

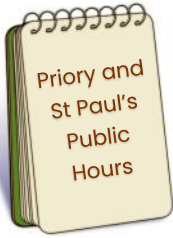
Parish Magazine of Worksof Priory with Carburton & Clumber



November 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

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.

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



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 October 2025

Baptisms

4th	Oliver Barrie Knight
4th	Donovan Craig Simmen
4th	Ellyse-Ann Molly Tickner
5th	Freya Louise Georgia Trolley
5th	Madalena Louise Alves-Limb
5th	Marcus Jose Alves Limb
5th	Leslie Maxwell Limb



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:

Workshop Priory Family Page



WORKSOP REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE – 9 NOVEMBER 2025

The parade will 'form-up' in front of the Town Hall on the Old Market Square, at around 10:10am. At 10:40am, the parade will 'march off' from the Market Square down to the War Memorial via Potter Street and Watson Road.

Wreath laying Service and Act of Remembrance conducted by Canon Nicolas Spicer, which will take place at the War Memorial at approximately 10:50am. Two minutes silence at 11:00am. The parade will return to the Old Market Square at Workshop Town Hall for 'Parade dismissal'.

Temporary road closures affecting Bridge Street, Potter Street, Watson Road, Priorswell Road and Memorial Avenue will be in place from 10:15am to 11:45am to facilitate the parade.



November 2025

Dates, Observances and Prayer Intentions

1	Of Our Lady	Sparken Hill & Lowtown
2	All Saints	The Parish
3	All Soul	The Departed
4	S Charles Borromeo	Diocesan Priests
5	Feria	Kilton & Larwood
6	Feria	BCVS
7	Feia	The Hungry
8	Of Our Lady	The Shrine at Walsingham
9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	The Parish
10	S Leo	The Pope
11	S Martin of Tours	World Peace
12	S Josaphat	Christian Unity
13	Feria	Town Centre
14	Feria	Diocesan Synod
15	Of Our Lady	Shrine at Egmonton

MONTHLY DEVOTION:

THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

16	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
17	S Hilda of Whitby	Society Parishes
18	Feria	Clumber & Carburton
19	Feira	Deanery Synod
20	Feria	Bassetlaw Council
21	The Presentation of our Lady	Family Life
22	S Cecilia	Our Musical Director & Choir
23	Christ The King	The Parish
24	SS Andrew Dung– Lac & Comps	Persecuted Christians
25	Feria	Bassetlaw Hospital
26	Feria	Bassetlaw Hospice
27	Feria	Society of Mary & OLW
28	Feria	Bishop Stephen
29	Ferai	Of Our Lady
30	1st Sunday of Advent	The Parish

According to tradition, Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would greatly ease the suffering of those holy souls in purgatory:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

St. Gertrude the Great was a 13th-century German nun, writer, and mystic who was graced with many heavenly visions, including being one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged a devotion to his Sacred Heart. It is recounted that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of this prayer.

Source: goodcatholic.com

Fr Spicer writes....

We begin this month with the wonderful feast of All Saint's (2nd Mass 9.30am at Priory and 1130am at Clumber) with our praises given to God for all those who have gone before us and who the Church recognizes as being holy. Any casual glance down a church calendar gives just a glimpse into the array of men and women, teachers, preachers, prayers, nuns, monks, priests, doctors, nurses, mothers, fathers, school children, kings, queens, politicians, prisoners, who make up the company of Saints. Those who have become as close to God and His ways as is humanly possible here on earth; examples for us to follow. Most of them struggled, or were persecuted for their chosen ways; few had it easy, yet they succeeded. You and I struggle, attempting to get the balance right in our daily lives, have times of doubt and conflict, experience teasing and ridicule or even worse indifference. Rejoice, take heart, you are not alone.

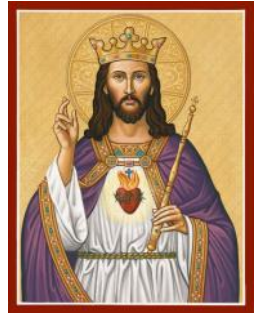


The Commemoration of All Souls (3rd 9.30am & 6.30pm at Priory) is a remembering of all the others who have died, especially those who we have known personally, and past worshippers of our parish. For some of you grief will still be fresh, for others less raw, but still there, part of you. Coming to Mass that day, joining with others, hearing a name prayed for, visiting a grave, lighting a candle, can all be healing within the love of God. Rejoice, take heart, you are not alone.



Remembrance Sunday (9th) is specifically for those who have died as a result of war and violence. Now is the time for people to stand still and pray for peace, for wisdom, for understanding, for an end to fear. Rejoice, take heart, you are not alone.

Sunday 23rd is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the Universal King bringing an end to the liturgical year. We are reminded that everyone is seen to be a child of God, the whole of creation is His. So at every Mass earth and heaven are joined once more and we acclaim together "Holy, holy, holy Lord". Rejoice, take heart, you are not alone.



May you know this peace of the Kingdom this month, know that you are not alone, take heart, and rejoice.

Church Legacy - A lasting gift to your Church

For nearly five hundred years the Church of England has encouraged people to make a will. Making a will and updating it regularly is the only way to ensure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support the family friends and causes you love.



We are God's stewards, entrusted to use His gifts for the good of our family and our church family. We should take will writing seriously - setting our affairs in order, and stewarding them wisely to the end of our time on earth.

"Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you" (1 Chronicles 29).

Please consider making a legacy to your church when you make or update your will.

*Thank you,
From Fr Spicer*



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 deliver leaflets please look out for the next meeting place. Please if possible say a prayer for this endeavour, around 10.30am, 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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to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!

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a % of your spend
to easyfundraising



They pass
it on to us
:)

Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
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!

CAN YOU HELP WITH FUNDRAISING FOR PRIORY?

As you may have gathered from the posters in church and notices in the booklets and newsletters, our Christmas fundraisers are just around the corner. Are you able to donate any items for the following stalls at the **Christmas Fair**?

- * Tombola prizes
- * Bric a Brac
- * Cakes, biscuits, sweet treats

We also need biscuits for the refreshments on offer throughout the **Christmas Tree Festival**.



Are you, or a business you know, able to donate a prize for the **New Year Raffle** to be drawn on Epiphany Sunday? Susan has prepared a letter that can be given to businesses asking for donations, so please contact her if you'd like to help.
admin@worksopriory.co.uk or 07355 850735

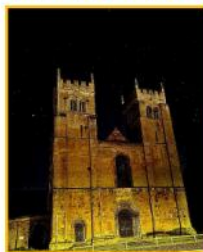
Christmas at Worksop Priory

FEATURING

CARLTON MAIN FRICKLEY
COLLIERY BAND
AND
WHITWELL BRASS BAND

Saturday 6th December
7pm (Doors Open 6.30pm)
Worksop Priory
Tickets £10 (u16s free)
Purchase tickets at:
www.carltonmain.co.uk

EVENING MUSIC at WORKSOP PRIORY S80 2BU
December 19th 2025 at 7pm Admission free
An ADVENT concert in the baroque tradition



Worksop Priory Choir
and friends
with strings,
woodwind, and organ
directed by
Rosemary Field

Photo credit: Ash Penny Williams

- Bach – Extracts from Cantata *Sleepers Wake*
Soloists: Laurena Kumar-Lee (Soprano) Jonathan Price (Baritone)
- Bach – unaccompanied cello pieces
played by Annabel Gordon, New York
- Magnificat – Buxtehude

Evening Music is a tradition dating back to baroque times in Germany, where it thrives still. A short concert is given in town churches, with a mix of sacred and secular music programmed. The timing is early evening and the duration under an hour.

This is definitely NOT a Christmas concert, so please be aware there are no carols.

It is the Priory musical outreach project for Advent. We are immensely grateful to friends in the musical profession for giving time, skills and travel costs to offer it as a gift to all who want to come and hear it. **Admission free, retiring collection for the fabric of the building. Ramp access, toilets, some parking on site and large car park nearby. Wear warm clothing; the medieval Priory is chilly.**

Further details from Musicdirector@worksopriory.co.uk

Worksop Priory, Priorswell Road, Worksop S80 2BU



WORKSOP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

WORKSOP PRIORY

**WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER TO
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER**



Please help make this year's festival a success by spreading the word among your family and friends and helping out in church to provide a friendly and hospitable welcome to visitors if you can. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours to assist with refreshments, it all really helps! Church needs stewarding during the festival from the trees being set up on Tuesday 2 December through to them being taken down on Monday 8 December, please consider adding your name to list at the back of church or give Susan a call to discuss how you could help on 07355 850735.

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

PRIORY CHRISTMAS FAIR— 10am-4pm

If you usually have a stall or know anyone with a small business who may be interested in attending, please contact Susan for a stall booking form admin@worksoppriory.co.uk. Again, help is needed to set up and clear away, as well as provide refreshments throughout the day.

CARLTON MAIN FRICKLEY COLLIERY AND WHITWELL BRASS

BAND CONCERT—7pm

You won't want to miss this '**Christmas at Priory**' concert, on Saturday evening. If you are able to steward or help with refreshments please speak with Susan. Please spread the word and buy your tickets soon...this is bound to be a sell-out!



A Priory Pilgrim's Tale

A notice caught my eye as I was leaving the Priory church in January 2002. "A Lenten Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne". "Wonderful" I thought, remembering a visit to the Holy Island in July 1982 which only lasted a few hours. I noted the telephone number and spoke to Lyn Spridgeon. There was one place available. I booked!



In March I met the other pilgrims as we boarded the minibus—12 in all. Father Andrew Wagstaff led the group and Peter Spridgeon drove the bus. This was my introduction to some members of the Priory Church congregation. It developed in other directions and I became "one of the family". From March 2002 to the present time I have received many blessings, been involved in various activities and made good friendships.

Over the years I have journeyed to Walsingham, Durham, Cheadle and, lately, Grimsby, in the company of others. Overseas pilgrimages also took place, to Lourdes, Fatima and Assisi. Sadly I did not take part in the latter. In September this year our Pilgrimage to Walsingham enabled us to join in the celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. It proved to be a special time for me and I believe others.

So why go on a pilgrimage? What attracts individuals to take part? Why walk together with friends and strangers? What have we to learn and share with others? Look out! There is the "commonness" of our Christian Faith which draws us together. Taking part in a pilgrimage deepens our Christian Faith and we walk together as the "People of the Light".



Dot Hazelhurst

*To Be a
Pilgrim..*





Photos from past pilgrimages. Do you remember the year and destination of the photo above?



Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica — 9 November

Most Catholics think of St Peter's as the Pope's main church, but they are not quite right. St John Lateran is the Pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides.

The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when the Roman Emperor Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th century to find the church and the adjoining palace in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St Peter himself celebrated Mass.



St Hilda of Whitby — 17 November



Benedictine abbess, baptized by St Paulinus. She was the daughter of a king of Northumbria, and is considered one of England's greatest women.

At the age of thirty three Hilda entered Chelles Monastery in France, where her sister was a nun. At the request of St Aidan, she returned to Northumbria and became abbess of Hartlepool. In time she became the head of the double monastery of Streaneschalch, at Whitby. She

trained five bishops, convened the Council of Whitby, and encouraged the poet Caedmon.

Source: diocesehn.org.uk



Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday

Priory Church 9.30am



Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 23
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Speak, Lord

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SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

1 November — All Saints



ALL SAINTS

WE REMEMBER

ALL THE G _ _ D P _ _ PL _
 WHO ARE IN H _ _ V _ _ N W _ _ T H G _ _ D

Use this code to fill in all missing vowels

A = ▲
 E = ▼
 I = ↓
 O = ◀
 U = ▶

JESUS WENT UP A HILL AND SPOKE ABOUT HOW PEOPLE CAN LIVE TO BE WITH GOD AND THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN.

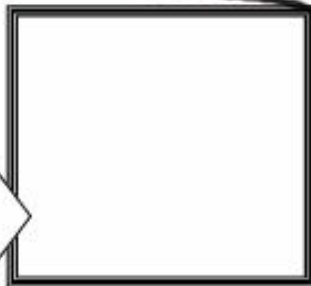
Happy are those who
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Happy are those who
 are G _ _ N T L _ _
 and K _ _ N D

Happy are those
 who make
 P _ _ C _ _



Draw pictures of two good people you know, who died as friends of Jesus and are now with him in heaven.





Speak, Lord

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Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
Psalm 45
1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

9 November — Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



WE ARE THE CHURCH

We are part of
a big family
called the
C T O I
CHURCH.

Our Parish is called

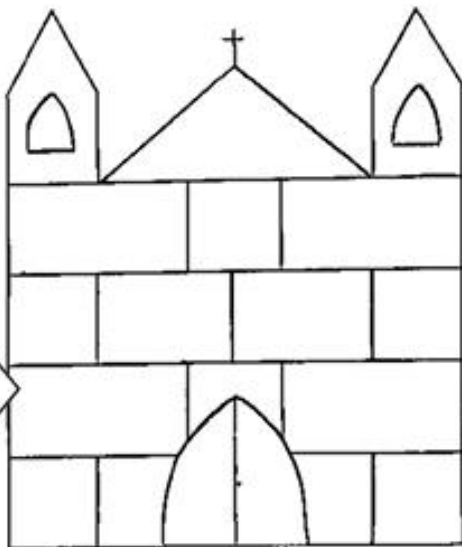
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The head of the
Church on earth is
Pope _____.

**TOGETHER WE ARE
PART OF THE
CHURCH AND OUR
PARISH.**

Write your name and names of
family and others who are part
of your parish in the brick
spaces of this church.





Malachi 3:19-20
Psalm 97
Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Speak, Lord

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SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year C — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said:

**Some BAD things
will happen:**

**WARS, FAMINES,
EARTHQUAKES and
PLAGUES, PEOPLE
SUFFERING and
put to PRISON.**

Draw a picture of one of the bad things
mentioned by Jesus.

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Z	P	A _*	N _*	D _*	M	E
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F	U _*	P _*	S	F _*	O _*	R _*
D	J	W _*	H _*	A _*	T _*	M
I _*	S _*	P	G _*	O _*	O _*	D _*

Colour in the
squares with a star
(*) to reveal what
Jesus said we
should do.



Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm 121
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Speak, Lord

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SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year C — Last Sunday in Ordinary Time — Christ the King



JESUS is OUR KING

Save
yourself and
us

We deserve this, but this
man did nothing wrong.

Draw Jesus and
the two other
men on the
crosses.

Jesus
remember
me

I P _ _ _ _ _ E YOU, T _ _ _ _ Y YOU

WILL BE WITH ME IN H _ _ _ _ _ N.

Fill in the missing letters to find out what Jesus said to the good thief.

November Puzzle Page

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Fr Garnett writes...

As I write this, the weather is growing colder and we're approaching changing the clocks to winter time. The feast of Ss. Simon and Jude, when traditionally fires were laid for the first time, is coming up, and if you're like me you've probably turned the central heating on already or are at least thinking about it. And it gets dark so much earlier.

A lot of people find this time of year quite challenging, especially those whose suffer from seasonal affective disorder (SAD) as well as many people with ADHD. Even if you don't experience it in quite this way, November can be quite a tough time of year.

So, it's good that we begin the month with the celebration of the great solemnity of All Saints. It's a splendid opening to the month and a useful reminder that the great company of the saints surround us with their prayers when times are dark - whether literally as in these late autumn days, or metaphorically as when we are struggling with illness or other difficulties.

That sombre mood in November is reflected in the Church's commemoration of the faithful departed - All Souls - the day after All Saints' day and again in the national commemoration of Remembrance Sunday, but amid all the excesses of Hallowe'en and the advertisers' ever-earlier build-up to Christmas, it's good to pause and think about and pray for those who have gone before us, those who sacrificed their lives in war, and with all the saints to set our eyes on things eternal.

This year, Advent Sunday falls on 30th November and so we shall be closing the month with the beginning of that period of hope and expectation of the coming of Our Lord, the one true Light who dispels all darkness. Let us hold fast to that hope in the coming weeks.



Remembrance Sunday

On the eve of the battle of Arras in World War 1, my grandfather sent this moving letter home.

France 4/4/17

My Dear Wife,

By the time you get this letter I hope please God to have come out of this movement and live to make these next few days. If I get wounded I will let you know as early as possible. If my time has arrived I leave you and our dear children in God's good care. But dear I have prayed to be spared to come back to you, my dear ones.

I go into this with the intention of doing my duty as a man, as I hope to do in all things as a manly man would do. Now dear, pray for help if you are left. It will be given to you.

God bless you for being a good wife and mother.

From your loving Jack

Mother xxxx May xxx Lizzie xxx Joseph xxx Harold xxx

p.s. My dear wife

We are in a large cave awaiting events and this morning we have had a service which has been of comfort to me and which renews the faith in God to order all things for the best.

This is a poignant reminder of a loving family man, who faced what was coming with strength and fortitude. Although he had strong faith, one can only imagine his fear of the prospect of going into a terrible battle and the feelings of his wife and children on receiving this letter. He was one of thousands who faced the same terrifying prospect. Many of his colleagues never came home, but thank God, granddad did and lived to a good old age. God bless him!



Many years ago, I was talking to my mother about poets of World War 1 – Rupert Brooke, Wilfred Owen, Edward Thomas. My mother said her favourite poems, by far, were those of Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy. I determined to find out more about this little-known poet and a much more familiar name emerged - 'Woodbine Willie'. This was the affectionate name given to Studdert Kennedy by soldiers in World War 1. He was an Anglican priest who volunteered as a chaplain on the Western Front and he was renowned for offering both spiritual support and cigarettes to injured and dying soldiers. He chose to spend as much time as possible alongside ordinary soldiers and whenever possible, he accompanied them when they left the trenches to go over the top. He worked in the makeshift hospitals and went out searching for the wounded. Off duty, he chatted, smoked and sang with the troops. More than any other chaplain, he was prepared to raise publicly the questions men asked. Why does God allow war? How can a God of love ignore human suffering? What is the use of a church out here?

Studdert Kennedy's answer is that God doesn't make His creatures into machines, but gives them freedom of choice. They often choose violence and war. God's response is to suffer with mankind. As God the Son, he has entered into the world and suffered death on the cross. He knows what human emotional and physical pain is like. God is almighty. This is not shown in the abolition of war, but in His love which united Him with suffering men and women. The sacrifices of men represented the sacrifices of God.

Studdert Kennedy won the Military Cross for his great courage, running into

No Man's Land to help the wounded in the middle of an attack. In all he did, he was driven by a deep and real concern for his fellow men, especially those under-rated and disadvantaged. He felt compassion for all people and this is reflected in his poem 'A Mother Understands' in which he puts himself in place of a mother who has lost her son and finds comfort in Christ:

Dear Lord, I hold my hand to take Thy Body, broken once for me,
Accept the sacrifice I make, broken Christ for Thee.
He was my body, born of me, born of my bitter travail pain,
And it lies broken on the field, swept by the wind and rain.

In this season of remembrance, it seems fitting to remember an 'Unsung Hero' of over a century ago. **by Ginny Darby**



This lovely prayer can be said with a child for Remembrance Sunday or any time when you want to think of someone who has died. You can use a poppy or any red flower.

- * Look at your poppy in your hand.
- * Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: say thank you to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.
- * Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.
- * Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.
- * Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.



Look after yourself and each other.

As winter approaches please make sure that you are ready for what could be a lot worse than last year's mildness. Many schemes are available to help you and your vulnerable neighbours insulate your houses and keep the precious warmth in. We'll be closing the West doors soon and trying to keep the heat in, so help us to keep the doors closed and draughts down and wrap up warm. Ladies let's see those hats!



If you are vulnerable to flu, or you work with others who are, please contact your surgery to arrange for a flu jab as soon as possible. It changes each year so needs to be repeated.

Our hard working band of cleaners remain committed to regularly wiping all the surfaces, handles and light switches. Washing your hands often helps here. If you use a dish cloth, towel, or tea towel, please take it home to wash.



The chalices are cleaned after every Mass and thoroughly washed every Saturday. Very few germs survive on a chalice but again if you are vulnerable, or have a cold, please consider simply receiving the Blessed Sacrament. Remember that intincting, dipping your host in the chalice, is not allowed in the Church of England, as it is very unhygienic. The Church has always taught that Our Lord is fully present in both the Blessed Sacrament and Precious Blood, so you can simply receive in one kind.



Thank you.

‘My Favourite Hymn’ ... by Carol Rabbitt

Although I have many ‘favourite’ hymns from the church’s calendar, the one which stands out is my old Priory School hymn, “When Morning Gilds the Skies”.

A highlight for me, together with the head boy, was leading the whole school down to the Priory Church for special services such as Ascension Day. It was an honour to sit in the old choir pews to sing the school hymn.

It has a very uplifting effect with inspiring words.

HYMN FACTS!

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” was first written especially for singing of God’s mercy in the morning. The text is from an anonymous German hymn, “Beim fruhen Morgenlicht”. The date is usually given as 1828, but some sources say 1818, and possibly as early as 1744. The hymn was first published in the 1868 Appendix to *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

When morning gilds the sky,
our hearts awaking cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
in all our work and prayer
we ask his loving care:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word on high,
the hosts of angels cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals too upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, when day is past,
of all our thoughts the last:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Then let us join to sing
to Christ, our loving King:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Psalter Hymnal, 1987

Are you interested in the history of Worksop and its surrounding area?



The local heritage section at Worksop Library is on the first floor of the building (accessible via the main entrance stairs or a lift). There is a wide range of materials available, including resources to help you trace elements of local history such as places, recent developments, transport, politics, business and industry, family history or that of individual buildings.

The book collection has approx. 2000 volumes, including works by local authors, and standard works such as John Holland's 'History of Worksop'. Special collections relating to the Dukeries, the Chesterfield Canal and local industries such as coal mining are a feature of the collection.

Tuxford resident Eric Coddington (1937- 2012), bequeathed his vast private collection of local history books to Nottinghamshire library service. Several of these, including rare books, can be found in Worksop Library's collection. Some books are only available to be consulted in the library, but often loan copies of titles can be sourced.

In addition to books there are also periodicals in the Local Heritage collection, such as The Nottinghamshire Historian. Newspapers, available on microfilm, including the Worksop Guardian from 1896 to present as well as titles that are no longer in print.

Other sources include: Ephemera boxes, trade directories, local government reports and minutes and electoral registers. There is also a photograph collection, over 1000 maps and plans and census returns from 1841 to 1901.

You can also get free access to the online British Newspaper Archive and Ancestry.co.uk in all Nottinghamshire libraries! If you haven't been in recently, consider a visit!



“In Quires and places where they sing....”

A quotation from the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, this is followed by “here followeth the Anthem”. There is even a Facebook group called In ‘*Quires and places where they sing....*’ so famous is this one line from the instructions. Crazy or what?!

So, I thought it might be useful to look at who sings what and why and where and when. Sorry, but I need to set the scene a bit first! We have always sung: the singing church is the direct continuation of the singing synagogue and temple, and some of the same factors apply to it. The liturgical framework of call-and-response, of dialogue, of commentary and of full-church singing, all stems directly from these origins. It does not apply in the same way to spontaneous expression, to house-church, to prayer-gatherings which don’t follow a format, and so forth. Nor is there so much of the dialogue and responsiveness in some other formal, pre-arranged worship. Some will point out that all this talking to each other is not worship at all; it is conversation on holy topics and exhortation to do this or that. True. But it is usually an invitation to worship.

In the monastic houses, the choir may be called the schola and is a study group, as the name says, of a few people who are musically more advanced than the rest and take responsibility for leading, and for anything in the commentary section which is fiddly to do. The congregation is the rest of the monastery. There may be some visitors to the house, or in some locations the monastery church is open to the parish, but it is driven by the daily round of worship which is the bone-structure of monastic living. So of course, the idea that all the people all need to acclaim, or intercede, or repent in song is done by all and with all, automatically.

Move that over into a parish Mass in the 21st Century and you have the view that all should sing the significant moments of engagement: to herald the Gospel (Alleluia) to join in with the perpetual worship of all time and eternity (Holy, holy, holy) to acclaim the Consecration (Mystery of faith) and to agree to the whole Eucharistic prayer with the Great Amen. Those are the essentials for all to sing. So that means the hymns are a devotional

add-on, not the core topic, much-loved and important as they are and much as their words can inform our actions when the crunch comes, as it surely does. Next time you sing a well-loved hymn, have a think about who it might be addressing? Not all of them speak directly to God. There's a long history of that, too, broken in these words: *Through Jesus, Christ our Lord*. Extra comma is deliberate. Christ means, the Anointed One, it's not the Lord's surname. That's why chrism is anointing oil, btw.

So, what is the choir about? To revise: in a monastery, it undertakes those items which change not only by the Day but by the Hour – little snippets of Scripture or of prayer which are fine-tuned to match the message of the moment. The rest of the house sings all the collective things which don't change so often – the Canticles, the Dialogues with the Abbot/Abbess and the “chorus” elements of Responsories such as “into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit” where the opening text is repeated after the choir has sung something else.

The notion of the anthem, a commentary piece of stand-alone music made for listening-to rather than participating in with the voice, is a separate thing. In classic Catholicism there is a similar item called a Motet, meaning an elaboration on the word of the day, and this is often used during the Offertory at Mass or during the Communion. You don't hear the word Anthem applied to it, but the function is identical – something sung by the choir which is topical, distinctly choral rather than whole-church music, and often very illustrative of the text. The choir also takes on the fiddly bits of chanted text which are likely to end in stereo if tried unprepared by the whole church!

Some of us worship as much by listening to inspiring music as by singing at full tilt ourselves. I have had that experience many times and been grateful for it. Others don't. It takes all sorts, but here at the Priory we do take pains to see that the proper balance is given, as a parish church.

Rosemary Field,
Director of Music





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.

Wiggly Worship at Priory Church

For the under 5's (pram service), every Wednesday 10.15-11.15am.



We look forward to seeing you!

Contact the Academy Office on 01909 478886

Or email office@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk





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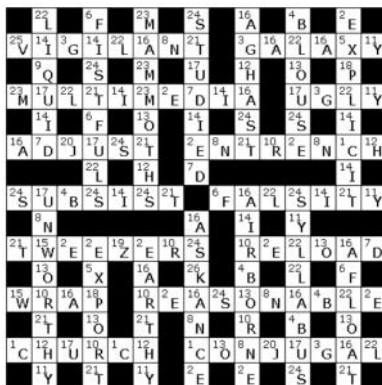
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We are not who we know ourselves to be, but who we are known to be by God. We are not what we can acquire and conquer, but what we have received. We are not the money we are, the friends we make, or the results we achieve; rather, we are who God made us in his infinite love.

As long as we keep running around, anxiously trying to affirm ourselves or to be affirmed by others, we remain blind to the One who has loved us first, dwells in our heart, and is indeed our true self.

Henri Nouwen

Puzzle page solution:



With thanks to June Wells for this beautifully written contribution.

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...

November

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

December

Wed 3-7	Christmas Tree Festival
Sat 6	Priory Christmas Fayre (10am—4pm)
Sat 6	Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band Concert (7pm)
Mon 8	Immaculate Conception Mass 6.30pm
Fri 19	Advent Evening Music Concert (7pm)



MEMBERS OF THE 100 CLUB

Firstly we would like to extend our thanks again to Ivy Underwood for her dedication to running this scheme for so many years, and who is hopefully enjoying a well deserved rest! 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 and need your permission for this. With this in mind, if you are currently a member of the 100 Club, could you either email or call Susan to confirm your contact details and that you are happy for us to store and use them to contact you. Many thanks and good luck in the future draws! admin@worksoppriory.co.uk or 07355 850735

December Magazine

Please send articles or news for the
December 2025 magazine to
admin@worksopriory.co.uk
by **Friday 21st November** at the latest.

Something to make you smile...

An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell. He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy. One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?" Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next." "What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me." "Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!" God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue." Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"



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Mass Times

Sundays

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11.30am Mass at Clumber Chapel

6pm Evening Prayer and Benediction at Priory
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