

Parish Magazine of Worksop Priory with Carburton & Clumber



February 2026



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The Parish Office

Priory and
St Paul's
Public
Hours

Applications for baptisms, weddings, etc:

Public Hour: Fridays 10.30am - 11.30am

Our Giving

Bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Worksop Priory Parochial Church Council

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Account Number: 38125853

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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

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| 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 Mass.



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD....to any families you think may be interested!

St Paul's, Manton
Messy Church
Every 2nd Wednesday
3.30pm

Bring the whole family for sharing crafts, worship and food together.

Suggested donation £2 to cover costs.

Registers for January 2026

Baptisms

4th **Evie Ann Stansbury**



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.

Funerals

7th **Janet Dean**
19th **Veronica Calladine**
20th **Lukasz Trojanowicz**
22nd **Freda May Jenkins**



It was a great honour to welcome Bishop Stephen along with our Confirmation and Communion candidates on the 4th January.

Don't forget Bishop Stephen will be visiting Worksop Priory again later this year, firstly when we host the Chrism Mass on Holy Monday (**30th March**) and then again for Fr Garnet's priesting on **July 5th**.



February 2026

Dates, Observances and Prayer Intentions

| | | |
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| 1 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | The Parish |
| 2 | Presentation of Our Lord | The Parish |
| 3 | Feria | Bishop Stephen |
| 4 | S Gilbert of Sempringham | Priestly Vocations |
| 5 | S Agatha | Our School |
| 6 | S Paul Miki & Companions | Persecuted Christians |
| 7 | Of Our Lady | The Shrine at Egmonton |
| 8 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | The Parish |
| 9 | Feria | Victims of Trafficking |
| 10 | S Scholastica | Women Religious |
| 11 | Our Lady of Lourdes | The Sick |
| 12 | Feria | General Synod |
| 13 | Feria | Our Choir and Serveres |
| 14 | SS Cyril & Methodius | Europe |
| 15 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | The Parish |

MONTHLY DEVOTION:

THE HOLY FAMILY

| | | |
|----|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 16 | Feria | A Good Keeping of Lent |
| 17 | Blessed William Richardson | Persecuted Christians |
| 18 | Ash Wednesday | The Parish |
| 19 | Thursday after Ash Wednesday | The Unemployed |
| 20 | Friday after Ash Wednesday | Foodbank and Hub |
| 21 | Saturday after Ash Wednesday | The Shrine at Walsingham |
| 22 | 1st Sunday of Lent | The Parish |
| 23 | Lenten Feria | Archdeacon Tors |
| 24 | Lenten Feria | Clumber & Carburton |
| 25 | Lenten Feria | Deanery Clergy |
| 26 | Lenten Feria | Larwood & Kilton |
| 27 | Lenten Feria | Low Town & Sparken Hill |
| 28 | Lenten Feria | Society of The Holy Cross |

THE HOLY FAMILY

In February we honour the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the most perfect reflection of the love of the Trinity and sets before us the most perfect model of virtue for all Christian homes.



In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

How to celebrate: Pray with (or for) your family during this month. At the start of each day, ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for the grace to follow their example of love and selflessness.

Fr Spicer writes....

Traditionally in February the Church focuses on the Holy Family for Prayer. The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, Candlemass (2nd at 6.30pm in the Priory) starts us off with S Joseph taking Our Lady and the 40 day old baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem according to the Jewish custom. Having given thanks for Jesus' birth, this Holy Family straight away are joined by Simeon, who taking the child in his arms, proclaims this is who he has been waiting for all his life, and now he can die in peace. Anna an elderly woman confirms that this is the one the faithful had been waiting for.

What began as an intimate family moment, suddenly becomes public. Just as the first to meet with Jesus are dirty smelly shepherds, so here Our Lady and S Joseph, have to let strangers into their family life. They already knew their child was special, now they know he is the One the faithful in the world were waiting for.



In many ways our world is still waiting. There is hunger, fear, anxiety, loneliness, people who are lost, here in Worksop, throughout the world. As Christians we have Jesus in our live, our homes, our families, who helps us make some sense to what is happening to us and around us. Jesus is "God with us" always, everywhere, that is how much he loves us, his family, his daughters and sons.

Like Our Lady and S Joseph we have to learn to take him anew to our hearts each day and then let others in to have a share of him too. Like Anna and Simeon we have to proclaim him in how we live as love

come to earth for all. Especially we have to show him, as they did , to those on the margins, those who are strangers in the land, feel excluded or are in need.

May God bless us in this.

Fr Spicer



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Parish Visiting

The PCC have set themselves the vision to visit every house in the parish with a leaflet over the next few years. 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.



We will be leafleting again on **Saturday 7 February** for an hour from **10.30am**. If you would like to help please let Fr Spicer or Susan know (07355 850735) so we can let you know the meeting point.

Please if possible say a prayer for this endeavour, at 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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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!

FUNDRAISING FOR PRIORY

We're looking for new and simple fundraising ideas to support our church, and we'd love your help.

If you're able to host a small event—such as a coffee morning at your home—or have any other creative fundraising suggestions, please let us know.

Every idea, big or small, is greatly appreciated, and your support makes a real difference.

Please give Susan a call on 07355 850735.



SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF EGMANTON

The Church of Our Lady of Egmonton (St. Mary's Church) is a Grade I listed parish church in Egmonton, Nottinghamshire, and the location of the Shrine of Our Lady of Egmonton.

Egmonton appears in a Domesday Book entry for 1085 as among the possessions of Roger de Busli, but there is no mention of a church or priest.



The shrine of Our Lady of Egmonton is within the parish church. The origin of the shrine is a reported apparition of the Virgin Mary to a local woman in nearby Ladywood, sometime prior to the 12th century. Until its destruction in 1547, the shrine was an object of devout pilgrimage. There are pilgrim crosses scratched by medieval pilgrims to mark the completion of a vow, by the south door and in the north isle. Pilgrims from the north would traditionally use Egmonton as a stopping-off point as they travelled to Walsingham on pilgrimage.

Modern pilgrimages to the shrine were restarted in 1929. In 1930 Father Alfred Hope Patten, restorer of the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, led a pilgrimage. The Society of Our Lady of Egmonton organises several pilgrimages every year....***keep an eye out for the dates.***



WORKSOP PRIORY

NEW YEAR RAFFLE 2026

WINNERS

Drawn on Sunday 4th January 2026

| PRIZE | NAME |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 1 £75 | G. GENT |
| 2 £50 | K. & V. WAKE |
| 3 £25 | M. PECK |
| 4 Tesco Hamper | F. WALKER |
| 5 Morrisons Hamper | C. ANDERSON |
| 6 Aldi Hamper | W. KLONOWSKI |
| 7 Miss Poppy's Voucher | J. WILDE |
| 8 Box of Chocolates | L. LANGLEY |
| 9 Heel Bar Voucher | O. MARSHALL |
| 10 Bottle of Champagne | FR. WILLETT |
| 11 Gonk | R. WOOD |

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our New Year Raffle. Many thanks to all who supported it by buying and selling tickets. Thank you also to the generous donators of prizes; **Tesco, Morrisons, Aldi, Miss Poppy's Tea-room, Worksop Heel Bar and Iceland**, and a special thank you to Gary Kyriacou for approaching the businesses on behalf of Worksop Priory. The raffle raised an amazing £936 for church funds. **Well done everyone!**

Miles Coverdale

Who? You might ask. In the sixteenth century, Coverdale was one of the translators who produced the first complete printed translation of the Bible into English.

The 66 books of the Bible were written over a period of 1500 years by more than forty authors. The Bible we have today was finally finalised around 400 A.D., but it would be over a thousand more years before it was available in English to ordinary people. Before that, copies were handwritten in Latin, which put it beyond the reach of people other than scholars.



Miles Coverdale c 1488 - 1569



Coverdale's translation was the first complete printed translation of the Bible, containing both Old and New Testaments. Significantly, it was the first to be actually printed in England, with later editions receiving royal approval from King Henry VIII, making it the first officially sanctioned translation. In 1539, Thomas Cromwell Vicar General and Secretary to King Henry, directed the clergy to provide

'one book of the Bible of the largest volume in English, and the same set up in some convenient place within the said church that ye have care of, whereas your parishioners may most commodiously resort to the same and read it'.

Thus, a Coverdale Bible

| The 66 Books of the Bible | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| • Genesis | • Ezra | • Joel | • Philemon |
| • Exodus | • Nehemiah | • Amos | • Hebrews |
| • Leviticus | • Esther | • Obadiah | • James |
| • Numbers | • Job | • Jonah | • 1 Peter |
| • Deuteronomy | • Psalms | • Micah | • 2 Peter |
| • Joshua | • Proverbs | • Nahum | • 1 John |
| • Judges | • Ecclesiastes | • Habakkuk | • 2 John |
| • Ruth | • Song of Solomon | • Zephaniah | • 3 John |
| • 1 Samuel | • Isaiah | • Haggai | • Jude |
| • 2 Samuel | • Jeremiah | • Zechariah | • Revelation |
| • 1 Kings | • Lamentations | • Malachi | |
| • 2 Kings | • Ezekiel | • Matthew | |
| • 1 Chronicles | • Daniel | • Mark | |
| • 2 Chronicles | • Hosea | • Luke | |

was put into every English church, chained to a bookstand. Readers were appointed so even the illiterate could learn the Word of God, as they so wished. Funded by the King, it was the first Bible authorised by the government for public use.

The most important and long-lasting part of Coverdale's work is his translation of the Book of Psalms which is still retained in the Book of Common Prayer. He lived through dangerous and turbulent times in the life of the country and the Church. He was alive during the reigns of five monarchs: Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth. He became Edward VI's chaplain and almoner to the queen dowager, Catherine Parr.



In 1551, he became Bishop of Exeter but was deposed after the accession of Queen Mary. He was exiled twice, but returned to London, where he died in 1569. He is a fascinating character, born around 1488, who travelled far from his native Yorkshire, survived difficult and unsure times and contributed to our ability to access the most important and beautiful literature ever produced.

The language of Bible translations influenced Shakespeare, John Bunyan, George Herbert and many hymn writers, right through to Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address and speeches by John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Martin Luther King in the twentieth century. Some legacy!

*By Ginny Darby
(nee Coverdale)*



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Once more we are making preparations for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting.; this year it will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 1st March . Please make every effort to attend. Whilst not the most exciting of occasions they are an important part of our Church life here.



There are actually two meetings. The first is open to anyone in the parish and it is to elect 2 Churchwardens for the coming year. The second meeting is for those of the Church Electoral Roll. The Roll closes four weeks before the meeting to give members an opportunity to check their details and see who is eligible to serve on the PCC. Please check your entry is correct by contacting the Parish Administrator either by emailing admin@worksoppriory.co.uk or calling 07355 850735.

The 2025 Annual Reports will be with you before the meeting and contain the PCC and members accounts of how they have stewarded the church in 2025. There is an opportunity for anyone to raise something that they would like the PCC to discuss during the coming year. There will be opportunities for people to be elected to Deanery Synod and Church Council.

Please prayerfully consider if God is asking you to serve Him in one of these ways; Nomination sheets will be in Church for you to use. Please do not hesitate to speak with me if you would like to know more of what is involved.

As I began with not the most exciting of meetings - but very important. The PCC have been looking at what roles need to be filled to help us achieve our missionary outcomes and continue to keep up the high standard of worship here in Worksop South East. They are also occasions to express your gratitude to those who have worked hard during this past year, so do please stay behind after Mass.

Fr Spicer



Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday

Priory Church 9.30am



Speak, Lord

S.D.C.
SOCIETAS
DOCTRINA
CHRISTI
ROM. X, 15, 16

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
Psalm 145
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JESUS teaches us about *being* HAPPY

Jesus went up a hill. He spoke about people who are really HAPPY.

Happy are those who are G _____

Happy are the P _____ in spirit.

Happy are those who make P _____.

Happy are those who show M _____.

Match these to the right place in the speech bubbles.

EACE
ERCY
ENTLE
OOR

I want to be a happy person like Jesus said by _____



Speak, Lord



Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus says ...



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Use this code to reveal what Jesus' words mean.

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G V G D

X MPL T TH RS

DRAW a picture
or **WRITE** about
how you can be
of good example
to others.



Speak, Lord

Eccles 15:15-20
Psalm 118
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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DOCTRINA
CHRISTIANA
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HAPPY are those who FOLLOW GOD'S LAWS

In the spaces below draw pictures or write about how you will do what God wants:

At home with my family

With friends

In what I say

At school

HOW ?



Speak, Lord

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Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm 50
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 1st Sunday of Lent



Pray these words taken from today's psalm.

Today is the **1st** SUNDAY of LENT



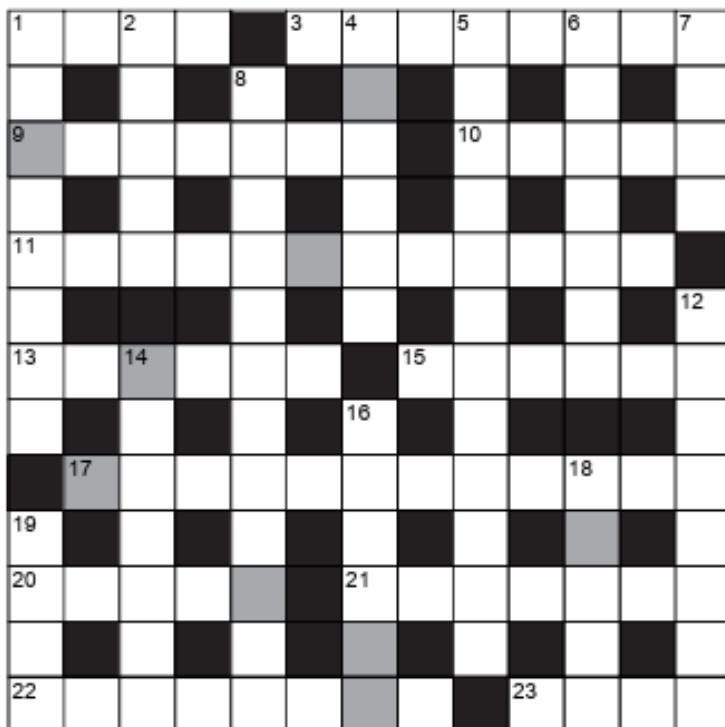
JESUS TEMPTED by the devil

Go Satan. The B _____
says, "You must
w _____ p and
s _____ e the Lord
alone."

Fill in the
spaces to
complete
Jesus'
answer to
the devil's
temptation.

Draw a picture or
write about
something you
are tempted to
do sometimes,
and which is not
right

February 'Valentines' Puzzle Page



Across

- 1 Ostrichlike bird (4)
- 3 Apportioned (8)
- 9 Melodious (7)
- 10 Weighty (5)
- 11 Lacking courage (5-7)
- 13 Deletes (6)
- 15 Revolve (6)
- 17 Happiness (12)
- 20 Capital of Egypt (5)
- 21 Sickness (7)
- 22 Curative medicines; sets right (8)
- 23 Sight organs (4)

Down

- 1 Made officially valid (8)
- 2 Dissatisfaction (5)
- 4 Drooped (6)
- 5 Dreamy; odd and unfamiliar (12)
- 6 Silklike fabric (7)
- 7 24 hour periods (4)
- 8 Unofficially (3,3,6)
- 12 Continues obstinately (8)
- 14 Belief that there is no God (7)
- 16 Workplace (6)
- 18 Mournful poem (5)
- 19 Skin mark from a wound (4)

Unscramble the letters in the shaded squares to reveal a themed word:

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Celebrating the Mothers Union

2026 is the year the Mothers Union celebrates 150 years of faith in action, compassion in community and steadfast commitment to families around the world. The organisation was founded by Mary Sumner, a rectors wife. She was inspired to start after the birth of her first grandchild and remembering her own difficulties as a new mother, wanted to bring mothers of all social classes together to provide support for one another and be trained in motherhood.



Sadly, we no longer have a branch at the Priory, but past members still meet together and continue with prayer and community outreach. Our banner can always be seen in the Lady Chapel, reminding us of the aims of the Mothers Union and our continuing wish to promote them. We remember too, past members who devoted their time and energy to the care and support of others. Membership is open to all now – you dont have to be a mother or even a woman!

A special service of commemoration is to be held at St. Paul's cathedral in London on the 10th June at 5p.m. and a world-wide gathering is planned at Durban in South Africa from 30th September to the 3rd October.

Throughout the year, in our own humble way, we can celebrate, reflect and look ahead with hope, continuing with community outreach, working for social justice and above all, praying for families throughout the world.

A prayer for the beginning of the year

As we begin this new year, we are full of gratitude that 150 years ago, Mary Sumner pursued a vision of women supporting and encouraging each other in faith and families. God of every moment, may we walk forward in faith, rooted in love and filled with awe at what is still to come.

Amen.



LENT

This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 18th February (Masses with Ashing are 9.30am and 6.30pm at Priory - please make every effort to be at one of these) calling us back to the essentials of what it is to be a Christian. Lent helps us in the power of the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus and show him in our lives to others. Not just let others see him, but witness to our belief that the best thing anyone can do to improve their life is to become a follower of Jesus too.

It's worth now thinking how you are going to mark Lent this year, so I encourage you to pause at least once a day and pray asking "How am I doing?" "Where do I need help?" "Am I setting an example, making disciples of others in the things I do or say and in the things I don't do and don't say"

Many abstain from something at this time of year and linked with fasting find themselves not just healthier but closer to God. This too can be a witness if we are doing it to become more effective Christians in our homes, school, place of work and relaxation. Ash Wednesday, Fridays and Good Friday in particular are days that, if you are able, you should limit what you eat. If it helps remember Our Lord who was deprived of food from the Last Supper until he died; remember your brothers and sisters who today will go to bed hungry.

The money you save from abstinence and fasting is for your Lent box, your **Lenten Almsgiving**. It will make a difference to someone else's life, as well as yours. This year you have a choice of the Missionary arm (Mission Direct) of the Society of the Holy Cross Society, or Christian Aid, seeking to help those caught up in poverty.

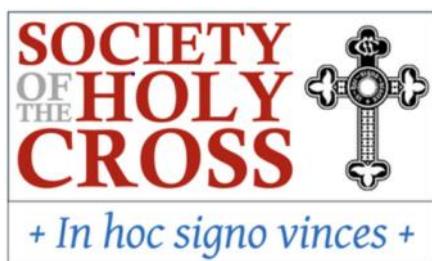
Lastly is there someone you could ask to join you on your Lenten journey, maybe a family member or a friend? Someone



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who used to worship with us and has drifted away? Someone who you want to know the joy of being a Christian? Just think what our renewed lives of worship would be like if we all brought one person to Ash Wednesday or Sunday Mass; the numbers worshipping on Easter Day would be double what they are at the moment!

Simply ask God to prompt you who to ask, give you the words to say “would you join me?” Don’t be afraid of a “No” its not you they are rejecting, and often a no can become a yes. Be more challenged by a yes, having to bring someone to Sunday Mass, guide them, introduce them to others, bring them next Sunday and again and again until they are comfortable coming on their own. They will be blessed, you will be too and God will be honoured and served.



The Chrism Mass

One of the best kept “secrets” of the Church of England is that every year Bishop’s gather with their clergy and laity to celebrate a Chrism Mass. Normally held in Holy Week the priests renew their ordination vows to the Bishop and the oils of the Sick, Baptism and Chrism, to be used in the coming year, are consecrated.

Our Chrism Mass will be **30th March, 12 noon**, here at Worksop Priory. Everyone is welcome to attend this beautiful, encouraging and uplifting celebration; Just let Fr Spicer know if you are planning to attend.

Thank you!

Saints Cyril and Methodius, February 14

Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, these two Greek brothers ultimately became missionaries, teachers, and patrons of the Slavic peoples.

After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk shortly before his death) refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. Cyril withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post.

A decisive change in their lives occurred when the Duke of Moravia asked the Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy (having their own clergy and liturgy). Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular then.

That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.



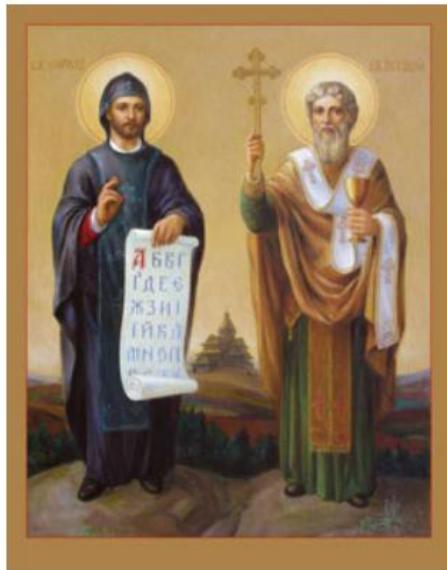
Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see (now in the Czech Republic). When much of their former territory was removed from their jurisdiction, the Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation

against Methodius. As a result, Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. Pope John VIII secured his release.

Because the Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations, Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated.

Legend has it that in a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Opposition continued after his death, and the work of the brothers in Moravia was brought to an end and their disciples scattered. But the expulsions had the beneficial effect of spreading the spiritual, liturgical, and cultural work of the brothers to Bulgaria, Bohemia and southern Poland. Patrons of Moravia, and specially venerated by Catholic Czechs, Slovaks, Croatians, Orthodox Serbians and Bulgarians, Saints Cyril and Methodius are eminently fitted to guard the long-desired unity of East and West. In 1980, Pope John Paul II named them additional co-patrons of Europe.



Reflection

Holiness means reacting to human life with God's love: human life as it is, crisscrossed with the political and the cultural, the beautiful and the ugly, the selfish and the saintly. For Saints Cyril and Methodius much of their daily cross had to do with the language of the liturgy. They are not saints because they got the liturgy into Slavonic, but because they did so with the courage and humility of Christ. Dear Saints Cyril and Methodius: Pray for us!

*Saints Cyril and Methodius are the Patron Saints of;
Slavic Peoples and Ecumenism*

Source: www.franciscanmedia.org

'My Favourite Hymn'

Sally Spridgeon- Davison

It was hard to choose a favourite hymn as I love so many old and modern ones. Two that I think link are the old, 'Living Lord' and the new, 'Here I am, Lord'.

For me, both with their upbeat and easy to follow tunes, allow the singer to sing with power and conviction. I feel the hymns focus on dedication, service and surrendering to God's will for us and our lives.



We really enjoy hearing about how hymns have influenced your lives and what they mean to you as you share your thoughts and memories.

If you have a favourite hymn and are happy to share it with us, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Susan at admin@worksoppriory.org or have a chat with Ginny Darby.

Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand
will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them –
whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn
away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them – whom
shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; My hand will
save.

Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them – whom
shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

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Living Lord

1. Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us
You are one with us,
Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin.
Pouring Your love and goodness in.
Jesus our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ

Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks
through,
Living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us
Born as one with us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus help us see
You are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ

I would come to you
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks
through,
Living Lord.

Patrick Appleford

Did you know....? Key Figures in Hymn Writing are...

Fanny J. Crosby (1820–1915): An American lyricist, poet, and mission worker, she is renowned for her vast output (over 8,000 hymns and gospel songs), including "Blessed Assurance" and "To God Be the Glory," writing thousands despite being blind from infancy.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788): A leader in Methodism, he produced over 6,000 hymns, such as "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," focusing on personal salvation.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748): Known as the "Father of English Hymnody," wrote about 750 hymns, including "Joy to the World" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," making Scripture accessible.

While Crosby's number is staggering, Wesley's 6,000+ and Watts' 750+ also place them among the most significant and prolific contributors to Christian worship music.

Music for the congregation.



Looking back to hand-written Priory music lists from 30 years ago, I see that there is a trend. The level of choral music is about the same as now, actually. The congregation may or may not sing the “Ordinary” (Kyrie, Gloria etc) of the Mass however, and the organ voluntary is a substantial piece, often lasting up to 10 minutes. **TEN MINUTES.** I wouldn’t dare!

Where it is now, the congregation sings all but one item from the Ordinary, and the Psalm Response (those things didn’t feature on the lists) and the choir offers a setting of the remaining item from the Mass, together with verses of Psalm, and an anthem of sorts. I say “of sorts” because it can be anything from a purpose-written choral piece to a hymn-arrangement done on the hoof. This might involve a decision at 8.50 on the morning as to which verses will be sung by which voices, and whether in harmony or not, and a lot of messing about at the organ, politely described as improvisation. When this happens, you know that the flu has hit.

The point about the congregation singing is one of liturgical function, not so much of personal taste, or choice for individual churches. The liturgy is peppered with conversations, with actions which provoke an acclamation, with carefully-chosen reactions either of joy or repentance or thought; instructions (‘Go and announce...’ .. ‘Let us pray...’) are all scripted, and even the intercessions are intended to be “topics for prayer” rather than a direct addressing of God, the rest of the place standing by as observers. So the full and active participation, rather than semi-detached observation, is the wish. Of course we can still sit in a huddle of coat and scarf and not sing a note. I have done that at many a Mass when I was not emotionally able to muster a squeak; but I was there, because I should be there, and it was still good to be. The church is big enough to hold those who are grieving as well as those who are celebrating. And in a way, being part of that bigger picture whatever the smaller picture might be, is part of belonging to the body of Christ, where all rejoice, all suffer, and some notice. It is also counter to today’s individualist culture to rejoice when miserable, to lament when high, and to learn to preserve hope and joy in believing as the year rolls

round, whatever is going on for the person at that time. This is why a high and low liturgy of mood is actually very stabilising. And of course music has a role to play in conveying that, and always has had. Early-church and pre-Christian music is expressive too, whatever they would like you to think about grey walls and plain toast.

Currently, we have a repertoire of 2 complete Mass settings with Gloria, suitable for the high seasons and holy days; 2 more without Gloria, therefore suitable for Advent and Lent; and another which is just a Gloria and Sanctus (Holy, holy) since the Lamb of God never got learnt, and having looked at it, I think that was a good move. This is quite a respectable collection, and allows us to ring the changes but in seasonal batches, as it were. For Evensong, we alternate which of the Canticles is sung by all (Magnificat or Nunc Dimittis) and the congregation is invited to sing the Psalm and Responses. There is a reason for this, too: the “Office”, meaning the functional bit of a monastic service before you reach any frills and add-ons, includes the Psalm, the Responses, and the Canticles. A fully-choral service would have the congregation only singing the hymns, and in many places that is only one hymn. This is the observational church that many value greatly, not as spectators but as being inspired by what they don’t have to/couldn’t possibly, do themselves. There is a place for each type of worship, but in a parish church, the congregation more typically wants to sing quite a lot of it. And, wants to listen to choral music in small doses, done acceptably and with some seriousness of intention. The balance between well-loved items and introducing unfamiliar (but good) material is important; those present every week will be most aware of that balance, for obvious reasons. I promised from the outset to help build congregational singing by teaching the music. It’s often done via Facebook, but always available on request either as an audio file or in person. Please, just ask.

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.snmats.org.uk



The Hundred Club



If you are new to Worksop Priory you may not know that this is one of our main fundraising enterprises. We are incredibly grateful to Ivy Underwood who set up the venture and managed it incredibly successfully for many years. The funds have been used to refurbish several areas of church and we hope to be able to continue this into the future.

The cost remains at just £1 per week per number with weekly prizes of £20, £10 and 2 x £5. Twice yearly there is an extra £100 prize and at our Christmas Fair we hold a draw for a £500 prize.

We still have numbers available, and it would be fantastic if we could get subscriptions for all 100 numbers in place. It would make a huge difference to the proceeds generated and in turn aid the decision making process regarding improvements to church that could be made.

AVAILABLE NUMBERS

29,32,34,59,62,63,74,80,82,86,96

Subscription Information:

Each number is £1 per week and to make this enterprise simpler to manage we please ask that subscriptions are paid as follows:

- by bank transfer and referenced '100 CLUB'.
- Cash/cheque (pay to: "Worksop Priory PCC") payments should be in an envelope clearly marked '**100 CLUB**' with your **NAME** and **NUMBER**.

Envelopes can be placed in the collection plate or passed to a member of the clergy, Keith Wake or Susan Bekisz.

If you would like to join the 100 Club, or if you would like another number
please contact Susan either at:

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

or on 07355 850735

Thank you for your support!

Update from Bassetlaw & Bawtry Deanery Synod by Peter Klonowski

The Synod last met at St Anne's Church, Worksop on 19 November 2025.

Finance: Katrina Proctor (Finance Director) thanked all in the Deanery for their generosity and hard work in giving all they can to the Parish Share, Bassetlaw & Bawtry have given £50,000 more this year than last year which is a huge achievement. Paying parish share sustains mission and ministry in our parishes, and is a partnership with the diocese. It encourages PCCs to review finances and plan for the future rather than 'firefighting' to get in-income each year.

Parish focused posts (funded by the National Church from a successful bid) have been employed to help parishes fulfil initiatives in areas such as Growing Disciples, Digital Giving, Net Zero, Communications, Building Support and accessing Grants.

Diocesan Conference: Julie Wragg shared thoughts about the conference which focused on **Worship and Prayer**. The need for multi-generational worship, encouraging all ages, requires conscious planning of services to keep messages simple so that they can be understood by everyone.

Good News & Items for Prayer: The Deanery Confirmation Service saw 27 people being confirmed by Bishop Andy. Prayers were asked for churches in vacancy which include St Paul's.

Area Dean's Update: There will be Standing Committee Elections in July 2026 for 3 laity members and 3 clergy members with 3 meetings to attend each year at St Anne's.

Safeguarding: Work continues on developing a culture of safeguarding by focusing on what this looks like in our churches, what our conversations with people sound like for example.





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www.facebook.com/

There is a donation box by the South Porch entrance at Priory

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Keyword: CHOCOLATE

Something to make you smile...

Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston on Christmas Eve when got stopped for speeding.



The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?'

'Only water', replied Father O'Malley.



The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'



Looking Ahead...

January

Tue 27th Priory PCC Meeting (6.30pm)
Thu 29th Society Mass of Our Lady 6.30pm (Rosary from 6pm)

February

Mon 2nd Candlemass (Presentation of the Lord) 6.30pm
Wed 18th Ash Wednesday—Masses at 9.30am & 6.30pm

March

Sun 29th Palm Sunday
Mon 30th Chrism Mass with Bishop Stephen (12noon)

April



May

Sat 23rd Afternoon Tea fundraiser, hosted by Greta, 1pm-3pm



March Magazine

Please send your thoughts, articles or news for the

March 2026 magazine to

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

by Friday 13th February at the latest.

Unfortunately we can't guarantee inclusion of articles received after this date.

St Scholastica, February 10th

St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns.

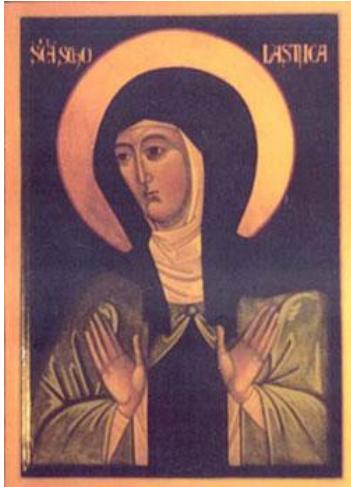
She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their reflection. St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst so that neither St. Benedict nor any of his companions could return home.

They spent the night in spiritual conferences. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth. Three days later St. Scholastica died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in

the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after.

Her feast day is February 10th.

Source: www.catholic.org





Mass Times

Sundays

9.30 am Parish Mass with Junior Church at Priory

11.30am Mass at Clumber Chapel

6pm Evening Prayer and Benediction at Priory
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