

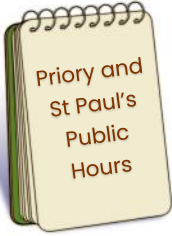
Parish Magazine of Worksop Priory with Carburton & Clumber



May 2026



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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

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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

- Thursday 9.30am 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.

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 **Saturdays 2 May, 6 June and 4 July** for an hour from **10.00am**. 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

Registers for April 2026

Baptisms

No baptisms in April

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

20th Jean Wesley
27th George Buck



Weddings

18th Glyn Jepson & Deborah Smith

Bookings for weddings also take place during the public hour.



AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER FOR CHURCH

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1PM-3PM

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All welcome



May 2026

Dates, Observances and Prayer Intentions

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| 1 | S Joseph the Worker | Workers |
| 2 | S Athanasius | The Society of Mary |
| 3 | 5th Sunday of Easter | The Parish |
| 4 | The English Martyrs | Christian Unity |
| 5 | Easter Feria | Victims of Sexual Abuse |
| 6 | Easter Feria | Lowtown and Sparken Hill |
| 7 | S John of Beverley | Bishop Steven |
| 8 | Easter Feria | Kilton and Larwood |
| 9 | Easter Feria | Diocesan Synod |
| 10 | 4th Sunday of Easter | The Parish |
| 11 | Easter Feria | Our Junior Church |
| 12 | Easter Feria | Deanery Clergy |
| 13 | Our Lady of Fatima | The Fatima Shrine |
| 14 | The Ascension of the Lord | |
| 15 | Easter Feria | Worksop Town Centre |

MONTHLY DEVOTION:

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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| 16 | Easter Feria | The Shrine at Walsingham |
| 17 | 7th Sunday of Easter | The Parish |
| 18 | Priory Dedication Festival | The Parish |
| 19 | S Dunstan | Priory Academy Governors |
| 20 | S Bernardine of Siena | Bassetlaw Hospital |
| 21 | Easter Feria | Clumber Chapel |
| 22 | Easter Feria | Young Families |
| 23 | Easter Feria | Our Care Homes |
| 24 | Pentecost | The Parish |
| 25 | Mary Mother of The Church | Those on pilgrimage |
| 26 | S Philip Neri | Our Church Teenagers |
| 27 | S Augustine of Canterbury | The Church in England |
| 28 | Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest | Priests |
| 29 | Feria | Bassetlaw Food Bank |
| 30 | Of Our Lady | The Shrine at Egmanton |
| 31 | The Most Holy Trinity | The Parish |

Mary, Help of Those in Need

Holy Mary, help those in need,
 give strength to the weak,
 comfort the sorrowful,
 pray for God's people,
 assist the clergy,
 intercede for religious.

May all who seek your help experience
 your unfailing protection. Amen.



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Church gives us fifty days to celebrate what God has done for each of us and the world in conquering sin and death through the power of the Resurrection. Fifty days to think and pray on what this means for each of us and how we live. At His Ascension (this year 14th May at 6.30pm) Our Lord tells His disciples to go and make disciples of all the nations (see Matthew 28:16-29), promising to be always with them. The call of the Church is the same today as then. Each of us is to pray “Knowing that Jesus is with me in the power of the Holy Spirit, how am I to make disciples?”

Our preparations and work, our celebrations and Alleluias, are hollow if they do not lead each of us to understand what it means to be a disciple. Yes, we primarily do them to offer praise and thanks to God, to worship Him, but then we must respond to the greatest thing to happen to each of us. Nothing compares with knowing Jesus crucified and risen from the dead, and present with each of us, always and everywhere. So, we would want everyone else to feel this, know this, too.

Most of us church goers are conservative, introverted types, or think we are too old, or not worthy, so we struggle with this. That’s why anyone can pray the Lord’s Prayer each day, in our homes or school or church, with the specific thought of praying for those in these parishes who do not know the Lord Jesus.

Each of us can place ourselves in the picture above and think that’s me Jesus is looking at whilst I pray; that’s me he is blessing to share His news with others; that’s me he is loving and trusting; that’s me he is saying “I am with you always” you can make disciples of others.

God Bless, Fr Spicer



Society of Mary and Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham



“Happy birds Te Deum sing, tis Mary’s Month of May” so goes the folk hymn to the tune Lincolnshire Poacher! Everyone is encouraged to consider how the example of Our Lady can inspire them to reflect on how God has blessed them and how they can be used to “bring Jesus to the waiting world”.

As is customary this month on Thursdays at 6pm the Rosary will be recited in the Lady Chapel. The Rosary is a tool for prayer drawing us closer to `Our Lord through familiar words and scripture. Information books are available at the back of church and help can be given, or you can simply come and let the prayers flow over you for a few times.

This month our Society Mass of Our Lady will be at **6.30pm Thursday 28th May**. **The Rosary** will be recited at **6pm** as part of our prayerful preparation for Mass. All are welcome and guidance can be given to help in this beautiful and effective way of prayer.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

On **Monday 25 May** a coach will leave the Priory at 7.30am for the National Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Please contact Susan to book a place.

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk
07355 850735



Sayings from the book that changed the world

How did you get on, finding the origins of last month's phrases and expressions? Hope it wasn't too much of a challenge!

Here are the answers:

`Give up the ghost` - can be found in Mark 15:37 and Jesus cried with a loud voice and gave up the ghost and also in Acts 12:23. Ghost in these quotations refers to the spirit or soul, not some spooky apparition! Now, the phrase refers to stop doing something because you know it won't succeed or simply to die.

`Powers that be` - Romans 13:1 `Let every soul be subject to unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.` In modern usage, it refers to important individuals or organisations that have authority over others.

`Fly in the ointment` - Ecclesiastes 10:1 `Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour`. Nowadays, it has come to mean a small, but significant thing that spoils an otherwise positive or enjoyable situation.

`Flesh and blood` - various citations including Genesis 6:3; Matthew 16:17 and 1 Corinthians 15:50. In Matthew, when Jesus asks who do people say I am, Simon Peter replies `Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God`. Jesus' response is `Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father which is in heaven`. The phrase symbolizes human mortality and highlights Christ's incarnation. It emphasises family ties and human kinship and the importance of support and compassion within the human family.

`Sign of the times` - In St Matthew's gospel, in the Sermon on the Mount, (Ch.24), signs of Christ's coming and events and con-

ditions that indicate the approaching end times are discussed. Used nowadays, the phrase refers to how society is now, particularly how bad it is.

Whiter than snow - Psalm 51:7 'wash me and I shall be whiter than snow' and Isaiah 1:18 'Come now. And let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins shall be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool'. These quotations emphasis God's cleansing power in the forgiveness of sin and now suggest something or someone who is perfect.

Bite the dust - Psalm 72:9 'They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust'. Enemies will be humbled or defeated. The phrase now suggests failure or collapse and was often used about gunfighters in American western films. In 1980, the band, Queen, used the phrase in 'Another One Bites the Dust', still retaining the reference to death, defeat and failure.

Well done if you had a go. Very well done if you managed to identify the sources. Sadly, there's no prize for being successful, but give yourself a pat on the back and enjoy a feeling of self-satisfaction!

Another little puzzle for you to solve: Which U.K. soccer team gets mentioned in the Bible? And no, it's NOT Sheffield United (or Chelsea)!!



**CAN YE NOT
DISCERN THE SIGNS
OF THE TIMES?**

THE BIBLE
PICTUREQUOTES.COM

by Ginny Darby

A Brief Journey Through the Moments That Shaped Christianity

Christianity's story is one of resilience, conflict, and constant transformation. From a small movement in Jerusalem to a global faith, the Church has been shaped by pivotal moments that continue to influence the world today.

The Apostolic Beginning

Christian history starts with Jesus and the small band of disciples who carried His message into the Roman world. **Pentecost** ignited the movement, empowering the apostles to preach boldly. Soon after, **Paul's missionary journeys** pushed Christianity far beyond its Jewish roots, laying the theological groundwork found in his New Testament letters.

Persecution and Perseverance

As the faith spread, so did opposition. Roman authorities targeted Christians for refusing to worship the empire's gods. The courage of early martyrs—figures like **Stephen**, **Polycarp**, and **Perpetua**—became a powerful witness that drew even more converts.



Defining Belief: The Council of Nicaea

A major turning point came in the 4th century when Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity. In 325 A.D., the **Council of Nicaea** produced the **Nicene Creed**, affirming Christ's divinity and shaping Christian orthodoxy. The council also confronted the **Arian controversy**, which questioned Jesus' relationship to God the Father.

The Great Schism



By 1054, tensions between Eastern and Western Christianity erupted into the **Great Schism**. Theological disputes—especially the *Filioque* clause about the Holy Spirit—and political rivalries between Rome and Constantinople split the Church into the **Roman Catholic** and **Eastern Orthodox** traditions.

The Reformation and Counter-Reformation

The 16th century brought another seismic shift. **Martin Luther's 95 Theses** challenged Church practices and sparked the **Protestant Reformation**, inspiring leaders like Calvin and Zwingli and reshaping Europe's religious landscape. In response, the Catholic Church launched the **Counter Reformation**, with the **Council of Trent** clarifying doctrine and revitalising Catholic life.



A Global and Modern Church

The modern era saw Christianity expand worldwide through missionary movements across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In the 20th century, **Vatican II** ushered in major reforms within Catholicism, promoting liturgical renewal and dialogue between Christian traditions.

Today, Christianity spans every continent, adapting to new cultures and challenges while carrying forward a story shaped by centuries of faith, debate, and transformation.



Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May 2026

Christian Aid Week is a powerful expression of what can happen when compassion leads to action. It's our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world. For one week each year, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together. Together, those actions make change possible.

In the crowded and noisy informal settlement of Dagoretti in Nairobi, many parents wake each morning knowing they must earn money that day. If they do not, their children may not eat that evening. It's a precarious and frightening daily struggle that no family should have to face.

For Fridah Moraa, this pressure is constant. A recently widowed grandmother, she is now the sole provider for her family. Rent, school fees, water and food all depend on what she can earn. 'When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food. Now I'm responsible for everything.' You can be part of the change for families like Fridah's. From a simple event to a personal challenge, your fundraising can help families grow food, protect their children from hunger. You can help them nurture hope.



Fridah lives with her children and grandson in a rented corrugated metal shelter. There is no running water, and space is extremely limited. Like many families in Dagoretti, life is unpredictable. Some days there is enough. Some days there is not. The worry returns every morning. To support her family, Fridah sells vegetables at a market stall. She travels long distances to buy produce, making the journey six days a week. Without refrigeration or storage, everything depends on what she can sell that day. 'Sometimes I don't know how I'll buy food. I don't know how I'll feed my family.' Fridah's situation began to change when she joined Imarisha Kilimo, an urban farming project run by Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope. At first, the idea felt impossible: 'I was wondering, where can someone farm here in Nairobi?' But through training, tools and seeds, Fridah began

to see what was possible — even in the smallest spaces. ‘I discovered I could sow here. Right where I stand,’ she shared. Hidden at the end of a narrow alley, behind a simple gate, Fridah has created something remarkable. In a place where you’d never expect it, vegetables now grow in repurposed containers, and leafy greens climb every available space. Here, in the heart of the city, Fridah is growing her own food.



Fridah is already taking steps to overcome poverty - but she doesn't have to do it alone our church can stand alongside them, raising funds and hope together. Fridah now grows kale, tomatoes and indigenous vegetables — some to feed her family, and some to sell at her market stall. For the first time, she has a more reliable source of income. As she puts it, ‘Now I can plan. I can buy this; I can buy that. I can help my family.’ Her small urban farm is doing more than putting food on the table. It’s bringing stability and new possibilities. Watching her crops grow brings a deep sense of pride: ‘When what I have planted grows – that is what makes me happy,’ she says. ‘When I get money that I have earned – that is what makes me happy.’ That pride runs through everything she does. ‘I am proud to eat what I’ve produced. This is my own work. Urban farming has changed my life’

Through Beacon of Hope, Fridah has gained more than practical skills. She’s gained confidence. Before, she struggled to speak to customers. Now, she's building relationships, growing her business and attracting more people to her stall. She is also part of a wider community of urban farmers, sharing knowledge and building together. In a place where space is limited, opportunity is growing.

Grow hope together this Christian Aid Week

This Christian Aid Week, there’s seven days to make a difference for families like Fridah’s. Help them grow food, protect their children from hunger, and nurture hope.

Please make a generous donation via church or through the website





caw.christainaid.org.uk

Songs & Stories

at Worksoop Priory Church

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

⇒ What to Expect

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

♥ Good to Know

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

🕒 When?

Thursdays
9:30am – 11:00am

📍 Where?

Worksoop Priory Church

♥ We would love to welcome you and your little one.

• Play • Sing • Listen • Belong •



Children's Liturgy

Pre-schoolers

'Songs & Stories', for our youngest (new-born to nursery) and their grown-ups. We meet every **Thursday 9.30am to 11.00am**, in Priory Lady Chapel with refreshments. We have play with soft toys, sound toys, a ball park, picture books and baby gyms followed by story and song.

Children of primary school age:

Junior Church for children aged 7-11 on **Sundays** during the **9.30am Mass**.



Speak, Lord

S.D.C.
SOCIETY OF
DIOCESEAN
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATORS

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 32:1-2,4-5,18-19
† Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 5th Sunday of Easter



JESUS SAYS:



"I AM THE WAY."

How can you walk in Jesus' way?
Draw a picture of you doing something he wants.



DEAR JESUS

***SHOW US YOUR WAY.
HELP US TO WALK WITH
YOU ALWAYS***



Speak, Lord

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CHRISTIAN
www.sdc.org.uk

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 65
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 6th Sunday of Easter



JESUS speaks to the DISCIPLES

Use this code to find out what Jesus said:

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FATHER ...

SEND US

YOUR SPIRIT





Speak, Lord

S.D.C.
SOCIETY
OF
CHRISTIAN
DRAUGHTSMEN

Acts 1:12-14
Psalm 26
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 7th Sunday of Easter



JESUS PRAYS ...



**FATHER
I HAVE FINISHED
MY WORK
I NOW PRAY FOR
ALL THOSE WHO
BELIEVED IN ME.
MAY THEY BE ONE
WITH YOU. •**

My prayer

Draw a picture and write a short prayer to God the Father for someone you love.



FATHER GOD

I pray for _____



Speak, Lord

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Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 103
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — Pentecost Sunday



Join the dots with straight lines:

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PENTECOST! SUNDAY

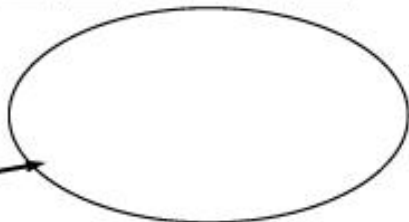
WHO CAME TO THE APOSTLES ON THIS DAY?

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What did the Apostles hear?

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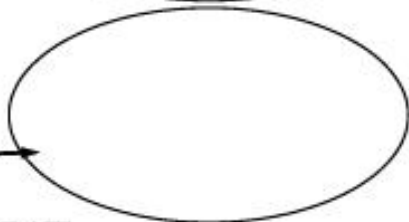


What did the Apostles see?

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Draw it here



My prayer to the HOLY SPIRIT



May Puzzle Page

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Source: richardsonpuzzlesandgames.com

PRAYER FOR TOURISTS

Heavenly Father, look down on us, your humble *tourist* servants, who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

We beseech You, Oh Lord, to see that our plane is not hi-jacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed. Protect us from surly and unscrupulous taxi drivers, avaricious porters and unlicenced English-speaking guides.

Give us this day divine guidance in the selection of our hotels, that we may find our reservations honoured, our rooms made up and the hot water running from the correct tap if at all. We pray that the telephone works, that the operator speaks our tongue and that there is no telegram waiting from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of the trip.

Lead us, Dear Lord, to good inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Forgive us for under-tipping out of ignorance and overtipping out of fear. Make the natives love us for what we are and not for what they can screw out of us.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, cathedrals, palaces and castles listed as "musts" in guidebooks, and if per chance we skip a historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak.

For husbands only. Dear God, keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from bargains which they neither need nor can afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.

For wives only. Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafés and nightclubs. Above all please do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do.

Together. And when our voyage is over and we return to our loved ones, grant us the favour of finding a willing audience for our movies and a sympathetic ear for our stories, so that our lives as tourists shall not have been in vain.

Amen.

Many thanks to a mystery contributor for this light hearted piece!

“Prayer” A Talk by Fr Garnett - Part I

‘Lord, teach us to pray.’ This was the request of Jesus’ hearers during the Sermon on the Mount. In response, he gave them, the Our Father, the Lord’s Prayer.

We are all of us, whatever our age, however long we’ve been Christians, however long we’ve been coming to church, still learning to pray. We may be beginners, or we may be experienced in contemplative prayer and meditation, but always we can go farther and deeper, because prayer is the way we communicate with God himself and grow in personal holiness.

So, how do we learn, how do we go deeper into this conversation with God? I would suggest that two things are vital, reading the scriptures, especially the words of Our Lord himself, and coming to church to hear the liturgy and the scriptures.

It is from these, rather than any guides that you will find the real food for your prayer life. And so I’d like to begin with a short passage from Mark 12 – The Lord’s Summary of the Law.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, ‘Hear, O Israel; the Lord your God is One God, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, namely this, You shall love your neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Our first duty as Christians is to love God – with our whole being. We love him because he loves us. He loves us so much that sent his Son to destroy sin and death and to restore us to wholeness and bring us to everlasting life. Then we are to love our neighbours as ourselves. Think about that, as ourselves. It’s not an easy thing to love someone you really don’t like very much as much as you love yourself, is it?

But how do we show our love for God? Through doing things that please him, including doing things that show our love for our neighbour, but chiefly we do it through prayer, because in praising God and giving him thanks, or simply in contemplating his infinite power and wisdom and the mighty deeds he has done, we are communicating with him directly.

It is through prayer that we can best show our love for our neighbour. Yes, sometimes it takes words or actions to break through to someone, to show them love, but in praying for someone, we can come alongside them before God, asking him to bless them and as we do so we can come to understand them better a child of God.

So, prayer helps us to be in a right relation with both God and our neighbour.

Now, I know you have all prayed. You all have some notion of what prayer is and what it means in your own life.

Prayer takes many forms, and people approach it in many different ways. We all have our individual paths into prayer and there are very few rules to it.

Some of you will have learned the basics of prayer from your parents or grandparents, from school, and the simple prayers you learnt then – most notably the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, of course, but also short prayers like those of St Francis or St Richard of Chichester that have perhaps stayed with you and been something to fall back on throughout life.

Some of you may not have had that kind of upbringing as children and have had to make your own way later in life. Perhaps you also learned these kinds of prayers through confirmation classes or something similar, or perhaps, coming to faith as teenagers or adults you've found



other ways to begin to pray. Being able to understand what the liturgy, the mass and other services are about more immediately than a child can give you a step-up.

Eventually, wherever we've come from, we will, if we persist in our Christian faith, move beyond formal words we have been taught. In fact, children do it quite early, promising God they'll be good if X happens – and many adults persist in this! – and then they forget to do good when it does happen.

But more than that, of course, we are able to talk to God directly, to put ourselves in his presence and bring our needs, our hopes and dearest wishes before him, to acknowledge our failings and sins, to bring ourselves before him in our entirety – heart and soul and mind and body.



There are no hard-and-fast rules to prayer on how to approach prayer. Some people love the Rosary, for example, because as they say the repeated prayers they can think of all the different people and things they want to pray for, but others can find the repetition distracting. Many people love to say the Psalms for their deep understanding of the human condition that can still speak to us in our time, but others find the way they are written a barrier.

We all find different ways in, but I would say that sometimes it's good to try to overcome a barrier. That's how we learn and grow.

So, although there are no rules about approaches to prayer, there are some fundamentals. To be a Christian, a true disciple of Christ, means you have to pray. It's obligatory!

Fr Garnett

You can read Part II of Fr Garnett's talk in the June magazine!

PARISH TRIP

PRIORY EXPRESS

We are very grateful to Gary Kyriacou who has secured a fabulous opportunity for us to organise a parish event at Peak Rail for a trip on a steam train with exclusive use of an original 1924 carriage.

The train leaves Rowsley South at **1pm** on **Wednesday 8 July**, where we will travel in style on a trip to Matlock and back....twice...and all for just **£15**. The whole journey will take approximately two and a half hours. If one round trip is enough travelling for you, there will be an opportunity to disembark and explore more at Rowsley South.

The station has a café, but passengers are allowed to take their own food and drink on the train so you can indulge in a picnic while enjoying the scenic route. There is plenty of room and all family and friends are welcome so please spread the word!

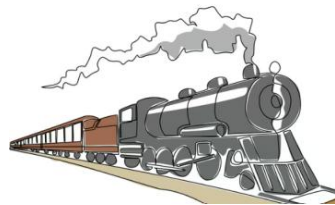
There is parking at the station and it would be great if we could organise car sharing for those without transport. Please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact Susan on 07355 850735 to do so for you. We need to know numbers to be able to confirm the booking.

Cash, cheque (placed on the collection plate in a labelled envelope) or bank transfer (referenced TRAIN) would be the preferred payment methods, as soon as possible please.

Bank Details: **Worksop Priory PCC s/c 05-09-89 a/c 38125853**

Peak Rail
Rowsley South Station
Harrison Way
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www.peakrail.co.uk



If you would like more information please speak to Susan or Gary.

'A Hymn Remembered' by Dot Hazlehurst

In the late summer of 1941 to the mining community village of Langold, several coachloads of school children arrived on a Sunday afternoon. Accompanied by several teachers and their Headmaster, Mr Claxton, they had travelled from Gorleston, a town close to Yarmouth situated on the Norfolk coast.

The following Monday morning brought all the children together and my class increased from 30 pupils to 48. We sat three at a desk instead of two! It took some time to get used to the new accents which our newcomers voiced. Gradually we all became used to each other and got on reasonable well.

One morning after assembly, I met Mr Claxton in the corridor and asked him why we had sung a particular hymn. Mr Claxton was a grey haired, ro-tund gentleman, usually dressed in a grey three piece suit. He had a ready smile and we liked him. His reply was "Because it is my favourite!" Over the years I have sung this hymn many times and my memory goes back to those war years.

Finally in 1945, most of the evacuees returned to their homes and schools in Gorleston. Several families decided to remain and settle in the village. The words of this hymn are relatively brief but have a depth of meaning for Christians. For me it is a prayer set to music. I do not have a favourite hymn. We have a wonderful inheritance from past and present writers and just having one favourite is not possible for me!



“Lord Thy Word abideth and our footsteps guideth”

Lord, Thy Word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth,
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then Thy Word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o’er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by Thy Word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear Thee,
evermore be near Thee.

S Dunstan, 19 May

S Dunstan (c. 909–988 AD) was an influential 10th-century English monk, Abbot of Glastonbury, and Archbishop of Canterbury who reformed English monastic life. A key advisor to several Anglo-Saxon kings, he was also a skilled silversmith, metalworker, and musician. He is the patron saint of goldsmiths, blacksmiths, and musicians, often remembered for the legend of grabbing the Devil by the nose with red-hot tongs.



St. Dunstan and the Devil.

Key Facts About St. Dunstan:

- * **Role in Church/State:** As Archbishop of Canterbury (appointed 960), Dunstan, along with King Edgar, enforced strict Benedictine rules in English monasteries, reviving monasticism.
- * **Legend of the Devil:** He is famously depicted in folklore as holding a pair of tongs, representing a legend where he pinned the Devil to a wall.
- * **Talents:** He was known for making church plate, playing the harp, and illuminating manuscripts.
- * **Death and Legacy:** He died on May 19, 988, and was buried in Canterbury Cathedral. His feast day is celebrated on May 19.

Q: What's in a name?

A: The difference between understanding and crossed wires, often. Bandyng terms about with wild abandon can lead to real grief as hearer and speaker mean completely different things, coming to misunderstanding and, often, conflict as a result. So bear with the boring dictionary!

Choral

Sung by the choir, as a choir – that is, a group endeavour frequently in harmony, not shared with the congregation. It is often used of Evensong as in “Choral Evensong” to mean, Evensong with a choir present to lead. Unless the choir sings the majority of the items to its own music, rather than to congregational music, it's not “choral”, it's “sung”. Why bother with this precision? Because, if you advertise something as choral, and then it turns out to be 90% non-choral, you create a mismatch of intention which ends in tears. I have seen this go wrong so many times that it baffles me why we are not taught this - musicians, clergy, and PCCs - as part of our prep for managing the worship of a church. So, a service at which the choir sings an anthem, and the rest of the stuff is for all, led by the choir, is a Sung Service. That's the parish norm, and how we do our main Mass. Our Evensong is 50:50, by choice.

Hymn

At its strictest, this means a text, usually a poem, of praise. It has also come to mean prayerful request, devotional comment, narrative, and general statement. Most people would call it a hymn if it's bound between the covers of a hymn-book. Fair enough! Since the Reformation people tend to think of hymns as in a poetic metre with matching, regular-beat music. Plainsong hymns, which are a thousand years older, will often be free-time and flowing, as is plainsong itself – closer to speech patterns. There is also a marked shift from theological statement/adoration in the early hymns to a more emotional response in later centuries.

Song

Technically, any item sung in a lyrical style. In church context it is a code for “written in the last 50 years, often with personalised words”. Hymnody from the 16th to 20th Centuries has an ever-increasing number of different chords used to back up the tune. A lot of items from 1970 onwards have but 3 or 4 chords, sometimes with extra notes added into those chords for colour, but are basically designed not for keyboard playing or choral singing, but for melody line singing and praise-band backing. There is often a chorus and verse structure, and a wide variety of mood. Texts tend, as did that era, toward the personal-centred approach. It is too soon yet to see what of this output will remain in the mainstream, though some items are already classics.

Psalm

Yes, an OT text of human origin; praise, lament, belligerence, wonder, boredom, dismay – it’s all in the Psalms. They come in a variety of musical packaging. Metrical Psalms are poem-versions, such as The Lord’s my Shepherd, or Through all the changing scenes of life, or God of mercy, God of grace.....neatly squared up into regular lengths for singing. Chanted psalms retain the flow of the original text, and require “pointing” – that is, chant-marks for when to change note within a simple melody oft repeated. Anglican Chant is a 10-move formula in harmony, and one of the glories of Anglican worship. There is a myth that it’s difficult. I met it for the first time 10 minutes before some high-profile service with my college year, and it was plonked on the music desk and David Willcocks said – “do you know how to do this?” “No, Sir D”. “Well, the barlines in the words are where you change chord, and if there are more than 2 syllables within the change bar, you put the last one to the last chord. Memorise the chant”. A good teacher.

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 Wednesday 1.15 – 2.15pm.

Family Fitness

Action activities with stories and rhymes for the under 5's. Tuesday 3.30-4:15pm. Runs for six weeks each term, please contact the office for dates.

Songs & Stories at Priory Church

Pre-school age children with refreshments, every Thursday 9.30-11am.



We look forward to seeing you!

Contact the Academy Office on 01909 478886

Or email office@worksopriory.snmat.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

29,32,34,59,62,82,96

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!



Workshop Priory
of Our Lady & St Cuthbert



Remediation Project Update

Workshop Priory PCC is pleased to report that the first phase of our grant funded investigation into the building's drainage issues, roof and tower leaks, and areas of deteriorating masonry is now well underway. Although much of this work happens quietly behind the scenes, it marks an important step in caring for our historic church.

In March, a full **measured survey** of the Priory was completed. This provides highly accurate drawings of the building's layout and structure, forming the essential foundation for planning any future repairs or conservation work.

An **ecology survey** has also taken place. These surveys ensure that any building work protects the wildlife that shares our church, particularly bats, which often roost in historic buildings. Understanding what species are present helps us plan responsibly and meet all legal requirements.

More recently, both **drainage** and **asbestos surveys** have been carried out. The drainage survey used specialist CCTV equipment to examine the underground pipework and identify any blockages, leaks, or structural issues that may be contributing to water problems. The asbestos survey ensures that any asbestos containing materials are identified and safely managed before repair work begins, protecting both people and the building.

In the coming weeks, **scaffolding will be erected around the tower** so specialists can investigate the source of the leaks more closely and determine the repairs required. This will be the first visible sign of the project progressing.

We are also working closely with a **heritage consultant**, who is helping us prepare a bid for a larger capital works grant. As part of this, we are exploring how the Priory's rich heritage can be shared more widely through community engagement and consultation. We will be seeking input from as many people as possible, and your involvement will be greatly valued.

Further updates will follow as the project continues to unfold.



MIDDAY MUSIC
AT WORKSOP PRIORY
New Season 2026

THURSDAYS AT 12 NOON

for about half an hour



Free entry; hot drinks; cake; optional collection for expenses.

Level access; parking; toilets, one with wheelchair space.

- April 23 Rosemary Field, Organ (English music)
- April 30 Nicholas Konradson, folk instruments (new stock this year)
- May 7 Rosemary Field, a talk-demo of music before Ascension-day (14th)
- May 14 Thomas Howell, Organ (also, Ascension Day sung Mass at 6.30pm)
- May 21 The Priory Church Choir and friends
- May 28 Helen Mallender and Rosemary Field, (Priory) piano duets
- June 4 Eira Lynn Jones, Harp (Lincolnshire)
- June 11 Angela Sones, Organ (St Albans, Highgate, Birmingham)
- June 18 tbc, hopefully student baritone from Birmingham Conservatoire
- June 25 Edward Carew, Organ (Worksop College)
- July 2 Laurena Kumar-Lee, Soprano (Worksop)
- July 9 Ian Bevell, Organ
- July 16 tbc
- July 23 Audience concert – volunteers invited

August holiday, no concerts

Sept 3, 10 tbc

Sept 17 Sixteen-eighty-five, Baroque ensemble (Lincolnshire)

Sept 24 Miles Quick, Organ (Taunton Minster)



For most up to date shopping lists see the weekly newsletter or go to

www.facebook.com/bassetlaw.foodbank

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

www.justgiving.com/bassetlawfoodbank

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Keyword: HOLY SPIRIT

May Bank Holiday Facts!



Early May Bank Holiday (May Day)

- **Date:** First Monday in May
- **Origins:** Ancient seasonal and agricultural traditions
- **Purpose:** A traditional pause for farmers before summer work
- **Customs:** Maypole dancing, May Queen celebrations
- **Today:** A national bank holiday across the UK



Spring Bank Holiday

- **Date:** Last Monday in May
- **Originally:** Whit Monday, the day after Pentecost
- **Christian Significance:**
 - Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter
 - Celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit
 - Marks the birth of the Christian Church
- **Why It Moved:** Shifted to the final Monday in May by the **Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971**. Followed a trial period (1965–1970).



Across the UK

All four nations—England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland—observe two May bank holidays, though other holiday dates can differ.

Looking Ahead...

April

Thur 30th Society of Mary & Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham
Rosary 6pm

May

Sat 2nd Leafleting the Parish (10-11am)
Thurs 14th The Ascension of the Lord (6.30pm Mass)
Sat 16th Pilgrimage to Egmonton
Sat 23rd Afternoon Tea fundraiser, hosted by Greta, 1pm-3pm
Mon 25th Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

June

Sat 6th Leafleting the Parish (10-11am)

July

Sat 4th Leafleting the Parish (10-11am)
Wed 8th Parish Trip to Peak Rail—Rowsley South Station 1pm.



June Magazine

Please send your thoughts, articles or news for the
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admin@worksoppriory.co.uk

by **Monday 18 May** at the latest.

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



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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
(First Sunday)

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