

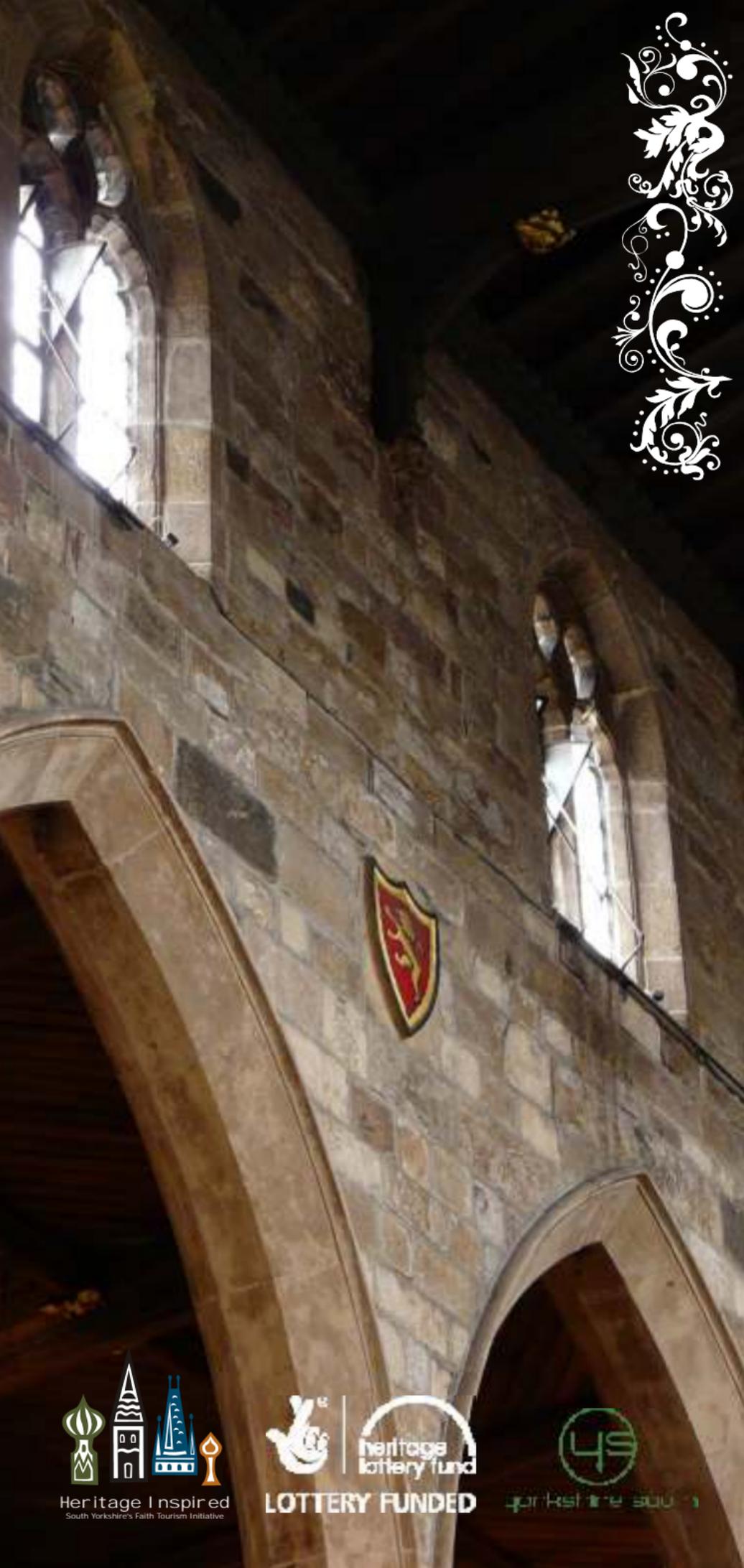
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for the holy trail



**explore hidden gems
and discover treasure houses of history
in south yorkshire's heritage churches**

HERITAGE INSPIRED: south yorkshire's faith tourism initiative



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LET US INSPIRE YOU!

Feast your eyes on our wonderful faith heritage. You'll find many inspirational places to visit and events to experience.

Churches, chapels, mosques, gurdwaras, synagogues and other faith sites are literally 'treasure houses' of history.

Very few ancient sites are built in the style of one architectural period, and their history can be traced through the jigsaw of architectural styles.

Faith sites are the keepers of community heritage.

Churchyards, in particular, are a veritable 'who's who' of the area. In addition, they are also keepers of traditions and rites that may have been practiced for generations.

There are around 10,000 faith sites of medieval origin in the UK. They were all built for the same purpose, but no two are the same. Each offers a new experience, and subsequent visits often reveal new secrets.

South Yorkshire has a wonderful heritage of faith buildings peppered across the countryside and nestling in our towns.

Why not come and explore them with us!

discover heritage that inspires the world...

Sheffield Cathedral



POETRY IN STONE



Our magnificent major churches are rich in culture and heritage.

Explore them and you will discover their spectacular architecture, social heritage and tranquil spaces.

Sheffield Cathedral

Come to explore, pray, search, marvel or ponder. Lovers of art, architecture and music are all welcome in one of Sheffield's oldest buildings, the ancient heart of this great city.



Silkstone All Saints & St James the Greater

Known as the 'Minster of the Moors' since the 12th century.

A warm welcome awaits at this beautiful, ancient church, which is well worth discovery.



Conisbrough St Peter

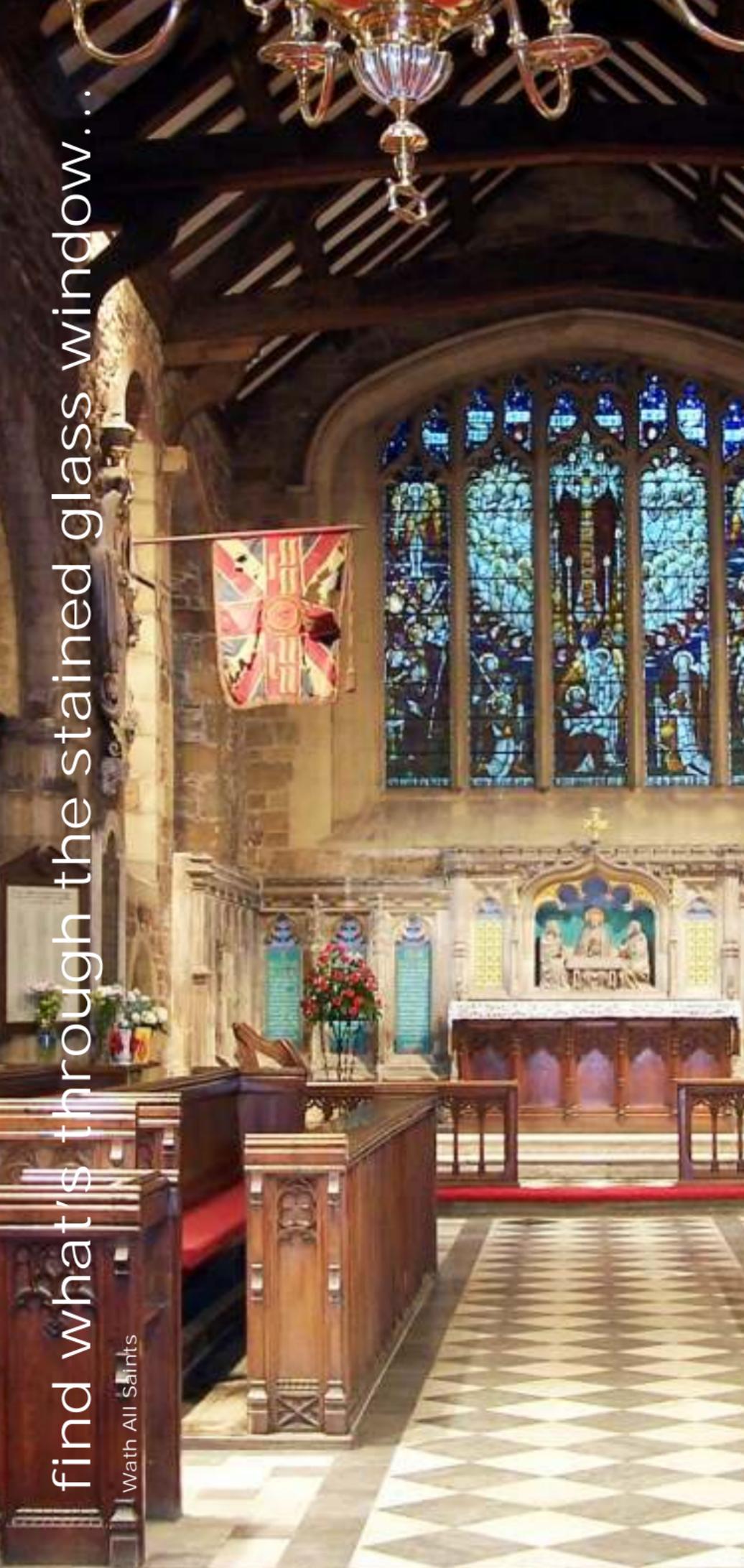
An 8th century Saxon welcome awaits you!

The oldest building in South Yorkshire has a lovely 'across the centuries' feel and much to explore.



find what's through the stained glass window...

Wath All Saints





TREASURE HOUSES OF HI STORY



Churches and other faith sites are literally 'treasure houses' of history - containing ancient carvings both in stone and timber, wall paintings, green men, roof bosses, gargoyles and dripstone heads, tombs and monuments, stained glass and more.

Wath All Saints

A church has stood on this spot for more than 1000 years. Saxons, Normans, Tudors, Elizabethans and Victorians have left their mark on it - there is much to explore!



Royston St John

The church was built by the monks of Monk Bretton Priory, and consecrated in 1234. Most of the present building is 15th century and has many things to see.



Wales St John the Baptist

This ancient church has an impressive 12th century doorway with a fine tympanum and band of carved human and bird heads. There are also 'green men' and other carvings.



a breath of fresh air in God's own county...

Bradfield St Nicholas





the way to heaven



South Yorkshire is blessed with clusters of pretty villages nestled in wide open spaces of some of the finest natural landscapes in the UK. Tucked away within this setting are beautiful village churches.

Bradfield St Nicholas

A beautiful 15th century church in the Peak District, with many interesting features. Original features date from 1109, and include a carved Saxon cross from the 9th century.



Fishlake St Cuthbert

Discover the ancient church of St Cuthbert, in the lovely village of Fishlake. The church boasts a wonderful Norman doorway, from 1170. It is adorned with rich sculpture.



Midhopestones St John the Baptist

In a hamlet high in the Pennines is St James - a tiny rugged church, surrounded by a picturesque graveyard. All have been welcome since the foundations were laid around 1360.



the footsteps of our ancestors



Follow in the footsteps of our ancestors and delight in any church crawlers dream... lots of wonderful ancient churches to visit, explore, discover and experience!

There are many ways to visit our churches and many things to discover. Whether you fancy a stroll around a pretty churchyard, enjoy reading interesting inscriptions on monuments or want to immerse yourself in prayer soaked walls - it's all here for you!

ARCHITECTURE

Ancient Saxon remains can be found at many of our churches, including Conisbrough St Peter and Laughton All Saints.

Fishlake St Cuthbert boasts one of the finest Norman doorways in the country and Penistone St John has a wonderful collection of early Medieval roof bosses. There is stained glass by Kempe and furniture by Mousey Thompson. Whatever floats your architectural boat, can be found here!



Worsbrough St Mary

PILGRIMAGE

From pre-Christian worship sites through ancient churches to modern buildings of other faiths we have much to inspire and nourish your spiritual soul.



Barnsley St Edward the Confessor

where the present meets the past

Illuminate your past on a voyage of discovery into ours. Churches are a living part of the community they serve, not just a historic monument. They can give you a very real sense of a continuing link with the past.



South Yorkshire is a great place to explore your family history, and what could be better than finding your roots in one of our beautiful heritage faith buildings. Reach out and touch your past, through the handwritten records of your ancestors in the place where they were created!

Our area is also home to the heritage of all of us, through links with national and international figures.

Some of our villages were home to the Pilgrim Fathers - the founding fathers of America who sailed on the Mayflower. Babworth All Saints was home to Richard Clyfton, the preacher whose teachings started the pilgrim movement and was regularly visited by William Bradford from nearby Austerfield, Governor and Historian of Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts.

Upper Wincobank Udenominational Chapel was visited by William Wilberforce, the leader of the movement to abolish the slave trade. His great-grandson was Rector at Babworth All Saints.



Babworth All Saints

a stroll through time

Our heritage faith sites are blessed. They are set within some of the finest natural landscapes in the country, and to visit is to discover the past, present and future of our place within them.

Our villages are great places to start, and often have a local pub serving wholesome homemade food. Some even have local ales!

If feeling the earth beneath your boots or bike is your thing, you are in for a treat. South Yorkshire has hundreds of miles of well maintains paths and bridleways to explore.

If you would like some ideas then request one of our walk leaflets, which contain not only a well laid out route, but also information about local heritage and places to visit. The Six Churches Walk is just one of a selection, which visits a number of open churches including Brampton Bierlow Christ Church, Wath All Saints and others.

Don't forget that the Trans Pennine Trail and the National Cycle Network pass right by many of our churches, and a walk or ride along these routes can also be a chance to explore some hidden gems!



events



South Yorkshire has an ancient and varied heritage. Our landscape and buildings show evidence of invasion, battles, faith, settlement, peace and the everyday life of local people. HERITAGE INSPIRED organises three large events every year, giving you the chance to explore many of our wonderful heritage faith sites.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

BARNSELEY 6th & 7th June 2009
SHEFFIELD 13th & 14th June 2009
DONCASTER 20th & 21st June 2009
ROTHERHAM 27th & 28th June 2009

Join us each year in JUNE for a month of open days at our hidden gems of architecture and social heritage across South Yorkshire.

Explore rarely open churches, chapels and other heritage faith sites. Enjoy events and activities and tuck into some yummy homemade cakes and other refreshments!

Keep an eye on our website or give us a ring for up to date details of this event, including sites taking part, opening times and events.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

10th - 13th September 2009

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

In South Yorkshire it's your chance to explore lots of sites over one weekend, and experience activities organised especially for this event.

Keep an eye on our website or give us a ring for up to date details of this event, including sites taking part, opening times and events.

MULLED WINE & MUSIC

26th December 2009

Join one of three walks from Maltby, Laughton and Firbeck which meet up at atmospheric Roche Abbey for mulled drinks, mince pies, brass band and carol singing before walking back!

For more information check our website or give us a ring.

Many of our heritage faith sites organise wonderful events throughout the year. For information about concerts, exhibitions, flower festivals and much more please check our website or give us a ring to join our mailing list.



directory



For more information about the churches included in this directory, or to request copies of our other publications please ring 0845 6529634 or visit www.heritageinspired.org.uk where you can find detailed information about each church and download all our publications.

For more information about accessibility, opening times or to book a guided tour or school trip please ring the church.

For more information about visiting other heritage sites in South Yorkshire, or to book accommodation of all types please visit www.yorkshiresouth.com

Please bear in mind that although this leaflet lists opening times for each site, they are all working buildings and may be closed on some days for special occasions. If you are really keen to visit a particular site please telephone in advance to make sure that it will be open.

babworth all saints

OPEN: May-September, Saturdays, 1:30pm-4:30pm

A quintessential English parish church, around 900 years old although most of the building dates from the 15th century. There is furniture by Robert 'Mousey' Thompson. Babworth is known for its connection with the Pilgrim Fathers. Richard Clyfton was Parson here 1586 - 1605.

[Bridle Path, Babworth, Nottinghamshire](#)

Telephone: 01777 702417

barndun st peter & st paul

OPEN: May-September, Saturday & Sundays, 2pm-4pm

This beautiful village church is mainly 14th century, although the tower is 13th century. There are wonderful gargoyles and figure heads.

Inside, the arcades are late 13th century, behind the altar is a carved stone reredos and the sanctuary floor has beautiful Victorian tiles.

[The Grove, Barnby Dun, Doncaster, DN3 1EB](#)

Telephone: 01302 882835

www.barnbydunparishchurch.co.uk

barsley st edward the confessor

OPEN: May-October, Wednesdays, 10:30am-3:30pm

We look forward to welcoming you to St Edwards, built in 1902 in the Early English style. There is much to see including the carved font and pulpit, and the magnificent west window showing the ship of the church approaching Jerusalem. There is a carved alabaster reredos.

[Racecommon Road, Kingstone, Barnsley, S70 6JY](#)

Telephone: 01226 203986

www.stedwards-barnsley.org.uk

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OPEN: Everyday, 9am-dusk

This beautiful 15th century church is set in Sheffield's Peak District, and has interesting features from an 1109 church, including a carved 9th century Saxon cross. There is much to see including stained glass, carved pulpit, camber beam roof and the original Norman font.

Jane Street, High Bradfield, Sheffield, S6 6LG

Telephone: 0114 285 1225

www.achurchnearyou.com/bradfield-st-nicholas

br ampton bier l ow chr ist church

OPEN: Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am-12pm

Christ Church was built in 1855 in the Decorated style. The windows have delicate tracery and beautiful stained glass, some by Whitefriars. The top of one pillar boasts a cow eating grass (a 'green man'?) and the face of a milk maid. There is a much admired rood screen.

Melton High Street, West Melton, Wath Upon Dearne, Rotherham, S63 6AN

Telephone: 01709 873210

cantley st wil fr id

OPEN: Wednesdays, 10am-12pm

Parts of the church are 11th and 12th century with the tower being 14th century. St Wilfrid's is one of the finest examples of the early work of Sir Ninian Comper, who created the atmosphere of a medieval parish church with elaborate rich decoration, rood screen, reredos and more.

Church Lane, Cantley, Doncaster, DN4 6QR

Telephone: 01302 535967

www.stwilfridscantley.co.uk

conisbrough st peter

OPEN: Everyday, 9am-4pm

The oldest building in South Yorkshire, built in Saxon times (c740-750AD). From 1100 the church was extended until 1450. There are many features, including the 'hagioscope' and 'lychnoscope', a medieval altar slab and two 13th century stained glass windows.

Church Street, Conisbrough

Telephone: 01709 862108

www.stpetersconisbrough.co.uk

dar ton all saints

OPEN: Easter-September, Saturdays, 10am-12pm

The church was built in 1480 and is virtually unaltered. Discover the elements of two older churches, including a Norman font base and medieval stone altar. There are magnificent carvings including poppy heads in the choir stalls, the 'imp', roof bosses and four 'green men'.

Darton, Barnsley, S75 5NQ

Telephone: 01226 384596

www.acny.org.uk/venue.php?V=18086

dinnington st leonard

OPEN: Monday-Saturday, 10am-12pm

St Leonard's is an 18th century church, which contains the remains of much earlier buildings. The church contains the wonderful glass and wood Miners Memorial Screen. There is stained glass by Kempe and interesting memorials covering the history of village life.

Church Lane, Dinnington, S25 2PQ

Telephone: 01909 562335

www.dinningtonandlaughtonunitedbenefice.com

finningley holy trinity

OPEN: Wednesdays, 1:30pm-4:30pm

A delightful medieval church, surrounded by an award-winning churchyard, managed for conservation. The bell tower was built around 1080, the main nave around 1280. There is much to see, including 23 painted roof bosses and 700 year old coffin lids.

Rectory Lane, Finningley, Doncaster, DN9 3DA

Telephone: 01302 770268

www.fabparish.org.uk

fishlake st cuthbert

OPEN: Everyday, dawn-dusk

Tradition says that the remains of St Cuthbert rested in Fishlake during the Viking invasions. The church is famous for its Norman doorway from 1170. It is richly adorned with sculpture. There is much to see, including a rood screen from 1500 and a priest's stall from 1616.

Church Lane, Fishlake, DN7 5JW

Telephone: 01302 841396

www.benefice-of-fishlake-sykehouse-kirkbramwith-fenwick-moss.co.uk

harthill all hallows

OPEN: Summer, 10am-6pm & Winter, 10am-4pm

Harthill's first church was built in 1085. It was enlarged in the 12th and 16th centuries. Inside is splendid, with carved Italian woodwork. The nave roof has bosses and green men and the east window is by Kempe. The church contains the tomb of the first Duke of Leeds.

Union Street, Harthill, S26 7YG

Telephone: 01909 771369

Hatfield st Lawrence

OPEN: Wednesday & Saturday, 2pm-4pm

This Norman church dates from 1150, with later additions. There are Norman lancet windows and 13th century nave arcades. There are many things to see, including stained glass by Kempe, a finely carved chancel screen and a massive Norman iron bound dug-out chest.

Station Road, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6QE

Telephone: 01302 840280

www.hcol.co.uk

KILLAMARSH ST GILES

OPEN: Saturday, 9am - 11:30am

The church dates from the 12th century and Norman chevron carving can be seen around the entrance. There are many items of interest, including the Norman font and beautiful stained glass windows, including a medieval stained glass window.

Kirkcroft Lane, Killamarsh, S21 1BS

Telephone: 0114 248 2769

www.stgiles-killamarsh.org

LAUGHTON ALL SAINTS

OPEN: April-December, third Thursday in month, 10am-12pm

All Saints dates back to Saxon times, although the present church was built around 1377. All Saints is famous for its Saxon doorway, which is often described as the most spectacular piece of Saxon architecture in South Yorkshire. The spire is one of the most beautiful of any village.

Church Corner, High Street, Laughton-en-le-Morthen, S25 1YB

Telephone: 01909 563681

<http://www.dinningtonandlaughtonunitedbenefice.com>

MIDHOPESTONES ST JAMES

OPEN: Everyday, dawn-dusk

Set in a hamlet, high in the Pennines, St James' is a tiny rugged church, surrounded by a picturesque graveyard. It was built in 1360, of grey sandstone, with roof tiles of the same material. There are wonderful views over the open moors and fields.

Chapel Lane, Midhopestone, S36 4GW

Telephone: 01226 370006

OWSTON ALL SAINTS

OPEN: Summer, first Sunday in month

This lovely 12th century church is set within a tiny Domesday village. There is Norman herringbone masonry and a lovely 13th century tower. There are many things to see including medieval glass, two monuments by Chantrey and a monument to George Byard.

Stocksbridge Lane, Owston, Doncaster, Dn6 9JF

Telephone: 01302 337101

PENISTONE ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

OPEN: Thursdays, 10am-12:00pm & Saturdays, 10:15am-12pm

The market town of Penistone sits on the Trans Pennine Trail. This has been a site of prayer since 900AD, although the church dates from the 14th century and has 33 wonderful bosses, carved in 1375. The churchyard contains the St John's Sensory & Heritage Garden.

Church Street, Penistone

Telephone: 01226 370006

rotherham talbot lane

OPEN: Monday-Friday, mornings

Often called a "gem of Methodist architecture", the church was built in the neo-gothic style in 1903. The interior is magnificent, with carved woodwork, including an oak pulpit and font and a high vaulted roof. There are lovely Art Nouveau style chandeliers and stained glass.

Ship Hill, Moorgate Street, Rotherham, S60 2EY

Telephone: 01709 835037

royston st john the baptist

OPEN: Everyday, dawn-dusk (closed until May 2009 for restoration)

The church was built by the monks of Monk Bretton Priory, and consecrated in 1234. Most of the building is 15th century. The nave roof has very fine carved roof bosses, including some 'green men', and carved screens. There are fine monuments and a Saxon cross.

Church Street, Royston, Barnsley S71 4QZ

Telephone: 01226 722410

sheffield cathedral church of st peter & st paul

OPEN: Everyday, 8:45am-4:30pm

One of Sheffield's oldest buildings, the ancient heart of this great city. The Tudor monuments are magnificent, especially one commemorating the 6th Earl of Shrewsbury, husband of Bess of Hardwick and guardian of Mary Queen of Scots during her imprisonment in Sheffield.

Church Street, Sheffield, S1 1HA

Telephone: 0114 275 3434

www.sheffield-cathedral.org.uk

silkstone all saints & st james the greater

OPEN: Wednesdays, 9:30am-11:30am

The building has monastic foundations, prior to 1066. The current church is 14th century and has striking flying buttresses, pinnacles and gargoyles. There are interesting tombstones, including an intricately carved knight in armour from 1675 and the Huskar Monument.

High Street, Silkstone, S75 4JH

Telephone: 01226 791033

thurlstone st saviour

OPEN: Tuesdays, 10am-11:30am

A warm welcome awaits at this lovely church in the Pennines. Built in 1905 the church contains some wonderful woodwork and an impressive wagon roof in the chancel.

Manchester Road, Thurlstone, Sheffield, S36 9QS

Telephone: 01226 763260

upper wincobank undenominational chapel

OPEN: Tuesdays, 10:30am-12:30pm

Lovely chapel a short walk from the Ironage Hillfort. Established by two ladies - reformers and campaigners for the Abolition of Slavery. Visitors included William Wilberforce. The chapel dates from 1841.

Wincobank Avenue, Upper Wincobank, S5 6BB

Telephone: 0114 249 1027

WADWORTH ST JOHN

OPEN: Last Saturday in month, 10am-12pm

The main body of the church is 12th century and the tower dates from the 15th century. There are two Fitzwilliam family tombs from the 15th century - one is a knight from the battle of Agincourt. There is also a double semi-effigial figure.

Church Road, Wadworth, DN11 9BG

Telephone: 01302 851974

www.wadworthloversallchurches.org.uk

wales st john the baptist

OPEN: Everyday except school holidays, 9am-4:30pm

The Norman nave and chancel now form the Lady Chapel with a beautiful arch, curious carved head and attractive roof bosses - including two 'green men'. There is an impressive 12th century doorway - with a fine tympanum and band of human and bird head

Church Street, Wales, Sheffield, S26 5LQ

Telephone: 01909 565811

www.stjohnschurchwales-kivetonpark.org

wath all saints

OPEN: Everyday, 10am-2pm

All Saints is a spectacular church, with much to see. There are remains of the Norman church, from 1150 and a Lady Chapel from 1300, including five stone heads. All Saints has an impressive collection of 16th century painted roof bosses - including animals and humans.

Church Street, Wath upon Dearne, S63 7RD

Telephone: 01709 872299

www.wathparishchurch.co.uk

WORSBROUGH ST MARY

OPEN: Wednesdays, 10am-11:15am

'Few churches in SY contain more that may delay and interest the curious inquirer'. From Saxon stonework, through the Norman chancel and 14th century nave - St Mary's looks as it did in 1450. Contains the unique double-decker tomb and figures of Sir Roger Rockley (d1553).

Worsbrough Village, Barnsley, S70 5LQ

Telephone: 01226 203933



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HERITAGE INSPIRED is a unique project, working with faith sites across South Yorkshire to promote their social, architectural and cultural heritage. For more information about us, or our partners please visit our website.

www.heritageinspired.org.uk

