

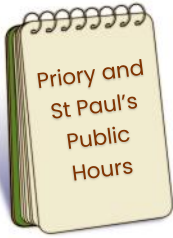
Parish Magazine of Worksof Priory with Carburton & Clumber



August 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

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
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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 5 September, 3 October and 7 November** 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 July 2026

Baptisms

19th Saskia Bownes
25th Samuel Morgan



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 Joseph Rae
21st Betty Walker
27th Olive May Swift



Weddings

25th Darryl Wilson & Mary Millington



Wedding bookings are taken in Priory during the Friday public hour (10.30-11.30am). To be married in Priory couples need to have a connection to the church and also, if either partner has been married before, not have a spouse who is still living. In these circumstances a Wedding Blessing can be discussed.

August 2026

Dates, Observances and Prayer Intentions

1	S Alphonsus de Liguori	Our Youth Group
2	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
3	S Oswald	HM the King
4	S John Vianney	Priestly Vocations
5	Feria	Bassetlaw Hospital Staff
6	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Youth Pilgrims
7	Feria	Larwood & Kilton
8	S Dominic	Preachers
9	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
10	S Lawrence	Deacons
11	S Clare	Religious Life Vocations
12	S Jane Frances de Chantal	Our Care Homes
13	Feria	Lowtown
14	S Maximilian Kolbe	Victims of Persecution
15	Saturday Memorial of Our Lady	The Walsingham Shrine

MONTHLY DEVOTION:

THE IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

16	The Assumption of the BVM	The Parish
17	Feria	Our Hospices
18	Feria	Town Centre
19	S John Eudes	Theological Colleges
20	S Bernard	The Healing of Schisms
21	S Pius X	Pope Leo
22	Our Lady, Mother & Queen	Clumber & its Chapel
23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
24	S Bartholomew the Apostle	Bishop Paul
25	Feria	Our Local Emergency Workers
26	Feria	Bassetlaw District Council
27	S Monica	Mothers
28	S Augustine	Our Parish
29	The Beheading of S John the Baptist	Those Who Oppose Justice
30	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
31	S Aidan	Bishop Stephen

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Immaculate Heart of Mary, full of love for God and mankind, and of compassion for sinners, I consecrate myself to you. I entrust to you the salvation of my soul.

May my heart be ever united with yours, so that I may hate sin, love God and my neighbor, and reach eternal life with those whom I love.

May I experience the kindness of your motherly heart and the power of your intercession with Jesus during my life and at the hour of my death. Amen.



The Vicar writes...

Brought up as I was in a Warwickshire village I was used to attending Holy Communion (we would never have called it Mass or even The Eucharist) every Sunday and on the Prayer Book appointed days, including Lady Day, Our Lady's Birthday and her Conception. So when I got to College and learnt about the Assumption I had no doubts, as it simply brought things to a natural conclusion. That the one who was chosen by God to bring him into the world should at the end of her early life simply "fall asleep" and be taken straight to heaven just makes sense. Now August 15th (this year the Church keeps it on Sunday 16th) is in the C of E's Calendar and I get to celebrate it as a Solemnity. "Grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory" says the Collect at Mass. Our hope is that we may one day share with Our Lady in heavenly rewards.



Another early church experience is that once a year our priest would bundle us teenagers into his car (way before seat belts let alone safeguarding or risk assessments) and drive us to Walsingham. There we would attend Mass, be sprinkled, light candles and have a large tea! What joy and surprise it was to attend a few years later my first National and worship with so many others. I'm writing this just before leading a group of our teenagers on Pilgrimage. That the experience, like any other pilgrimage, has a deep effect upon their and my lives I am in no doubt- that's why I put up with it every year! The travelling, fun, fellowship, worship and eating all as Christians, gives a beautiful pattern for Christian living. School, work, retirement, may challenge our daily capacity to live out a Christian life and as Our Lady once said "do whatever He tells you" so past blessings can give us the strength to rely upon the Holy Spirit and respond in the right way.

Pope Francis wrote "Mary, lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured every-

thing in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: "Hail Mary..."

Mary Our Lady hear us so we are blessed and can bless.



God Bless, Fr Spicer

Society Of Mary and Society Of Our Lady Of Walsingham

This month's Society gathering will be at 6pm Thursday 27th August. At 6pm the Holy Rosary will be recited, to which everyone, you do not need to be a member of a society to join, is invited. Guidance can be given if you are unsure of the practicalities of praying in this way. Then at 6.30pm Mass will be offered for members of the 2 societies and our departed brothers and sisters, again everyone is welcome to join in.

The Solemnity of the Assumption is celebrated on the 16th this year and members are encouraged to be present wearing their badges and ribbons at the 9.30am Mass.

This year's Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham is Monday 3rd to Friday 7th August; please do hold our teenagers and leaders in your prayers. If you would like to make a financial donation towards the pilgrimage please give it to Fr Spicer. Thankfully the Society of the Holy Cross and Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament subsidise the youngsters, but any donations are always well received for the added extras like entrance to the swimming pool or ice creams.



EVENTS IN BRITISH HISTORY THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

4 August 1914

Britain entered World War I on 4 August 1914 after Germany refused to withdraw its invading forces from neutral Belgium, whose independence Britain had pledged to protect under the 1839 Treaty of London. The German invasion was part of the Schlieffen Plan, a strategy to quickly defeat France by advancing through Belgium.

Beyond treaty obligations, Britain feared that a German victory over France would leave Germany dominant in Western Europe, threatening Britain's security and naval supremacy.

After issuing an ultimatum demanding Germany leave Belgium—and receiving no compliance—the British government under Prime Minister H. H. Asquith declared war at 7 pm on 4 August 1914, bringing the entire British Empire into the conflict.

World War I lasted a little over four years, running from 28 July 1914 to 11 November 1918.

The war ended when the Central Powers collapsed in late 1918:

- Allied offensives in the summer and autumn of 1918 broke German defensive lines.
- Bulgaria, the Ottoman Empire, and Austria Hungary all signed armistices as their armies and governments fell apart.
- Germany faced revolution at home, Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicated on 9 November 1918, and the new German government agreed to an armistice.

The Armistice of 11 November 1918 ended the fighting on the Western Front.

A formal peace came later with the Treaty of Versailles (1919), which imposed territorial losses and reparations on Germany and helped re-shape Europe.



8 August 1963

In the early hours of 8 August 1963, a gang of 15 men led by Bruce Reynolds carried out one of Britain's most famous crimes: the theft of £2.6 million (around £60 million today) from the Royal Mail train travelling from Glasgow to London. Later to be known as The Great Train Robbery.



The gang planned the robbery for months, learning the train's schedule and the location where it slowed down for a trackside signal. They tampered with the signal, forcing the train to stop near Bridego Bridge in Buckinghamshire. After overpowering the driver, they uncoupled the carriage carrying high value banknotes and unloaded the money into a waiting truck.



The robbery happened because the gang believed the train carried unusually large sums of cash due to rising commercial activity. Their goal was a fast, high reward theft without using firearms. Although the robbery was initially successful, mistakes at their hideout (Leatherslade Farm) left forensic clues that led to the gang's arrest.

17 August 1896

On 17 August 1896, Bridget Driscoll became the first pedestrian in Britain to be killed by a motor car when she stepped into the path of a demonstration vehicle at the Crystal Palace. The car was travelling at about 4 mph, but early cars were noisy, jerky, and unfamiliar—people simply didn't yet understand how to judge their speed or behaviour.

At the time, Britain had only a few hundred cars on the roads, mostly owned by wealthy enthusiasts or used for demonstrations. Road laws were still stuck in the Victorian era: until just months earlier, cars had legally needed a man walking in front with a red



flag. Speed limits had only recently been raised to 14 mph, and there were no standardised driving tests, no road signs, and no formal safety rules.

Bridget's death shocked the public and helped push the government toward creating early motor vehicle regulations—laying the groundwork for the road safety system that would eventually follow as cars became more common.

August 2012

August 2012 was a remarkable month for Britain. As the London Olympic Games reached their peak, the nation witnessed some of the most inspiring sporting moments in its history. Homes, churches, and community halls across the country were filled with pride as Team GB delivered performances that lifted the whole nation.

The most unforgettable day came on 4 August, now fondly known as Super Saturday. In the space of just a few hours, Britain celebrated six gold medals. Jessica Ennis Hill won the heptathlon, Greg Rutherford soared to long jump victory, and Mo Farah powered home to claim the 10,000 metres. Their achievements brought people together in a way rarely seen, reminding us of the joy that shared celebration can bring.



Earlier in the month, Bradley Wiggins added to the excitement by winning the men's cycling time trial, becoming the first Briton to win both the Tour de France and an Olympic gold in the same year. Andy Murray followed with a memorable tennis gold, defeating Roger Federer in front of an ecstatic home crowd. Out on the water, Ben Ainslie secured another sailing gold,



becoming the most decorated Olympic sailor of all time.

As the Games drew to a close, Mo Farah returned to complete his historic double by winning the 5,000 metres, and Anthony Joshua claimed super heavyweight boxing gold on the final day. By the end of August, Team GB had earned 65 medals, their best Olympic performance in over a century.

These moments weren't just sporting triumphs—they were reminders of dedication, perseverance, and the power of community spirit. They showed how people from all backgrounds can inspire one another, and how shared joy can bring a nation together.



Something to make you smile!

During choir practice one evening, the vicar popped his head into the vestry and asked, "How's the anthem sounding for Sunday?"

The choirmaster sighed. "Well, vicar... we're getting there. Slowly."

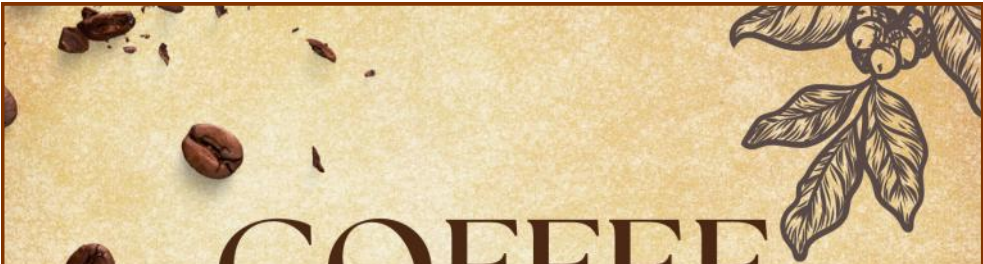
Just then, one of the tenors called out, "Don't worry, vicar! We're improving every week."

The choirmaster nodded. "Yes, though sadly not all at the same speed."

The vicar smiled. "Ah, the joys of harmony."

The choirmaster replied, "Harmony would be lovely. Right now, I'm just hoping everyone finishes the hymn at roughly the same time."





COFFEE MORNING

HOSTED BY
FR GARNETT

Saturday 15 August
2026

10.30am to 12.30pm

6 Conrad Close, Worksop, S80 2EN

All Welcome!





FUNDRAISING



Many thanks to all who attended the coffee morning at the Hutchinsons home on Saturday 11 July. At the last count the amount raised totalled **£251.00** for church funds which is an incredible amount.

We are very grateful to Fr Garnett and Greta Gent who have already agreed to host events in August and September (see posters & p37 for dates).

It would be fantastic if we could keep the momentum going throughout Autumn. If you feel able to either host (or help host) a coffee morning, afternoon tea at home or in church, please get in touch with Susan who would love to hear from you and help confirm a suitable date.

WORKSOP PRIORY & GATEHOUSE HERITAGE OPEN DAY

On Saturday 12 September we will be holding the annual open day when the Gatehouse and Church are open to all in the community to explore the wonderful heritage our two buildings have to offer.

We would like to make the most of this opportunity to raise the profile of Worksop Priory by having people available to welcome visitors as well as fundraising by offering refreshments and running a few stalls e.g. raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac. If you are able to help, or have any ideas, please let Fr Spicer, Fr Garnett or Susan know.

LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

COMING SOON...



Following our recent application we have been chosen by Kilton Co-op to be a beneficiary of their local community fundraising between September 2026 and March 2027. If you shop at the Co-op in Kilton, even occasionally, please consider signing up for a Dividend card to help maximise this opportunity.

We asked for proceeds to help fund our **Songs & Stories** sessions for families in our community here in church on Thursday mornings (9.30-11am).

Songs & Stories

at Worksoy 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?

Worksoy 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**.



Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 144
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Speak, Lord

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SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



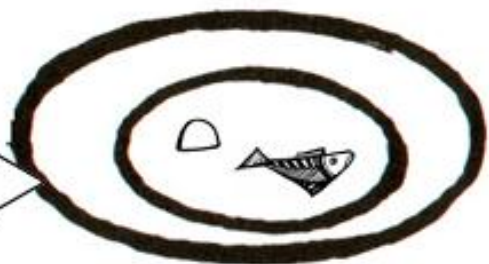
JESUS gives us

One evening Jesus
was talking to a

FOOD

large crowd. They had no food –
only 5 loaves and 2 fish. Jesus
blessed them and gave
them to the people.

Complete the drawing of the 5 loaves
and 2 fish on the plate.



Everyone ate a lot. All scraps were collected and

12

baskets were collected.

Draw the rest of the
baskets collected.





Speak, Lord

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1 Kings 19:11-13
Psalm 84
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JESUS

It is me, Jesus.
Do not be afraid.

Complete the drawing of Jesus walking on water and Peter sinking and asking for help.

Help me Lord!

PETER



Find out what Peter said to Jesus by using the key code.

Tr _ ly, Y _ _ _ r _
th _ s _ n _ f G _ d.

A	▲
E	◀
I	▼
O	▲
U	▶



Apoc. 11:19; 12:1-6,10
 Psalm 44
 Corinthians 15:20-26
 Luke 1:39-56

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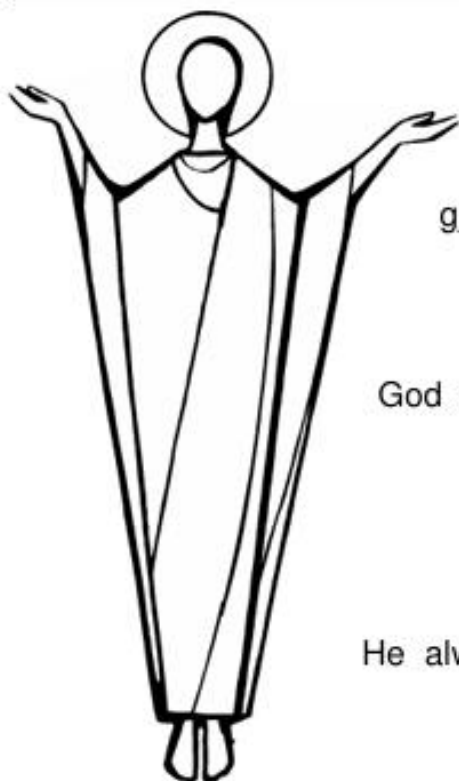
15 August — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



MARY TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN

THE ASSUMPTION

After her life on earth Mary was taken into heaven. She is now there with God, her son Jesus and the Saints.



Colour in the picture of Mary and fill in the missing letters in her special prayer — **THE MAGNIFICAT**

My soul proclaims the

g_e_t_e_s of the L_r_.

I am his s_r_a_t.

God has done g_e_t things f_r
 m_.

H_l_ is his n_m_.

He always shows m_r_y to those
 who l_v_ him.



Isaiah 22:19-23
 Psalm 137
 Romans 11:33-36
 Matthew 16:13-20

Speak, Lord

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SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



JESUS SAYS: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?



Colour in the boxes with a star (*) to find out what Peter replied.



B	A	Y	O	U	K	A	R	E	M	S
		*	*	*		*	*	*		
J	T	H	E	L	C	H	R	I	S	T
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Complete the following sentences using these words:

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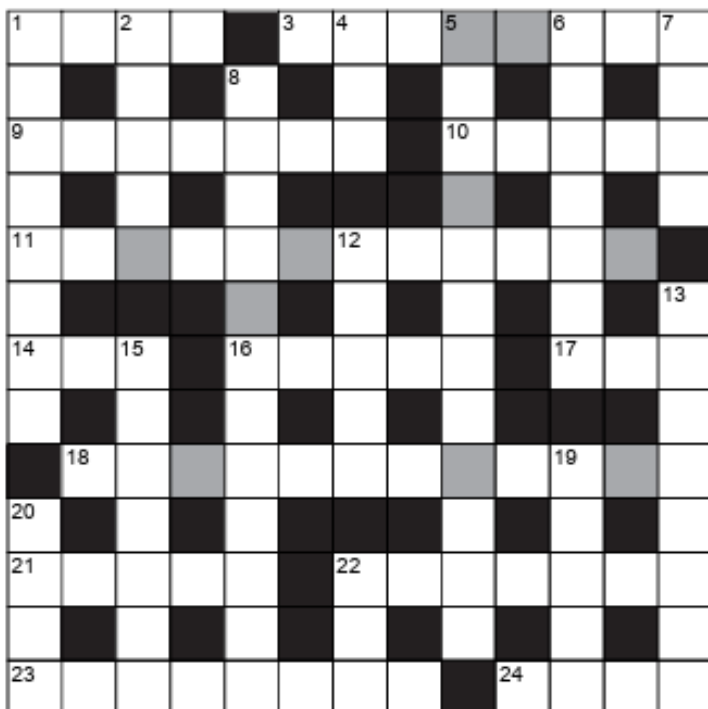
ROCK

SIMON

POPE

- Peter's first name was _____.
- Jesus changed his name to Peter which means _____.
- Peter became the first _____, the leader of the Church.
- The name of the current Pope is _____.

August Puzzle Page



Across

- 1 Shaft on which a wheel rotates (4)
- 3 Heated exchange of views (8)
- 9 Undress (7)
- 10 Softly radiant (5)
- 11 24th December (9,3)
- 14 Popular beverage (3)
- 16 Topic (5)
- 17 Won (anag.) (3)
- 18 Condemnation (12)
- 21 One of the United Arab Emirates (5)
- 22 Menacing (7)
- 23 Climbed (8)
- 24 Network of lines (4)

Down

- 1 Relinquish a throne (8)
- 2 Intense light beam (5)
- 4 Herb; regret (3)
- 5 Not capable of reply (12)
- 6 Make more entertaining (7)
- 7 Urban area (4)
- 8 Person's physical state (12)
- 12 Agreeable sound or tune (5)
- 13 Lessened (8)
- 15 Sour in taste (7)
- 19 Conclude (5)
- 20 Thought (4)
- 22 Farewell remark (3)

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

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ALL INVITED TO

AFTERNOON TEA

12PM-4PM



**5 SEPTEMBER
2026**

**17 LITTLE
CARTER LANE,
NG18 3AA**

Come For The Tea, Stay For The Good Company!

Contact Greta on 07891 965284 to confirm attendance!

Saint John Eudes, 19 August

Saint John Eudes (1601–1680) shows us how an ordinary life, when placed in God's hands, can have an extraordinary impact. Born on a farm in Normandy, France, he became a priest and devoted his life to serving Christ through compassionate care, faithful preaching, and the renewal of the Church.

During the devastating plagues of 1627 and 1631, John courageously cared for the sick and dying. To protect his fellow priests from infection, he lived in a large barrel in a field while continuing his ministry. His willingness to put others before himself reflected the love of Christ.



A gifted preacher, Saint John travelled throughout France, leading parish missions that inspired people to return to the sacraments and deepen their faith. Recognising the need for holy and well-prepared priests, he founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, known as the Eudists, to establish seminaries for priestly formation.

John also had a special concern for women seeking to escape lives of hardship and exploitation. He founded the Sisters of Charity of the Refuge, providing them with shelter, dignity, and hope for a new beginning.

Saint John Eudes is best remembered for promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He taught that the Heart of Jesus reveals God's endless love, while Mary's heart is the perfect example of faith and obedience. His work helped establish these devotions in the Church's liturgy.

The life of Saint John Eudes reminds us that holiness is found not only in prayer but also in loving service to others. His example encourages us to open our hearts to Christ and to share His compassion with everyone we meet.

Based on details on: www.franciscanmedia.org

MIDDAY MUSIC AT WORKSOP PRIORY Autumn 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.



Dates awaiting confirmation include performances by

- Edwinstowe Handbell Group
- Worksop U3A Jazz Swing Band

Dates confirmed are

Sept 3 Start of series

Sept 10 Amelie Sainsbury (Flute) and Michael Bostock (Piano)

Programme: Songs and Dances for the Flute

Sept 17 Sixteen-eighty-five

Baroque instrumental group of Lincolnshire

Sept 24 Miles Quick (Organ)

Director of Music at Taunton Minster

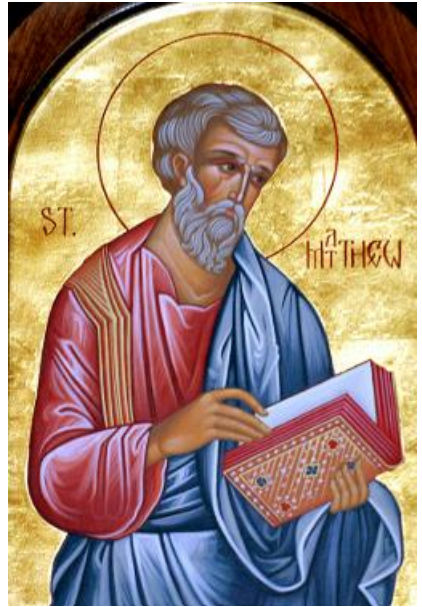
Series runs until October 22nd then stops until Easter 2027.

Fr Garnett writes...

An Introduction to the Gospel of St Matthew

Many of you will know that each year, particularly in so-called Ordinary Time, our lectionary or cycle of readings at mass follows one of the three Synoptic Gospels.

These are the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and they're called synoptic because the word means they are seen through the same eye, or a similar way of looking at things. St John's Gospel, I'm sure you're aware, looks at things very differently while still telling substantially the same story. It's read at high points of the Church's year; most notably at Christmas, but also...



The other three Gospels are read over a three-year cycle – years A, B, and C, and those letters correspond to Matthew, Mark and Luke. This year, we're in a Year A, and so the Gospel that we will hear most – though not exclusively -is that of St Matthew.

Now, you might think that as they are in that order, that's the order they were written in, and for centuries that was believed to be the case. After all, it makes some sense. Matthew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus himself, while we first hear mention of Mark and Luke only in Acts, as followers of St Paul. So, perhaps Matthew had seen the things Jesus did at first hand (as had John, incidentally), but Mark and Luke were writing down things told to them by others in the early Christian community.

When Biblical criticism, the study of the Bible as literary texts, came into fashion in the 19th century, many people began to say that Mark had been written first because both Matthew and Luke were believed to have copied large parts of his Gospel into their own respective versions. It can look like

that, but it's perhaps not quite as straightforward.

You might have heard of something that came to known as the Synoptic Problem. This arises because there are other parts of both Matthew and Luke that are similar to one another but don't appear in Mark. These were believed to have come from another single source that is known as 'Q' from the German word Quelle, meaning 'source'. And then are the bits that Matthew and Luke have separately from both one another and Mark's. More sources!

The problem is that we can't really know. What if, as appears likely, these three evangelists – indeed all four – were using similar texts or even – crucially - oral tradition? That is, stories passed on by word of mouth that came from the apostles themselves.

It's generally agreed that the texts we have now were not written down until between AD70 and AD90, several decades after Jesus' death and resurrection.

By the second century it was believed that St Matthew himself had gathered a collection of Jesus' teachings and the facts about his life in Aramaic and that this had been tidied up and translated into Greek by someone else.

While we can tell from Matthew's Gospel itself that the author was Jewish, because he was so well-versed in the Jewish scriptures, there is little evidence that the text has been translated from Aramaic, and indeed if Matthew himself was the author, he could have written in Greek himself. However, that assumes that he was writing for a gentile audience, as Luke did, and there is little evidence of this, either.

Again, we can't really know for sure. Although Biblical scholars continue to argue over these matters, and can sometimes give us new insights, we have to approach the Gospel through the eyes of faith.

If any of you have seen the series 'The Chosen' about the life of Our Lord,

you will remember the character of Matthew, the tax collector. The writers have somewhat embellished what the Gospels tell us about him. He's a young man, obviously autistic and a little lame, but very well educated, who has made himself wealthy by finding employment collecting taxes on behalf of the occupying Roman authorities and taking a cut from what he collects. He has been cut off by his parents for doing this, because it is seen by Jewish society as utterly despicable. The character in the series also writes down everything as it happens.

Now some of this is invention, but it's not actually impossible that some of it could have been true, and some of it is not invention but in the Gospels. They tell us that Matthew was a tax-collector. They also tell us how tax collectors were despised, both for selling themselves to the Romans and for taking money from their fellow-countrymen. Importantly, too, a tax collector needed to be educated and to be able to write, not in Hebrew like the scholars of the Jewish scriptures (though he probably could) in Greek. And Greek is the language in which the Gospels as we have them were written.



The odd thing is that while Matthew is mentioned by name in the Gospel that bears his name, it's only in the list of all twelve apostles. We actually hear the story of the calling of the tax collector from Mark and Luke, but they call him Levi. It's especially not important, because it's clearly the same person, but it possibly points to his membership of the tribe of Levi, or that his family were Levites and therefore supposed to be dedicated to the service of the Lord in the Temple, which would make his becoming a tax collector even more scandalous.

If you've started to read St Matthew's Gospel from the beginning, you will have encountered the genealogy, the description of the descent through the generations of Jesus from David and Abraham. It doesn't make for very interesting reading to our eyes, and we needn't ascribe too much im-

portance to that long list of names for themselves, but the passage is highly important.

First of all, Matthew calls Jesus 'Christ', the Messiah, in the very first sentence, and then his purpose is to establish Jesus' identity as springing from King David and reaching right back to the great patriarch of Israel, Abraham.

...to be continued in the September issue.

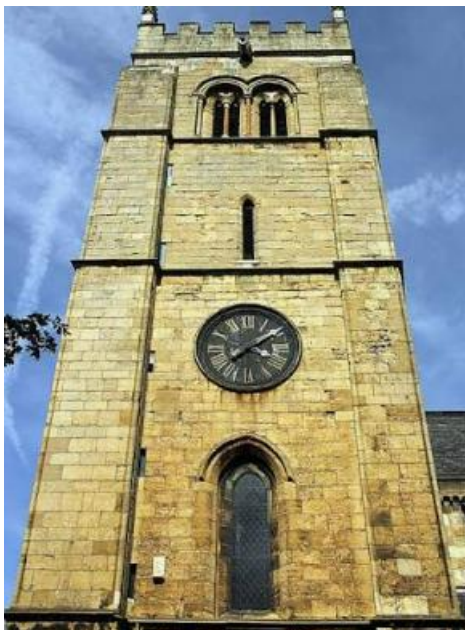
Church Clock

We are very grateful to Edward Bennett for looking after the church clock over the past few years, and we are really pleased that he is making a good recovery after a recent accident. We would like to know if anybody is interested in finding out more about how the clock works and helping to adjust it regularly to ensure it keeps the correct time.

It has an electronic mechanism which isn't complicated, however to adjust it requires navigating the narrow tower steps and climbing up a ladder.

We are incredibly grateful that Edward is happy to continue adjusting the clock, however it would be good if more people were willing to learn how to do this, and take the pressure off it being the responsibility of one person, particularly while Edward fully recovers.

Please contact Susan if you can help:
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Silly Season!

It seems to me that all four seasons are silly season in my life. Nearly everything I do is beset by a long and tedious routine of mistakes (mine) changes to plan (other people's) misunderstandings (jointly) or failure of mechanical things (always at crucial moments). Holy people tell me the devil is out to stop me. Harumph! Here is a little sample for you to laugh at, from recent activity.

Countdown to Ordination Weekend

Hold a gentle conversation with choir juniors about supporting their new priest and being part of the choir and turning up etc. etc....Discover that all 3 choirlads are in a compulsory school play that evening. Of course – all school plays take place on Sunday evenings, silly me. Discover that the older teen is on a Duke of Edinburgh weekend away. OK, so that's the next generation unrepresented. Sad choir-trainer. Strike a deal with girls for the Monday instead. Success!

Discover that one of the adult sops will be on holiday, and another trying to be, and a third recovering from planned surgery – all that same weekend. Ah; we have two sops, now. Out of 8. A little while ago one regular bass was in an accident and is just about recovered enough to be there. I'm twitching: what if he isn't well on the night? He is not out of the woods yet. Another strong bass is away. Hmm....action needed. Write to extra singers from previous dos, and get a good response: one extra tenor, one bass, one sop/alto and a possible spare bass just in case.

But on the Friday, of the extra people, one is told not to drive. That means fixing a lift inbound on both Sunday and Monday. I could take the person home, but need to arrive too early to be of much use inbound. Much checking of Google maps, routes etc. Kind people, including a server, agree to help. Good. On Saturday, I stand down the drivers – the Dr has told the patient not to sing, either. One driver



doesn't see the message but, thankfully, asks me so....all good.

Sunday lunchtime, Facebook message from another extra singer. Tyre blowout, waiting roadside, not very far from my house. I could collect him, but then the RAC would not take the vehicle. And it's wheelchair adapted for driving, and the chair won't fit in my car. We agree it's a lost cause! I offer food/water supplies, but atypically the RAC appear and tow him off. I leave for Worksop and move folders, music, hymnbooks, and some robes for the gentlemen, from the choir room to the N Transept. The reason for rehearsing there has just been towed away, but some things are best left as planned. The RAC don't have the right tyre. It's too hot upstairs.

We are now down to just enough people to cover the anthem, provided everyone else remains viable. I deploy the evergreen, versatile Fr Willett to sing with the surviving two basses for extra oomph. The thus-abandoned other altos merely roll their eyes. They are strong breed. Two borrowed sops are re-recruited to the alto line which gave them, to sing exposed tuneful bits. Everyone is sensible. I don't have to say it all six times. They just nod, mark it, sing it. Wonderful.

The service happens, all is prayerful and well except the foul tuning of the organ due to the weather, and with all the above twaddle I have not done that thing of playing every pipe for 5 or 10 minutes to get the air temperature evenly throughout the instrument. So the first hymn sounds like an orchestra of 60 randomly tuned bagpipes playing in a thunderstorm. Lovely.

Monday dawns. I text a choir mother to advise sending the girl in thin, loose clothing as we are robing. They text each other and it happens. The adults are OK! We all rehearse upstairs to avoid colliding with Evening Prayer. It goes well; I have time to take a cup of water in, as I nearly wilted on Sunday night. Wendy sees the children off safely; we both sit down gratefully for a sarnie and fancy cake. A note of thanks remains to write, but otherwise.....we've done it.

Rosemary Field
Director of Music



Workshop 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@worksoppriory.snmatt.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

32,34,59,62,82,95,96

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:
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or on 07355 850735

Thank you for your support!

Can you help our school?

OPAL Play Project Launch

Our school is beginning an exciting journey with the **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Programme**, a nationally recognised initiative that transforms play-times into richer, more imaginative, and more inclusive experiences. OPAL is built on a simple belief: **play is essential** for children's wellbeing, creativity, confidence, and learning.



As we develop our outdoor spaces, we're inviting families to support us by donating **"loose parts"** — everyday items that spark open ended, creative play.

Items Needed

Suitcases, wheels, crates, briefcases, road signs, kitchen items, tools, tubes, buckets, nets, keyboards, fabric, foam sheets, pallets, cable drums, guttering, pool noodles, hats, scarves, pegs, and any other interesting objects children can explore and re-purpose.

Donations

Donations can be dropped off at school and we can also help collect larger items. If required the school can be contacted by telephone **01909 478886** or email **office@workshoppriory.snmatt.org.uk**

Thank you for supporting this exciting project — we can't wait to see the positive impact on our children's play and wellbeing.



Have a bit of fun matching the biblical characters and stories to popular songs of the 20th century....for those old enough to remember!!

JOSEPH

DELILAH

DAVID

METHUSELAH

THOMAS

JAMES
& JOHN

ABRAHAM

NOAH

ADAM
& EVE

WE BELONG
TOGETHER
MARIAH
CAREY

THE
WANDERER
DION

DAYDREAM
BELIEVER
THE MONKEES

IT AIN'T
NECESSARILY SO
GEORGE
GERSHWIN

WHO WANTS TO
LIVE FOREVER
QUEEN

HE AIN'T HEAVY
HE'S MY BROTHER
THE HOLLIES

YOUR
CHEATING HEART
HANK WILLIAMS

I TOOK MY HARP
TO A PARTY
GRACIE FIELDS

SOMEWHERE
OVER THE
RAINBOW
JUDY GARLAND

*With thanks to the
anonymous reader for this
puzzle....answers overleaf!*



For most up to date shopping lists see the weekly newsletter or go to www.facebook.com/

There is a donation box by the South Porch entrance at Priory
www.justgiving.com/bassetlawfoodbank

AUGUST PUZZLE SOLUTION

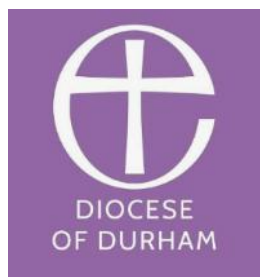
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Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Preaching at the 9.30am Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, this year on Sunday 16 August, will be Fr Stephen Edmonds. Fr Edmonds is a Worksof man, he came to faith here under Fr Holdridge and was ordained a priest, serving his title in Sunderland.

It has just been announced that Fr Edmonds is the newly appointed Archdeacon of Auckland, in the Diocese of Durham, starting from September.



ANSWERS from p35.

JOSEPH –Daydream Believer; DELILAH –Your Cheating Heart; DAVID –I Took My Harp to a Party; METHUSELAH - Who Wants to Live Forever; THOMAS –It Ain’t Necessarily So; JAMES & JOHN –He Ain’t Heavy He’s My Brother; ABRAHAM - The Wanderer; ADAM & EVE –We Belong Together; NOAH –Somewhere Over the Rainbow;

Looking Ahead...



July

Thu 30th Rosary (6pm)

August

Sat 1st Shrine of Our Lady of Egmonton Pilgrimage (12 noon)
Sun 2nd Evensong (6pm)
Sat 15th Coffee Morning at Fr Garnett's (6 Conrad Close)
Sun 16th Feast of the Assumption—Fr Edmonds preaching
Thur 27th Rosary (6pm)

September

Sat 5th Leafleting the parish (10-11am)
Sat 5th Open House hosted by Greta (12-4pm)
Sun 6th Evensong (6pm)
Sat 12th Worksop Priory & Gatehouse Heritage Open Day



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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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