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Otley Parish Church

Who are we?

Otley Parish Church is the oldest building in Otley. It's at the heart of our town and, for over 1,000 years, people have been gathering here for worship, with significant family as well as community events.

We are a gathering place for pilgrims on a journey of discovery, kindling hope as we go, and helping one another to be more fully alive to the wonders, the joys and the sorrows of life. We'd love you to share the journey with us.

We want to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to Christ,

and in service to our local community.

Join us in worshipping our God together on Sundays and in daily life; be with us as we study and discern how to use the Bible in the 21st century; also learn with us what it is to be disciples in the 21st century following Jesus, and help us, with other churches in

the town, to bring good news to Otley and far beyond.

“There is a place for everyone, with Christ at the centre of it all.”

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Letter from Aaron Kennedy, Vicar at Otley Parish Church

Dear Friends...

LENT is a time of preparation when, historically, those who had fallen from the faith could be prepared for readmittance. That's right – in the ancient church, when one denied Christ under persecution, or fell into sin, one would have been excluded from fellowship. If one decided to repent (turn away from) their sins, this was always possible. But failures were not simply brushed under the carpet; they were acknowledged and repented of publicly, and the process of restoration was very deliberate. 40 days of fasting, prayer, and Bible study were prescribed; not as punishment, but – and this is key – for healing.

These are the words of an ancient prayer concerning Lent:

Now is the healing time decreed
For sins of heart and word and deed,
When we in humble fear record
The wrong that we have done the
Lord.

(Latin, before 12th century)

However, it was not only those who had fallen away that were encouraged to keep Lent in this way – all members of the church used this time (as they say in Alcoholics Anonymous) to “take a personal inventory” of how they had been living and to ask the Lord, as David did, to “search me and know me, see if there is any wicked way in me” (Psalm 139).

It is interesting to consider that, on the one hand, we 21st century Western Christians who live without (widespread) persecution find all of this quite foreign, while on the other, the ancient Christians who were persecuted and often in fear for their lives, evolved and adopted this way of living – as an application of the Gospel to their lives. It may not surprise you to know that the ancient church was vital, alive, passionate and growing voraciously, even as many were martyred (dying at the stake, or in flames, etc). We don't compare very favourably, on the whole, as we squirm and fret over the language of sin, holiness, repentance, etc.

The church today is of course in a time of decline. And that decline is undoubtedly a function of our compromise with the values of the world around us. We are not characterised so much by the mind of Christ, but by the values of the world we live in. Many Christians in the west are what Jesus, in Revelation, described as 'lukewarm', saying that he desired to spit such Christians out of his mouth (chapter 3 verse 16).

Many of us have been led to believe that notions of evil and sin are really overstated, that talk

of the devil and demons and angels is all nonsense – a spiritualisation of psychological problems or mere chemical imbalances in the brain. This is, of course, a successful strategy of the Satan, rendering us undefended and helpless on the battlefield. Until we realise the truth of our circumstances, we will remain dominated and defeated by the evil one, and fail to enter into the abundant life and freedom that Jesus came into this world to give us.

My prayer for us all this Lent is that we may get "tooled up", so to speak, with a good rule of life which includes wearing the full armour of God (see Ephesians 6:10-17) and engaging in spiritual practices like those we are exploring in our Lent study – Surprise the World. These are not only defensive, but also offensive responses to the kingdom of darkness. And when we arise as a church in the power of the Holy Spirit, fully trained, competent and 'thoroughly equipped for every good work' (2 Timothy 3:17), the forces of darkness will begin to quake, and the Kingdom of Light, of our Lord, Jesus Christ, will advance, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). Arise, O Church, this Lent!

In the *Hot Seat*



with

**Eileen
Barr**

When were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Rotten Row Maternity Hospital in Glasgow in 1950 and also grew up in Glasgow. My mum hailed from a small village in Ayrshire but during the 2nd World War she went to work at Rolls Royce in Hillington. It was at a specially built factory to increase production of aircraft engines. There she met my father who was one of the storekeepers for the various parts needed on the assembly line. A romance began as my mother found excuses to be the person to collect parts for her team! After the war my parents married, settling in Glasgow where my father came from. The factory was adjacent to Renfrew Aerodrome and, although on the other side of the river Clyde

from where I grew up, the noise of aircraft engines being tested could be heard clearly even into the early 1950s. It was a chilling sound in my early childhood.

Where did you go to school?

I went to Bankhead Primary School in Knightswood, a huge local authority housing estate in north-west Glasgow, which was just a 10-minute walk from home. My favourite teacher was Mrs Harrison, a very kind hearted Christian woman who, while we were busy working at our desks, was busy knitting mittens for a girl in my class who came from a large and very poor family. Years later when I met my husband, Norman, I discovered Mrs Harrison was his cousin! I was always very

conscious of my untidy scrawl when I wrote her Christmas card! I was extremely shy as a child and didn't always find mixing with my peers easy. I wasn't exactly bullied but looking back I realise I was deliberately excluded by a dominant group of girls in my class. Secondary education was at Victoria Drive Senior Secondary School. I went there with a determination to have a much happier school life – and I did. More of that later!

When did you become a Christian?

My parents were both brought up in Christian homes, but didn't fully embrace faith for themselves. As nominal members of the local Church of Scotland, and like many parents in those days, they sent me to Sunday School every week. I wasn't too keen on this routine, because if they didn't go to church why on earth should I have to? On reaching secondary school age, I moved up to the Junior Bible Class where everything began to fall into place. Miss Kelly, a gentle, patient woman took my small group. Listening to her, and the student minister Mr Barr who led the Bible Class, then all the things I'd heard about God over the years made sense. I understood that God wanted me to be his child and I began to see that I needed to respond to his love for myself. On Remembrance Day 1964, I knew Mr Barr was preaching, and I really wanted to go to the service. So, I persuaded a friend to come with me. Later that day in my bedroom I quietly took my first

faltering steps of faith. I was far too shy to tell anyone at church. My mum who'd been observing my changing attitude with some interest, was sceptical to say the least! Soon after this my friend stopped coming to the Bible Class but my thirst to learn more far outweighed my lingering shyness, so I pushed myself to go on my own. This in turn helped me to feel more confident at school where I soon became involved in leading a Scripture Union Group. Although my parents weren't practicing Christians, there were folk on both sides of my extended family who encouraged me enormously in faith in my teens and beyond, I've no doubt they prayed for me in childhood too. All long gone now, Auntie Flora, Uncle Alec and Aunt Mary still hold a very special place in my heart.

When and where did you meet your husband, Norman?

After Junior Bible Class came Senior Bible Class, led by our insightful assistant minister who really took me under his wing. The Bible Class was held after the evening service, so I began going to that service on my own – yet another challenge for me. It ran in parallel with the Youth Fellowship that Norman Barr, being older than me, attended. By now you might have guessed that the preacher on that Remembrance Sunday was his oldest brother! When I was old enough to move up to the Youth Fellowship, I got to know Norman a bit better. Having bright red hair and a mischievous nature everyone knew him. With his outgoing personality he wasn't like

me at all! The Protestant Work Ethic was alive and well in our Youth Fellowship and I soon found myself teaching a Sunday School Class, taking part in debates and even speaking at meetings in other churches. We got together at a Youth Fellowship weekend away in 1967 but only a year later Norman went off to work for the London City Mission. We got married in 1969 and then lived in London until 2008.

How many children do you have? What do they do?

I was an only child and will always be sad that I had no siblings. I wanted to be sure my own children had a different experience of family life, so we have 5 children aged between 42 and 53! Ailsa in Sheffield is the Director of Children's Services in a local authority. Andy in Brighton has his own business, an event management company. Kirstie in Horsforth is the Head of Contracts and Service Delivery with the Home Office. Her twin sister Shona in Wakefield is a Catering Manager in the NHS. Zoe is the Stroke Therapy Clinical Lead in a Manchester hospital. Between them they have given us 9 grandchildren aged from 4 to 21 - 7 girls and 2 boys. Needless to say, we're incredibly proud of them all!

What was your occupation and where did you work?

My 1st job was in the Bank of Scotland. I then worked in the accounts departments of various insurance companies in Glasgow,

and then in London. I didn't enjoy any of these jobs, so goodness knows why anyone employed me in these settings as I'm absolutely hopeless with numbers! Maybe that's why I married an accountant? We started our family early and I was more than happy to be a stay-at-home mum for many years. As the children grew up a bit I worked in a playgroup for a project very similar to Otley Action, and then as a community worker for the church we attended. During these years I also was a Chaplaincy Assistant at our local hospital and completed a Counselling Diploma. All this led to me being a Welfare Officer for a grant-making charity, assisting Scots in the London area.

Which College/University did you go to?

I was a very late starter and went to university at the age of 49! After completing my social work training I worked briefly in paediatrics at Guy's Hospital, and then had two very satisfying jobs in the voluntary sector. Firstly, with the Karibu Project, a Southwark Diocese initiative supporting families living with HIV/AIDS, mainly families from Sub Saharan Africa. Then later I worked in the Paediatric Oncology Department at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Surrey, supporting families during and after treatment including post bereavement work. After moving to Otley, I was involved for 12 years as a volunteer Bereavement Support Worker with Wheatfields Hospice.

Why did you choose to live in Otley?

Our London home was tied to Norman's job so we always knew we couldn't stay there in retirement. We each made a wish list and Otley ticked the boxes for us both, including easy access to most of the family, rail links to the north and south as well as lovely countryside and a choice of churches in the town. We love living here and I haven't yet got over the novelty of seeing the Chevin every time I go to Sainsbury's!

Where did you worship before coming to Otley Parish Church

At Mitcham Lane Baptist Church in Streatham South London. It was a relatively young congregation that reflected the diversity of the area. Leaving there after over 30 years was a big wrench but we felt ready for a change and Otley Parish Church certainly gave us that.

How long have you been coming here?

We moved here with the intention of trying out a couple of the local churches. OPC was 1st on our list to try and over 15 years on we're still here.

You appear to be involved in a variety of activities at OPC – can you list them for us?

I help run the weekly Baby Rascals group as well as being part of the Open the Book team that goes into Westgate School every 2 weeks. I regularly lead intercessions in the morning services and am on the Prayer Ministry team. I'm part of the new Pastoral Core Group and

along with Norman am involved in leading a housegroup. I occasionally help with the littlest ones in Sunday Club.

Do you have a favourite verse of Scripture? If so, what is it?

There are lots that are very special to me but if pressed I would opt for Psalm 103 especially verse 17, "But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him and his righteousness with their children's children". I've had this verse pinned up above our family photo board for more than 25 years, it reminds me that God never gives up on any of us.

Do you have a favourite Christian hymn or song?

Again, so many that I've loved over the years, e.g. Love Divine, Now Thank We All our God and I the Lord of Sea and Sky. I enjoy songs by Lou Fellingham and Stuart Townend, especially his setting of Psalm 23. During Covid the various versions of The Blessing based on Numbers 6 vs 24-26 were very special too.

Do you like classical music? Do you have a favourite piece?

My dad was a big opera fan, so I grew up listening to that. Well, that was when I wasn't playing my Beatles records. I still enjoy a good aria! I love the Humming Chorus from Madame Butterfly, there's nothing quite like a live opera though to stimulate all the senses.

What about modern songs or music - anything in particular?

I've a very eclectic taste and enjoy music by Ed Sheeran, Elbow and Lewis Capaldi but also enjoy Norah Jones, Sinead O'Connor and Annie Lennox amongst many others. Oh, and I mustn't forget Runrig, a Scottish Celtic rock band. We both love their music.

Can you play a musical instrument?

I really wish that I could, but no! One of my hopes for heaven is that God will change that and maybe throw in a decent singing voice too. I mean that if there's going to be sung worship, I'd really love to enjoy doing it well!

Do you have a favourite part of Yorkshire that you like to visit?

Probably Upper Wharfedale, around Yockenthwaite, but if there's not enough time for a trip up there then Bolton Abbey or around Pateley Bridge will do nicely.

Is there somewhere you would like to go on holiday where you haven't been before, regardless of expense?

We've been fortunate to visit lots of amazing places over the years so no big hankerings. Maybe just a wee lingering wish to see the Northern Lights one day.

A book you especially enjoyed reading. Any special reason?

I've always been a reader, but I never really remember books once I've finished them – not an age thing as has always been the case! One that has stuck in my mind for years

though is "The Pursuit of Happiness" by Douglas Kennedy which gave such an insight into the post war years in North America. An interesting choice for someone who has absolutely no aspirations to visit the USA!

Do you have a hobby or something you enjoy doing to relax?

After years of city living, it's great to be surrounded by lovely countryside here. Being out and about in Yorkshire has fed my interest in photography and knowing that the results of that can sometimes encourage others too is an added blessing. I also enjoy my garden, and there's something very satisfying about grubbing around in the soil!

What would be your favourite meal – 2 or even 3 courses?

After being an incredibly picky eater as a child there's not much that I don't enjoy now. I think my best treat would be a Thai Tapas meal and if I could go back to Thailand to eat it, then even better!

If you were to spend a whole year on a desert island on your own, what luxury would you take with you?

On the assumption that I already have a Bible, then a camera, paper and a pen would do nicely thank you!

Which one word best describes your life right now?

Varied!

What's Your Favourite Bible Verse?

MY FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE IS JUDGES 17:13 (NIV), and it reads:

“Now I know that the Lord will be good to me, since this Levite has become my priest.”

Micah tried his best. He returned money taken from his mother, set up a shrine in his house, made household gods and installed a son as priest. Later, a young Levite from Bethlehem, looking for somewhere to stay came upon Micah's house. On finding the man was a Levite, Micah asked him to live there for his food and clothing, 10 shekels a year and be his father and priest. But at that time a tribe of the Danites were looking for a place to settle. They came to the house of Micah, plundered idols and silver and persuaded the Levite to join them, threatening Micah with worse if he objected.

This is a strong reminder to uphold Christian teaching.

- *Clifford Porter*



Otley Parish Church

FAMILY

news



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday, Boss! CLEM KENNEDY celebrated his 3rd birthday on 27th January 2024. He's the son of Grace and Aaron and younger brother of Gabe who is also in this photo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



MHARI ADA HIRD celebrated her 2nd birthday on 11th February 2024. She's the granddaughter of Jackie and Martin Hird, and daughter of Callum and Meg

Congratulations!

**Congratulations to
Dr Kelly Capper-Parkin
from
a very proud grandma**



KELLY is a born and bred Otley girl, daughter of Richard and Janet, and granddaughter of our church member, Margaret Parkin.

She began her education at Westgate School in 1997, moving to the old All Saints School, then back to Westgate for a year, then to Prince Henry's Grammar School in 2003.

From school, Kelly went on to study Applied Biology at Northumbria University in Newcastle between 2010 and 2014, which included working for Procter and Gamble for a year. After graduating she went to work for TotalLab, a scientific software company.

After a few years of being behind a desk, she wanted to be back in the laboratory, so she moved down to Sheffield and started a Masters in Molecular and Cellular Biology from January 2018 - January 2019 at Sheffield Hallam University. This led to her becoming a Research Assistant in the Biomolecular Sciences Research Centre at the same university for 6 months over the summer, before starting a PhD in the same department.

Over the course of 4 years Kelly worked on a project entitled "Development of Antimicrobial Impregnated Catheter Coatings to Prevent Uropathogenic Escherichia coli Infections", was involved in publishing 3 papers, attended conferences across the UK and in America, presenting a prize winning poster at one of these. Alongside the laboratory work she has also been involved in lots of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) outreach projects, bringing the work done within the university to the general public.

Kelly completed her PhD in November 2023, and is now working as a Post Doctoral Research Associate, remaining at Sheffield Hallam University for the time being.

Just after completing her PhD Kelly and her husband Sam had their belated honeymoon on New Zealand's South Island. They had 5 weeks of a road trip, riding bikes, walking, spotting wildlife and enjoying the sunshine. One of these days they hope to return there for a longer stay.

● Children – make the most of your school days because you never know where they will lead you to!



ONES TO WATCH

2ND MARCH – 21ST APRIL 2024

**An annual exhibition of emerging artists
and makers based in or from Yorkshire
returns for its 11th year.**

JO BRISCO from OPC writes...

Ones to Watch is a prestigious exhibition for Yorkshire graduates of the arts held at Sunny Bank Mills, Farsley, each year. 'The arts' includes painting, sculpture, jewellery, ceramics, film, sound, glass, metal, textiles etc.

This year there were more than 200 applicants with 40 chosen for the exhibition.

I am enormously grateful to have been chosen for the exhibition at the Mills this year.





Jesus
is
Risen

HE'S ALIVE!

Easter Cross, The Chevin, Otley

Otley Parish Church

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL SERVICES

Each to be held at Otley Parish Church unless otherwise shown.

PALM SUNDAY 24 MARCH

10.15: Blessing of the Palms and Short Procession
at the main church gate in Kirkgate
10.30am: Service of Holy Communion

MONDAY 25 MARCH

9.00am: Holy Week Morning Prayer
4.30pm: Holy Week Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 26 MARCH

9.00am: Holy Week Morning Prayer
4.30pm: Holy Week Evening Prayer
8.00pm: Stations of the Cross – a time of reflection as we consider
the events leading up to the crucifixion

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

9.00am: Holy Week Morning Prayer
4.30pm: Holy Week Evening Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28 MARCH

9.00am: Holy Week Morning Prayer
11.00am: Wakefield Cathedral – Chrism Eucharist
All are invited to this service of rededication for priests
4.30pm: Holy Week Evening Prayer
8.00pm: Communion Service. This will include the ritual Stripping of the
Altar followed by a Gethsemane Watch

GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH

11.00am: All-age Service of the Word
2.00pm: Good Friday Liturgy
7.00pm: “Lift High the Cross” – A Reflective Service for Good Friday
led by Otley Parish Church choir.
The service will include congregational singing, readings and anthems

SATURDAY 30 MARCH

9.00am: Holy Week Morning Prayer
4.30pm: Holy Week Evening Prayer

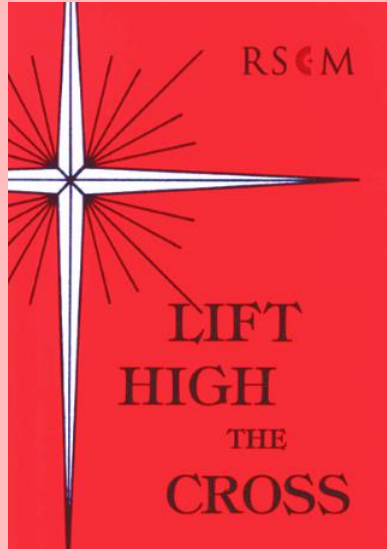
EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH

(Clocks go forward this morning at 1am)

7.00am: Churches Together Early Morning Service at the Chevin Cross
10.30am: Easter Celebration Service with Holy Communion

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

A Reflective Service for Good Friday



All churches in Otley are welcome to join us for “Lift High the Cross” reflective service on Good Friday evening which will be led by Otley Parish Church choir.

The service will include congregational singing, readings and anthems.

GOOD FRIDAY
29th March 2024 at 7pm
Otley Parish Church

Easter Bible Verses and Resurrection Quotes



Luke 24:46-47 “The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name.”

Romans 4:25 “He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day.”

1 Peter 1:3 “According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 “For as by a man came death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Romans 6:5 “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

Romans 6:9 “We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.”

Philippians 3:10 “...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...”

John 11:25-26 “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

LIGHT



on my path

JOHN SIMKINS

*Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.*

Psalm 97:11

Recently, this verse jumped out for me: 'Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart' [Psalm 97:11]. The Hebrew literally reads 'light is sown'. My imagination took me to picture thinking of light ahead on my path, and a phrase that has often popped up on my faith journey: 'next step thinking'. I found a couple of photos. One has street lamps along a misty walkway. The nearest is quite bright. It's just possible to see the next two, but dimly. Another has a footbridge ahead with a glow inviting me to cross over into the woods where the light is a pull for curiosity and trust.



Maybe you've got 2024 all planned! But maybe many uncertainties. Perhaps you've got the direction but not the detail or timing. Maybe you share that sense across national and global news that the path ahead is at least misty, if not downright gloomy. And what about those who know nothing of the light sower whom we trust?

This topic might remind us of many Bible verses. In the Old Testament, Isaiah 42:16 says, 'I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light'. David, in Psalm 18:28 wrote, as he considers what God has done for him though many hardships, 'it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness'. The original of this in 2 Samuel 22:29 reads, 'YOU ARE MY LAMP, O Lord'.

Of course, the New Testament takes us beyond the pre-Christian times, when God kindly gave prophetic metaphor and visuals (like the Tabernacle candlestick), to Christ himself. Christ, 'the life - the light of men - shines in the darkness - glory - full of grace and truth' [John 1]. Jesus, 'the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' [John 8].

Revelation 21:23 - the city 'come down' (v.2) 'has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and ITS LAMP IS THE LAMB. Greek here for lamp is 'light giver'. Let's invite him to be the lamp for our next step thinking? The only other time this Greek word appears is in Philippians 2:15 - 'among whom you shine as lights [lamps] in the world'. Maybe sometimes we can be a little ahead to help others on their way.

'Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths' [Psalm 25:4]. 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' [Psalm 119:105].

Lord, remind me to pray daily for your light-giving. What should I be doing? Who might I meet? Who can I shed a little light for on their journey?



This article by John Simkins was originally written as a blog for Network Leeds.

[Bible references are from English Standard Version]



Lesley Noble often walks and prays in the peace and tranquillity of the gardens at Parcevall Hall. This is the retreat house and conference centre of the Diocese of Leeds near Appletreewick in Wharfedale.

Prayer Walking is just what it sounds like – praying to God while walking around. Instead of closing our eyes and bowing our heads, we keep our eyes open to see both the beauty and the needs around us. We lift our hearts to praise God and bow our hearts to ask Him to humbly intervene with the various needs.

More of Lesley's prayer walk prayers will feature in future editions of In Touch.

Lesley's Prayer Walk Prayer – 7

Lord, I see an oasis, an ending of a journey in which you walked with me. You give us wisdom, a deeper awareness of our walk with you and each other. We are your children; may we never doubt that you could ever leave us or forsake us. The sun is now shining, dappled through the trees, reflecting on the plants and leaves. May your love for us be reflected in all your creation. In your blessed name we pray. Amen.

The Hayes Conference Centre Swanwick, Derbyshire



Otley Parish Church are planning a weekend away at The Hayes Conference Centre as an opportunity to get to know each other and God more deeply, and away from our normal environment.

In last month's **IN TOUCH**, Trevor Williams looked at "Where and what is The Hayes". This month he looks at...

"The Hayes"

Nearby Churches and Places to Visit

by Trevor Williams

St. Andrews Church, Swanwick

The church is a short walk along the road from The Hayes. Compared to OPC, this church is quite 'young' and its development was heavily influenced by Fitzherbert Wright from 1860 to 1903.

St. Matthew's Church, Pentrich

Pentrich is a village about 2 miles from The Hayes. St Matthew's dates back to 1175, where a significant amount of the Norman building still remains. It is a small church with 5 beautiful stained glass windows and interesting memorials. It is said that Mary Queen of Scots attended the church several

times while being imprisoned at nearby Wingfield Manor, a medieval manor house that was the home of the Earl of Shrewsbury, husband of Bess of Hardwick. The story goes that Mary arrived on horseback and tethered the horse to the porch.

Butterley Trains

Adjacent to Butterley station is a heritage steam and diesel museum with some working trains. It is 2 miles from The Hayes and has a large free car park and café.

All Saints Church, Ripley

Ripley is a small town within Amber Valley and about 3 miles from The Hayes. All Saints was built to provide for the spiritual and social needs of the people of Ripley during the Industrial Revolution and dedicated in 1821. It was formerly part of the parish of St Matthew's, Pentrich. The church houses a stunning stained glass window in the chancel, depicting the crucifixion of Christ.

Denby Pottery Village

Home of the famous pottery with shops, craft exhibitions and a café. It is about 5 miles from The Hayes in the direction of Derby.

Crich Tramway Village

A spectacular working museum of city trams - dating from the 1880's onwards and some 6 miles from The Hayes. Rides are available along the track within an old quarry site and with magnificent views.

Heage Windmill

Overlooking the village of Nether Heage, there is an 18th century windmill that was fully restored to working order in 2011. It is just 4 miles from The Hayes and open to visitors on Saturdays & Sundays. The windmill was the subject of a visit from the 'Hairy Bikers' in 2011 and recorded for TV (*see photo below*).



D. H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire

D. H. Lawrence was born in Eastwood, in 1885 and lived in several small houses in this village, which is approximately 8 miles from The Hayes.

Cromford Mills (Arkwright's Mill)

Dating back to 1771, this mill was built by Sir Richard Arkwright and is the world's first water-powered cotton spinning mill and a cornerstone of the Industrial Revolution. It is located around 10 miles from The Hayes and visitors are able to explore the mill yard, workers village and visit the inevitable shop and café.

Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath

Matlock Bath is about 12 miles from The Hayes and somewhat of a tourist attraction. Here visitors can find a scenic cable car ride over the Derwent Valley to the high point for walking trails etc.

Hardwick Hall

Sited on a hilltop between Chesterfield and Mansfield and 15 miles from The Hayes. Hardwick Hall was built in the late 16th century in the Renaissance style for Bess of Hardwick. In her time, Bess was the richest woman in England after Queen Elizabeth 1 and the house became a statement of her wealth and power. Bess was also involved in the construction of Chatsworth House and thus Hardwick became a secondary home. The descendants of Bess, the Dukes of Devonshire, retained ownership of Hardwick Hall until it was eventually acquired by the State and handed over to the National Trust in 1956. The site is administered by English Heritage for the National Trust and open to the public.

Haddon Hall

This historic house is between Matlock and Bakewell about 17 miles from The Hayes. With over 900 years of history, Haddon Hall is one of the oldest historic houses in the country and remarkably has been the home of the Manners family since the outset. It is open to the public.

Bakewell

Bakewell is the largest market town of the Peak District National Park. Most famous for Bakewell Tart and Pudding, it is 20 miles from The Hayes.

Chatsworth House and Estate

Chatsworth is probably Britain's most stunning country house and estate. The home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire has been in the Cavendish family since the 16th century. The house and garden were first constructed by Sir William Cavendish and Bess of Hardwick and the formal gardens later designed by Joseph Paxton. The house and gardens are open to the public and located about 20 miles from The Hayes.

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IN TOUCH

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you would like to see in YOUR monthly Church magazine.

Yes, it is yours!

Please send us your suggestions as to how we can make **In Touch** even better than it is already. And let us know if you would like to contribute something.

What about "**In the Hot Seat**", or "**A Day in the Life of...**" or "**My Favourite Bible Verse**"?

Maybe you'd like to write a poem or a prayer or something in our new series about "**God's Wonderful Creation**"?

We would also love to hear your family news such as birthdays and anniversaries or anything interesting; also, to see some of your family photographs.

■ Whatever you would like to share with us please bear in mind that for it to be included in next month's **In TOUCH** we must hear from you as below:

Keep in Touch

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you'd like to see in *your* monthly Church magazine.

If you've got something you would like to share with us in the April edition of In Touch, please send it to our editor,

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no later than

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