

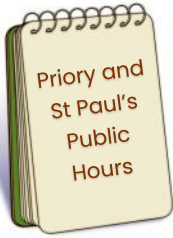
Parish Magazine of Worksof Priory with Carburton & Clumber



September 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 August 2026

Baptisms

1st	Lenny Warren
9th	Lucas Greenwood Williams
9th	Vinnie Martin
9th	Charles Robinson



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

11th	Stanley Palmer
20th	Norma Brooks



If you would like the anniversary of a loved one recorded in the Memorial Book which is displayed beside the altar in church, please pick up an application form or contact the Parish Administrator.

Weddings

30th	Joshua Lee & Rachel Stock
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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.

September 2026

Dates, Observances and Prayer Intentions

1	S. Giles	Carburton
2	Feria	The New School Year
3	S. Gregory	Church Council
4	Translation of S Cuthbert	The Parish
5	Saturday Memorial of Our Lady	Lowtown & Sparken Hill
6	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
7	Feria	Kilton & Larwood
8	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	The Parish
9	Feria	Our Care Homes
10	Feria	Our Hospices
11	Feria	Our Hospital & Pharmacies
12	Saturday Memorial of Our Lady	Jewish People
13	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
14	Holy Cross Day	SSC
15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Grieving Parents

MONTHLY DEVOTION:
OUR LADY OF SORROWS

16	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian	Persecuted Christians
17	Feria	Clumber & Carburton
18	Feria	Town Centre
19	Saturday Memorial of Our Lady	The Society of Mary
20	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
21	S. Matthew the Apostle	Growing Disciples
22	Feria	Diocese of Ho
23	S. Pius of Pietrelcina	Increase in Priestly Vocations
24	Our Lady of Walsingham	Shrine at Walsingham
25	Feria	Parish of S Patrick's Kpando
26	Saturday Memorial of Our Lady	Shrine at Egmonton
27	S. Vincent de Paul	Food Bank & Hub
28	Feria	BCVS
29	S. Michael & All Angels	Fidelity to God's Message
30	S. Jerome	Study of the Scriptures

Legacy from Mr Francis (Bill) Brunt

The Brunt family were all for many years stalwarts at Priory. John, was a churchwarden, friend and generous benefactor; Beryl married a curate and became Mrs Michael Wilson (sadly Beryl is now in a home with dementia, the same home Fr Wilson is in receiving end of life care).

Francis (known to some as Bill) was a faithful server and member of the PCC for many years, again a generous benefactor and a particular friend to the clergy. Francis recently died and generously left £1000 to the Priory in his will for which we are most grateful.

As is the PCC policy 10% of that will go into the general fund, and the rest earmarked to be part of a fabric project.



The Vicar writes...

Growing Disciples - Deeper

In September we plan to resume our 30 minute *Growing Our Discipleship Deeper* sessions after the Parish Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend the informal talks which are followed by an opportunity to ask questions. Please do consider staying behind after Mass to help deepen your life as a Christian. The talks will begin on Sunday 6th September when Rosemary, our Musical Director, will help us look at how music can deepen our worship experiences.

Also on the 6th September, Fr Spicer invites all who are in secondary education to meet with him 10.45-11.00am to explore how the church can be supportive of our younger members. Some like to say “they are the church of the future” which on one level is correct. More importantly though all our youngsters, especially those confirmed, are the church of today. We are most blessed here in Priory that we have youngsters worshipping with us. Please pray for them, encourage them and give thanks for them.



Writing this at the beginning of another school year, I'd like to pay tribute to all our teachers and staff at Priory School. The work that they do and environment they create for our youngsters is outstanding. Being a teacher should be one of the most valued occupations of any society, as they are forming generations to come and we should encourage them. Thanks to Mr Houghton, all the staff and my fellow governors for all they contribute. We are greatly blessed at Priory and this part of town in the teachers we have. Pray too for Christians to see teaching as a vocation.



Few of us enjoy or like change. It is however part of life. Indeed you could argue that anything that doesn't change is already dead! This is a month of change as the summer fades away. For some of you it will mean new classes at school, others will be preparing to leave home for university or work. For all of us we're getting a year older and our bodies and minds change and that can be the most difficult thing to accept. As H F Lyte wrote in the hymn "Change and decay in all around I see".

Christians are to embrace change, as it is a sign of life and growth. We can view it negatively or take control and allow change to deepen our self knowledge and so our dependence upon God. And of course we don't do this alone. Being a Christian means I have countless brothers and sisters who although not knowing exactly what it feels like to be me, do know what it feels like to be them! We confess our sins together, listen to God's word as one, pray for each other, greet each other freely with a sign of peace, are fed at the altar side by side, go out into the world praising God and to live with him. We may well anger, disappoint, hurt, or be angered disappointed or hurt, because that is what we sadly do. So talk with each other about the hurts and hurting, talk about the changes you are experiencing. Speak with a priest if it'd help. One of the worst things a priest hears is "but I know you are busy and I didn't want to bother you." Priests are here to be bothered! After the worship of God everything else can wait if a brother or sister needs support.

The best part of that Lyte hymn of course, is the next line "O thou who changest not, abide with me". Let us be known as God's people, who live and change in him, and are blessed and bless in return, people who forgive and are forgiven, people who live for the change God abides in.



God Bless, Fr Spicer

MOTHERS' UNION



On August 9th, Mary Sumner Day was the theme of Radio 4's Sunday Worship. It told the story of Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union movement 150 years ago, through the voices of members from around the world, starting from the church in Old Alresford, Hampshire, where it all began, to members in Burundi.

In 1876, a group of women gathered together to talk about how they could support each other in raising their families. This apparently simple beginning led to rapid growth into a global women's movement, which today has 4 million members in 80 countries, supporting families and campaigning against social injustice and violence and promoting literacy and good health.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, members were encouraged by the sentence, 'If you only knew your power, you would use it'. In the early 1900s, women became involved in politics. There was no National Health Service and family allowance was paid to fathers, not mothers! Thanks to the efforts of these pioneering women, things began to improve.

Mary Sumner died in 1921, by which time there were tens of thousands of members of the Mothers' Union throughout the world, four thousand attending her funeral. Her remarkable story was told in the programme by members from Antigua, Northern Ireland, Kent, Mozambique and Canada, interspersed by hymns and Bible stories featuring women of faith.

Although we no longer have an official M.U. branch at Worksop Priory, members still work to encourage the principles of Mary Sumner. To celebrate the 150 years of the movement, in July, past members and supporters held a Strawberry Tea at the vicarage, courtesy of Fr. Spicer. It was a lovely afternoon, attended by 27 people. We met up with old friends, sharing fel-



lowship and memories.

The world of Mary Sumner has changed in many respects, but sadly, in parts of the world, women are still marginalised and denied access to education and health care for themselves and their families and closer to home, there are parts of society where women and children still suffer deprivation and abuse.

As we remember Mary Sumner, we thank you for her vision and love. May her example inspire us to walk in faith, speak with courage and serve with joy. Bless every woman leading change today in Jesus` name. Amen.



2026 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ***Wed 2nd December to Sun 6th December***

It seems a bit early to be thinking about Christmas, but as the days gradually grow shorter, Advent and Christmas will be upon us before we know it! Once again Priory will be filled with decorated trees representing our community as we host the Worksop Community Christmas Tree Festival.

As last year, as well as holding the Priory Christmas Fair on Saturday, we hope to welcome Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band for a Christmas Concert in the evening. We hope to have music from local groups at other times during the festival, so if you are involved with a group or know someone who is, please do help to get us in touch with each other!

Keep an eye out for notices asking for help welcoming and offering refreshments to visitors throughout the festival. Even if you can only help for an hour it would be greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped last year the festival and fair simply couldn't have happened without you all!

Contact: admin@worksoppriory.co.uk 07355 850735

Susan, Parish Administrator



Songs & Stories

at Worksof 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?

Worksof Priory Church

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

• Play • Sing • Listen • Belong •



FUNDRAISING



Many thanks to all who attended the coffee morning hosted by Fr Garnett at Conrad Close on Saturday 15 August. The amount raised for church funds was **£166.50**.

On **5 September** Greta will be hosting an **Open House** between **12noon and 4pm** and we are very grateful to Carol and Myra who have offered to organise a **Harvest Afternoon Tea** in church on **Saturday 3 October** (see posters & p33 for details).

It would be fantastic if we could keep the momentum going. If you feel able to either host (or help host) a coffee morning or afternoon tea at home or in church, please get in touch with Susan to discuss a date.

WORKSOP PRIORY & GATEHOUSE HERITAGE OPEN DAY **10am-4pm Saturday 12 September**

There will be a tombola, raffle, and cake stall in church, for which we would be grateful of donations as soon as possible (cakes on the day please). They can be left at church, or if this isn't possible the parish administrator will be happy to coordinate getting them to Priory. Family friendly activities and refreshments will also be available.

Please help us make this a true community event by spreading the word among your family & friends.

**LOCAL COMMUNITY
FUND**

STARTS SEPT 6TH!



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).

A message of thanks...

As I give thanks to God for my ordination to the sacred priesthood, I'd also like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who helped to make my Ordination and First Mass such joyous occasions:

To Fr Spicer for making sure everyone was in the right place at the right time, to all the clergy who were there, the serving team, Rosemary and the choir for some wonderful music, Susan for helping co-ordinate everything, the bellringers, the flower-arrangers, those who polished and cleaned before the day, those who prepared the refreshments, those who made greeted guests, and to everyone who came and supported me on one or both of the days, and indeed to all of you who were unable to come but remembered me in your prayers.

Thank you, too, for the wonderful gift of the chalice and paten, which I shall treasure and which will remind me of my time here throughout my future ministry.

Fr Garnett

Something to make you smile!

At the end of the age when all the believers were standing in line waiting to get into heaven, the angel Gabriel appeared and said, "I want all the men to form two lines. One line will be for the men who were the true heads of their households. The other will be for the men who were dominated by their wives."

Gabriel continued, "And now we need all of the women to report to Mary and Martha on the other side of the gate."

The women left while the men hurriedly formed two lines. The line of men who were dominated by their wives was seemingly unending. The line of men who were the true head of their household had just one man standing in it.

Gabriel said to the first line, "You men ought to be ashamed of yourselves. You were appointed to be the heads of your households and you have not fulfilled your purpose. Of all of you, there is only one man who obeyed."

Then Gabriel turned to the lone man and asked, "How did you come to be in this line?"

The man sheepishly replied, "My wife told me to stand here."



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.



- Sept 3 Rosemary Field (Piano) *Romantic era repertoire*
- 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, Taunton Minster
- Oct 1 tbc
- Oct 8 Simply Swing – U3A Band 40s and 50s music - 12 – 12.50
- Oct 15 tbc
- Oct 22 Ed Carew – (Organ) *Interim Assistant, Wakefield Cathedral*

Other dates for your diary:

November 15th Sunday, 4pm - Medieval Advent Vespers, with the church choir, Nicholas Konradson's pipes and strings; trombone, organ, harp.

January 2nd Saturday – Christmas/Epiphany concert; Annabel Gordon (USA) Cello, and friends.



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**.

Colouring Page

ST. GABRIEL



Learn more about
St. Gabriel on the
Walking With The
Saints daily podcast!

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We'd Love to Hear From You

For many years, the Worksof Priors monthly magazine has included children's worksheets featuring activities, games, puzzles and colouring pages linked to the liturgical themes

and readings covered during the month. These pages have been a regular feature and, we hope, a helpful resource for children and families.



Unfortunately, the resource we have relied upon to provide these materials has recently changed. Because of our magazine printing deadlines, we are no longer able to access the content for future weeks far enough in advance to include it in the magazine as we have done in the past.

Rather than seeing this simply as a challenge, we feel it presents us with an opportunity to review the magazine and ensure that it continues to meet the needs of our parish community. Before making any decisions, we would very much like to hear your thoughts.

Do you find the children's pages useful and worthwhile? Are they something that children in your family enjoy and engage with? Or would it be better for us to explore producing a separate children's liturgy booklet aimed specifically at our younger members, rather than including these pages within the monthly magazine?

More broadly, we would also welcome your feedback on the magazine itself. We regularly ask for comments and suggestions, but responses are often few and far between. Knowing how the magazine is used would help us make informed decisions about its future.

For example:

- Do you value receiving the monthly magazine by email?
- If a magazine is emailed to a household, who actually reads it?
- Do you regularly open and read the electronic version?
- Do you prefer to pick up and read a printed copy from church?

- Are there particular features you enjoy or would like to see more of?
- Are there sections that you feel are no longer relevant?

Our aim is to keep the magazine useful, engaging and relevant to the parish community, while making the best use of the time and resources involved in producing it. Your views will help us decide whether we should continue as we are, make improvements, or consider different ways of sharing information and resources.

Please take a few moments to let us know what you think. Every comment is valuable and appreciated.

Contact the Parish Administrator:

07355 850735

admin@worksopriory.co.uk

Thank you for helping us shape the future of the Worksop Priory magazine.

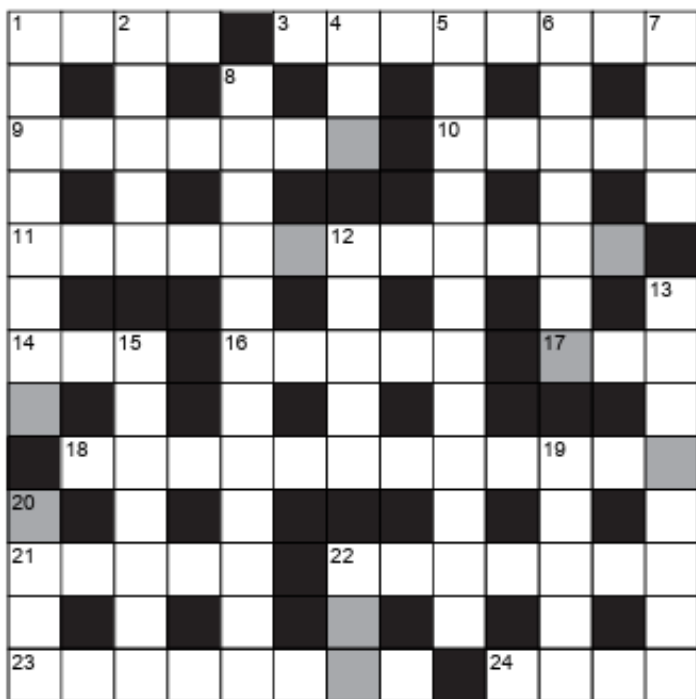
Parish link with S Patrick's Kpando, Ghana

Some of you will remember Fr Spicer visiting Ho in east Ghana last year. Over the past few years Father has been supporting Bishop Matthias there, with teaching sessions for the clergy. In recognition of this Bishop Matthias has kindly made Father an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral at Ho. Like with Southwell, this doesn't mean he is leaving Worksop!

Father Spicer is planning to be in Ghana at the end of the month to receive this honour and meet with the clergy. At the same time he is hoping to deepen the links with the parish and school of S Patrick's Kpando. Please pray that these links will happen and be of blessing to all.



August Puzzle Page



Across

- 1 Ditch filled with water (4)
- 3 Educators (8)
- 9 Underwriter (7)
- 10 Pools (anag.) (5)
- 11 Perform below expectation (12)
- 14 Athletic facility (3)
- 16 Not at all (5)
- 17 Our star (3)
- 18 Use of words that mimic sounds (12)
- 21 Sweet-scented shrub (5)
- 22 Late (7)
- 23 Rowing gently (8)
- 24 Vases (4)

Down

- 1 Be wrong about (8)
- 2 Prevent (5)
- 4 Make a mistake (3)
- 5 Someone skilled in penmanship (12)
- 6 Changes gradually (7)
- 7 Cloth worn around the waist (4)
- 8 Extremely large (12)
- 12 Crave; desire (5)
- 13 Straightens out (8)
- 15 Mixed together (7)
- 19 Senior figure in a tribe (5)
- 20 Lose one's footing (4)
- 22 Possess (3)

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

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A Lasting Gift to The Priory

Many of us support the Priory during our lifetime—through our time, our talents, our prayers and through regular giving. Donations made through regular giving help towards the Priory’s day-to-day expenses (consumables, music, administration, routine maintenance, utilities, insurance, etc.) and for paying the parish share which supports the diocese ... which in turn provides our clergy. All of these things are effectively “revenue”: items, things that keep us going from one year to the next. But what about one-off expenses such as when we need to replace (say) hymn books, or the PA system, or lighting, or the kitchen: these would all be “capital” items, things that we would never be able to cover through our regular giving.

Making provision for The Priory in your Will is one way in which you can help to ensure that its ministry and mission continue, and to help preserve our unique, historic building for future generations.

A legacy need not be large to make a real difference. You may choose to leave a fixed sum, a particular item, or a share of what remains of your estate after providing for family and friends. A gift of a percentage of your estate can be particularly useful, as it keeps its value in proportion as circumstances change. To leave a share of your estate to the Priory you could simply include a clause in your Will as shown below:

To leave a share of your estate

“I give ____% of my residuary estate free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of Worksop Priory of Our Lady and St. Cuthbert (Reg. Charity No. 1134796) in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be sufficient to discharge my executors and trustees.”

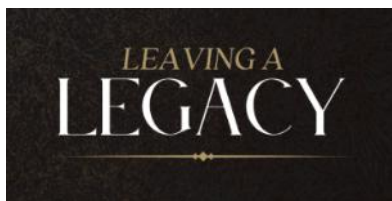
Or, to leave a fixed sum of money

“I give the sum of £____ (pounds only) free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of Worksop Priory of Our Lady and St. Cuthbert (Reg. Charity No. 1134796) in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be sufficient to discharge my executors and trustees.”

You are strongly advised to seek professional advice when making or revising your Will.

Leaving a legacy to the Priory may also be an inheritance-tax advantage. Gifts to a qualifying charity, including a gift to the Parochial Church Council of your parish, are normally exempt from Inheritance Tax. In addition, if 10% or more of the relevant net estate is left to charity, the rate of Inheritance Tax payable on the taxable part may be reduced from 40% to 36%. The detailed calculation can be complex, so professional advice is important.

A legacy to the Priory can be a practical and lasting expression of thanksgiving for all that it has meant to you, helping to sustain its worship, ministry and service to the community for generations yet to come.



Keith Wake
(Treasurer,
Workshop Priory PCC)

Fr Garnett writes...

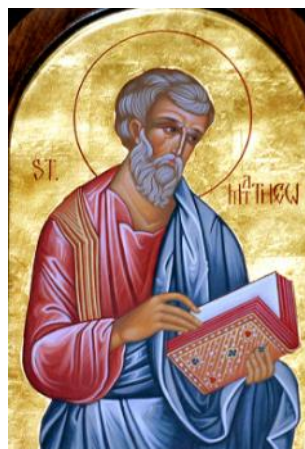
An Introduction to the Gospel of St Matthew

Continued from the August magazine...

Let us consider for a moment the story of Christ's birth as recounted in the Gospels.

We tend to think of the Christmas story as one narrative from the annunciation to Mary through to the presentation in the temple and then the flight into Egypt but, of course, it's not. Most of what we know comes from St Luke's Gospel, and Luke gives us the very human, even intimate story: Mary's response to the angel, of her visit to her cousin Elizabeth, the actual birth of Our Lord in a stable.

Matthew's version is both full of portents and stresses the public significance of the events rather than giving an intimate account. He recounts much of it through St Joseph's dreams and also sets the birth of Jesus in a



wider context. The Three Wise Men only appear in St Matthew's version, as indeed do the threats of Herod and his killing of the children.

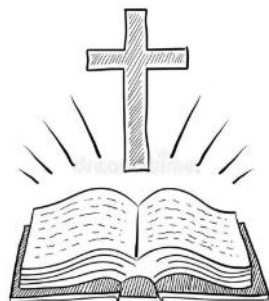
But the Three Wise Men, those astronomers or astrologers from far-distant fabled lands, who followed the strange star, bring elements that are both foreign and cosmic to the story, and their gifts are highly significant in telling us about the nature of Matthew's Gospel. He wants us to know that Jesus is King (gold), is the Lord (frankincense), and will die (myrrh) for our salvation. He is always thinking about the significance of Jesus as Messiah.

The main thrust of this Gospel is to show the Jewish people that Jesus is the Messiah they had been expecting. So, all the great events have signs attached to them, as also when Jesus dies on the cross, the curtain of the Temple is torn in two, symbolically tearing up the old covenant, and there is an earthquake and the dead rise out of their tombs and were seen by many after Jesus' resurrection. These were the things that, according to Matthew, made people believe that Jesus was the Son of God.

There is another very significant side to Matthew, though. He is the teacher. He recounts more of the teachings of Jesus than the other evangelists, and he gives us more of the parables than the others. Perhaps most significantly, it is Matthew's version of the Sermon on the Mount, with the Beatitudes, that we know best (Luke has a version but it is not as complete). So, Matthew is not all just signs and portents; the Sermon on the Mount gives us the core of what it means to live life as a Christian.

So, this year and now especially that we are into ordinary time, we'll be hearing the parables Sunday by Sunday and for all their brevity they are full of wisdom and can be challenging to preach on, just because sometimes it's hard to know where to begin or end.

I hope this has given you a taste of what Matthew is about and that it will help you to appreciate the Sunday Gospel readings all the more as we live through another year in the life of the Church.



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!

Embarking on a new career!

Hello everyone, I'm Oliver.

I was born and raised in Worksop, I attended Priory School and Priory Church, and the help the Church community has given me over the years has been incredible. I have so many fond memories of confirmation, helping wash pots, standing at the door to greet visitors, and George coming to my primary school to teach me how to read.

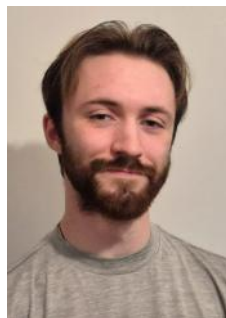
As of 28 September, I will be going off to basic training with the RAF, with the goal of becoming a fully trained Weapons Systems Operator. I will spend 19 weeks at Halton in Buckinghamshire doing basic training and sergeant training. Then I will be streamed onto the aircraft I will be working on. I aim to be streamed onto an intelligence plane, which will lead to my training continuing at Cranwell in Lincolnshire. After that, I will be assigned to either Waddington, also in Lincolnshire, or Lossiemouth in Scotland.

I cannot wait, and the process to enlist has taken just over a year. From tests to medical examinations to interviews and even physical activities that require me to manoeuvre around a warehouse under specific rules. I genuinely don't think I would have made it to where I am today, or become the person I am, without the help of Priory Church.

Thank you, everyone, for being such a warm and welcoming community (even if the Church can be cold at times!). If you're going to miss me, don't worry, I'll be back when I get weekends off later in my training. So, I might still be able to wash coffee cups during events and do occasional readings.

Thank you all again.

Oliver Thistlethwaite



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From Worksop Priory!

If you would like to make a contribution to a going away present for Oliver please place it in an envelope marked **Gift OT** or make a bank transfer again referenced **Gift OT**.

Save the date!

*November 15th afternoon –
Medieval Advent Vespers*

You remember that St Cuthbert's day service two years ago with a 5.30 a.m. medieval liturgy, ending with the Te Deum to the accompaniment of bacon booty scent from the kitchen?

Without the early morning start, or the degree of scholarly research which was poured into the St Cuthbert liturgy, I am working on an Advent service for November 15th, very near to the date at which Advent used to start, and as close to the medieval content as we can reasonably get. The modern Advent starts on November 29th and we will keep that as per the book. The November 15th thing is a devotional service, but "out of liturgical time" in that way. Why do it? For the insights it offers, for the fresh look at a story often overshadowed by the ever-creeping start date for Christmas, and to bring together some of our musician-contributors whose knowledge base of ancient music and methods is far in advance of mine. This is their bag, with or without pipes.

Did you know that Christ the King Sunday was at one time about the triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem? By a few centuries AD, Jerusalem is not just a place on the map, but code for "the church" and the church is code for "the kingdom of God". So when the Lord enters his own city, the message is that he comes to his own realm, which (should be) ourselves, in every generation. This Solemn Entry procession was a thing in civic life. Much un-Christian effort was wasted on arguing about the date, the details, and the tat! Christ the King is now placed as the last Sunday of the church year; the peak of all that has been considered. Because it was only formally instituted in 1925, there is a view that it is a trendy modern gimmick. Not so. (1970 saw it moved to the present position from the end of October; the move is more in line with the medieval prototype). I am digging like a terrier into this topic at the moment, and have been privileged to get some links to follow from Henry Parkes, the academic and practical musician (top-notch organist on the quiet, too) who led on the St Cuthbert day celebration of 2024.

Vesper means Evening, and the “Office” – that is, monastic service for that part of the day – is composed of set psalms, the same ones every time, and the Magnificat. A short scriptural reading varies by the day, and the antiphons – the topical comments which sandwich each psalm and the Magnificat – are where some of the most inventive writing is found. The ones Henry has sent me are written first in little reminder-shapes like hieroglyphs, then in square-note puncta (points) on 4 line staves. That square notation indicates they were probably already well known before 10th Century. Before that, it was memory or squiggles, or both.

I am hoping to assemble Nicholas Konradsen, the bagpiper of Louth, with his chums who also play medieval things; Ola on the trombone, adding some brass oomph; me with the lever harp, pretending to be able to play it; the organ of course, and maybe some strings. We heard Nicholas K sing and play a very early hymn to Our Lady at the last Midday Music he did, and that set the whole carousel going round in my head. I will ensure that the majority of what is sung is in English, and that there is enough in the way of Responsories for everyone to share. Modernly, Rome bans instruments from penitential seasons, but with the Celtic and Irish customs present especially in the North East of England until the Whitby Synod of 664 started a chain of changes, there is a fair chance that things were not done in the same way, and certainly not in every place.

If anyone has any inside information about the period and customs, please do share!



Rosemary Field
Director of Music



Workshop Priory C of E Primary Academy



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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.

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

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Tuesday 15 September 2026 1pm-3pm

The volunteers at Mr Straw's House will be giving us a free guided tour. Places are limited so add your name to the list in church or contact Susan who will add it for you.



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Thu 3rd	Midday Music returns after the August break (12pm) PCC Meeting (6.30pm)
Sat 5th	Leafleting the parish (10-11am)
Sat 5th	Open House hosted by Greta (12-4pm)
Sun 6th	Youth meeting after Mass with Fr Spicer (10.45-11am) Deepening our Discipleship meeting (11am)
Sun 6th	Evensong (6pm)
Tue 8th	Nativity of Our Lady Mass (6.30pm)
Sat 12th	Workshop Priory & Gatehouse Heritage Open Day
Tue 15th	Parish visit to Mr Straw's House (1-3pm)
Thu 24th	Rosary in church (6pm)
Tue 29th	PCC Meeting (6.30pm)

October

Sat 3rd	Leafleting the parish (10-11am)
Sat 3rd	Harvest Afternoon Tea in church (1pm-3pm)
Sun 4th	Evensong (6pm)
Thu 22nd	Midday Music—last concert in the 2026 season (12pm)

November

Sat 7th	Leafleting the Parish
Sat 14th	Steve Edwards at North Notts Arena (7pm see p32)
Sun 15th	Medieval Advent Vespers (time tbc)

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6pm Evening Prayer and Benediction at Priory
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