All Saints' Day is a national holiday. In Mexico, for example, it is known as the Day of the Dead and is marked by colourful celebrations and parties. All Saints' Day **originates** from the 7th century when the Pope established All Martyrs' Day in honour of all Christians who had been executed for their faith since the days of Jesus. In the following century the scope of the day was expanded to include all Christian saints – individuals who were particularly revered by the Church for their lives and faith – and the name was changed to All Saints' Day.

The following day, 2 November, is called All Souls' Day. In the Roman Catholic Church it is marked as a day to pray that the souls of people who have died will rest in peace. Orthodox churches have several such days in the year; Protestant and non-conformist churches, such as Pentecostal churches, tend to pray for living people rather than those who have died.

Modern-day Hallowe'en has fused elements from Christian and pagan Celtic and Roman origins. For example, the practice of apple bobbing may be linked





to the Roman festival honouring a goddess who was symbolised by the apple. Because 31 October was traditionally a time of preparing for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, various superstitions grew up about the souls of the dead visiting homes seeking hospitali-

ty. These ideas may explain the fascination with ghost stories and scary films but they have no basis in Christianity. For many there is little harm in the tradition of dressing up in costumes, carving faces in pumpkins or trick-or-treating where children ask for sweets in return for not playing pranks. But many Christians believe there is a more sinister side to Hallowe'en that should not be trivialised. The Bible teaches that evil is real and that an unhealthy interest in the occult is dangerous and to be avoided. In the Bible book, John, evil is likened to darkness and Jesus is referred to as the light.

One passage quotes Jesus saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life'. Another passage in John emphasises the Christian belief that Jesus has defeated the power of death and evil over humanity: 'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'.

In recent years, some churches have sought to reclaim Hallowe'en from its more sinister side by arranging 'light parties' where the focus is positive and joyful.

Source: www.christianity.org.uk

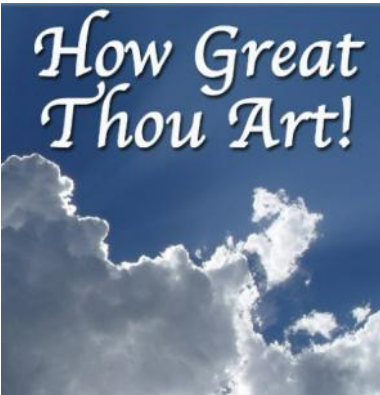


'My Favourite Hymn' ...

George Hyslop

I have chosen this hymn,
because it was a favourite
both of my wife, Maureen,
and also of our good friend,
Valda Edwards.

I love it for that reason and
will have it sung at my
funeral service.



**Stuart K. Hine
1899-1989**

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe
displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades
I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle
breeze;

But when I think that God, his Son not s
paring,
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away our sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my
heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou
art!

Stuart K Hine

The story behind the hymn...

In 1885, at age 26, Swedish preacher **Carl G. Boberg** wrote the words of a po-em entitled '**O Store Gud**'. Several years later, Boberg attended a meeting and was surprised to hear his poem being sung to an old Swedish melody.



*Carl G. Boberg
1859-1940*

In the early 1920's, English missionaries **Stuart K. Hine** and his wife ministered in Poland. There they learned the Russian version of Bo-berg's poem, O Store Gud, coupled with the original Swedish melody.

Later, Hine wrote original English words and made his own arrangement of the Swedish melody, which became popular and is now known as the hymn, How Great Thou Art.

The first three verses were inspired, line upon line, amidst unforgettable experiences in the Carpathian Mountains. In a village to which he had climbed, Mr. Hine stood in the street singing a Gospel Hymn and reading aloud, John, Chapter Three.

Among the sympathetic listeners was a local village schoolmaster. A storm was gathering, and when it was evident no further travel could be made that night, the friendly schoolmaster offered his hospitality.



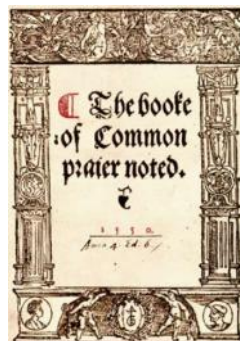
Awe-inspiring was the mighty thunder echoing through the mountains, and it was this impression that was to bring about the birth of the first verse. Pushing on, Hine crossed the mountain frontier into Romania and into Bukovina. Together with

some young people, through the woods and forest glades he wandered, and heard the birds sing sweetly in the trees. Thus, the second verse came into being. Verse three was inspired by the conversion of many Carpathian mountain dwellers. The fourth verse did not come about until Hine's return to Britain.

Source: hymntime.com

Rosemary writes...

Every time the Church alters a translation of something which has been in use for a while, it creates waves with any music set to those words. A change in the number of syllables in a line can upset the whole apple-cart, and there is only so much squishing and stretching you can do to make it fit before it feels really un-natural. This keeps on happening! The first major shift into English, which coincided with a wish for simplicity in the tunes (one note to one syllable) produced an emergency response from John Merbecke (generally pronounced MARbeck) and it was not until 2010 that his music was re-fitted to new words. In the meantime, Merbecke was sung to the Book of Common Prayer text, and generations learnt it off by heart. It was common property for all classic Anglican congregations. Since the revisions of the 1980s, 90s, and 00s, many texts have been adjusted into modern English, and some then re-adjusted back into 16th Century English with the modern content (!) and so forth. Pity the poor composer, continually being rendered obsolete, again. And pity the congregation, continually on the move between known and unknown versions. But, look back at Christian history and see how the faith is taught through its liturgy. It matters that we try for accuracy instead of settling for mere familiarity. Words shape lives. Do we care about accuracy in matters of religion? I hope so. I do. And that doesn't mean I think newer is better: the last lot is clunky, IMHO! But we're here, as they say.

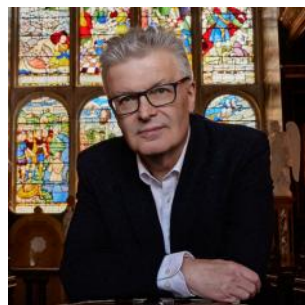


In 2010 the newest version of the Ordinary of the Mass was introduced. The Ordinary actually means the “items in order” and consists of things which do not change by the day with the readings – Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei – and here I am using the old Greek and Latin first words, so ingrained are they in the thinking of the church musician. When these words are set to music by a composer, as a package, they are called the “setting”. You will see this at the start of the Mass booklets. Sometimes we have to mix and match to make it work.

Seasonal mood changes are a treasured part of liturgical heritage. Can you

imagine 52 Sundays designed by a preacher, theme-led but with no progression through the life-story of Christ, no mirroring the seasons of the natural world, no balancing out feast and fast? Yes, a lot of the Church can, and is content with the bare message alone. In fact, it focuses the mind on the message, not the medium, and there is always a danger of getting this out of balance in either direction. Complex pre-Reformation services designed to the Nth degree of detail, exquisite in their thinking and execution, led to rebellion. The view was, it was all about design and format and not about the word of God. Maybe: I wasn't there to comment! But commentators forget that the medieval mind tried to represent heavenly things in earthly mirror-terms, even down to crackers ideas such as, a plant heals the part of the human body it most nearly resembles. Do NOT try that at home! So I think we should be gentle on our forebears: they were trying to mirror the heavenly mysteries by over-embroidering the earthly cloth. And it tore, because it was too heavy for the basic weave. This, too, keeps happening.

With seasonal mood in mind, we will be re-using a new-old setting for Advent. James MacMillan wrote the (congregational) St Anne Mass, back in 1985. It's been revised with the 2010 words, and we own copies already – so no new expense. It's been sung here before, because the 2010 words are written in by hand over the older words. But that's a way back. I will ensure you get the means of learning it by ear before then. It's expressive, melodic and "Scottish" flavoured music. Advent is a story told backwards: anticipating the end-times, but revisiting the prophets and the coming of Christ in history. There is a glow to it, and some suppressed excitement among those who understand this many-layered season in all its richness. MacMillan is a different animal when let loose in professional composer mode; what we have here is the faithful churchgoer writing for the parish Mass, pared back to absolute basics. Do not panic should you Google him and find the other things he's written!



Rosemary Field, Director of Music



Worksop Priory C of E Primary Academy



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2025

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- Sept 11 Tim Selman, Organ - Organ Scholar, Lincoln
A mixed programme suited to the Collins organ
- Sept 18 Laurena Kumar-Lee, Soprano - Gap year student, Worksop
Varied repertoire from this school-leaver soprano
- Sept 25 Chapel Hill Duo, Violin and Cello – Chapel Hill, Ropsley
Jazz, film, popular and classical arrangements
- Oct 2 Thomas Keough, Organ – Leicester
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- Oct 9 tbc
- Oct 16 Mosaic Recorder Quintet
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October 4: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

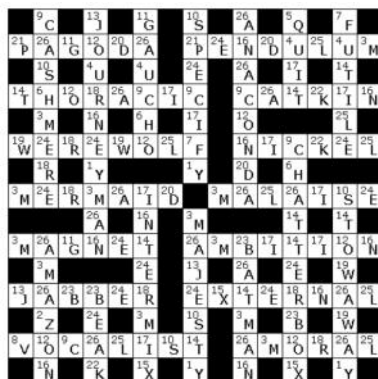
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—Prayer of St. Francis.

Puzzle page solution:



The Hundred Club



This is one of our main fundraisers here at Priory. The cost remains £1 per week and we have prizes of £20, £10 and 2 x £5 weekly, £100 twice yearly and £500 annually. For joining the club please contact Susan either at:

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

or on 07355 850735

Thank you for your support!

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Looking Ahead...



October

Sun 5	9.30am Harvest Festival Mass with Parish Lunch at 12.30pm 11.30am Mass in Clumber Chapel 6pm Harvest Evensong & Benediction
Fri 31	5pm Light & Bright Party at The Vicarage

November

Sun 2	9.30am parish Mass with Junior Church
All Saints Day	6pm Evensong & Benediction
Mon 3	9.30am Mass
All Souls Day	6.30pm Mass with Choir
Sun 30	
Advent Sunday	9.30am Parish Mass with Junior Church 11.30am Mass in Clumber Chapel

December

Wed 3-7	Christmas Tree Festival
Sat 6	Priory Christmas Fayre
Sat 6	Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band Concert

CAN YOU HELP CO-ORDINATE THE 100 CLUB?



100 CLUB

We are still looking for someone to assist with running the 100 Club.

Please do consider if you are able to help co-ordinate this incredibly important fundraising scheme. You will have the full support of Keith (Treasurer to the PCC) and Susan (Parish Administrator) who have developed systems to simplify the work involved and reduce the amount of cash being handled by the co-ordinator. Please have a chat with Keith (07500 781759) or Susan (07355 850735) to find out more.

THANK YOU!

November Magazine

Please send articles or news for the
November 2025 magazine to
admin@worksopriory.co.uk
by **Friday 17th October** at the latest.

Something to make you smile...

The accountant

An accountant dies and goes to Heaven. He is met by St Peter who goes through the usual questionnaire.

"What sort of accountant are you?" says St Peter

"Public Practitioner," is the reply.

"Name?"

He gives his name. St Peter goes through some files and pulls one out.

"Oh, yes. We've been expecting you. You've reached your allotted span," says St Peter.

"How can that be?" says the accountant. "I'm too young to go. I'm only forty-eight"

"No, that's impossible."

"Why do you say that?"

"Well we've been looking at your time sheets and the hours you've charged your clients. By our reckoning you're at least ninety three."



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11.30am Mass at Clumber Chapel

6pm Evening Prayer and Benediction at Priory
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