

heritage INSPIRED!

South Yorkshire's faith tourism initiative

stained glass windows...

Stained glass is used to add beauty and colour to churches. Often windows show biblical scenes and saints but can also depict aspects of local life, symbolic motifs and coats of arms. Modern windows often have abstract designs.

Coloured glass has been produced since ancient times though stained glass as an art form became popular in medieval times. It was used in churches and cathedrals to enhance the beauty of the building and, along with wall paintings and carvings, to illustrate scenes from the Bible to a largely illiterate congregation.

Most medieval stained glass was lost following the Reformation and during the Civil War, when it was smashed and replaced with plain glass. In South Yorkshire, only a few full windows from this period survive though many churches have small fragments.

There was a revival in stained glass during the Victorian era and much of what we see today is from that time. In South Yorkshire churches you can find excellent examples of glass by well known designers such as William Morris, Charles Eamer Kempe and Whitefriars.

Victorian stained glass was usually installed as a memorial to local people or to commemorate significant events. Local examples of this stained glass include that to remember mining tragedies, church anniversaries, millennium celebrations and war memorials.

Next time you visit a church, take time to admire the beautiful colours of the stained glass and discover the stories behind them! Our Heritage Festival in June is a great opportunity to discover and explore a wide variety of designs and styles.



Medieval Glass @ Ecclesfield St Mary



William Morris & Co @ Elsecar Holy Trinity



Modern Glass @ Rotherham Bridge Chapel

HERITAGE INSPIRED is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. We work with partner sites to promote their social, architectural and cultural heritage. We produce interpretation leaflets and publicity, organise events and activities and support volunteers. If you would like to be involved we would love to hear from you.

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If so (or if you want to be removed from our list), please contact us.

heritage festival

June 2009

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.

JOIN US... for four weekends of open days at our hidden gems of architecture and social heritage. There are 75 fascinating and beautiful churches open over four weekends.

BARNSELEY

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June 2009

SHEFFIELD

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June 2009

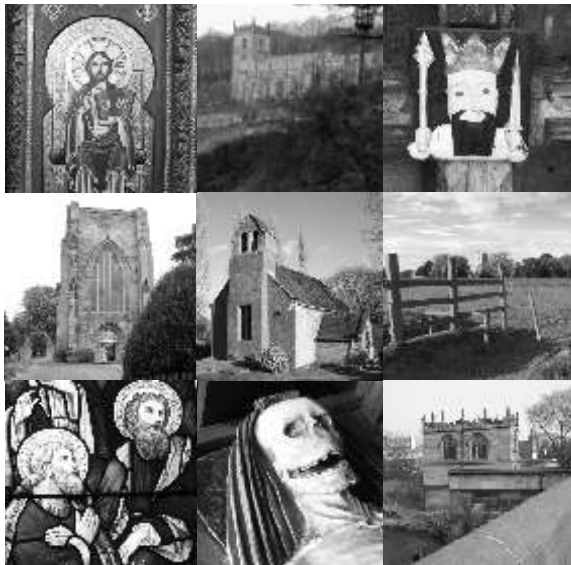
DONCASTER

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June 2009

ROTHERHAM

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June 2009

Enjoy one weekend or all four!



EXPLORE

Sit back, relax and enjoy the countryside! Join local expert Pat McLaughlin on a guided coach tour, visiting some of our fascinating and beautiful ancient churches.

Each trip will last a full day, and there are two to choose from: **BARNSELEY EXPLORE** on Saturday 6th June will visit Royston, Darton All Saints, Cawthorne All Saints, Silkstone All Saints & St James and Penistone St John. **DONCASTER EXPLORE** on Saturday 20th June will visit Campsall St Mary, Burghwallis St Helen, Owston All Saints, Marr St Helen, and Sprotborough St Mary.

Each trip costs £10 per person (£7.50 all concessions) and you will need to bring a packed lunch.

Please get in touch to book or for more information.

For more information or to request a brochure detailing all the churches taking part, opening times, special events and directions please:

ring **0845 6529634**

email **info@heritageinspired.org.uk**

visit **www.heritageinspired.org.uk**

SPECIAL EVENTS

There are lots of special events taking place at our churches over the festival weekends.

They include: Flower Festivals, Strawberry Fayres, Exhibitions, Talks, Guided Tours and much much more.

Please check the full brochure for details, request one on 0845 6529634.

SUMMER FAYRES & GARDEN PARTIES



GARDEN PARTY at SWINTON ST MARGARET

Saturday 13th June 2009 at 1:00pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to our Garden Party on the vicarage field, Swinton. There will be lots of stalls and things to do!

SUMMER FAYRE at WHISTON ST MARY

Saturday 13th June 2009 at 11:00am

Everyone is welcome to our Summer Fayre in the Parish Hall. There will be a variety of stalls and homemade refreshments will be available.

GARDEN PARTY at WATH ALL SAINTS

Saturday 13th June 2009 at 2:00pm

Join us for the All Saints Garden Party in Wath Town Hall Grounds. There will be stalls, refreshments, games for children and lots more!

STRAWBERRY TEA at THRYBERGH ST LEONARD & ST PETER

Saturday 20th June 2009 at 2:00pm

Come along to our Strawberry Tea at St Leonard's & St Peter's Thrybergh Church Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh! Everyone welcome!

GARDEN PARTY at WORSBROUGH ST MARY

Saturday 27th June 2009 at 2:00pm

The Garden Party is a family affair, something for everybody. Enjoy an afternoon in our church grounds (or inside church if wet). A variety of stalls, including books, gifts, plants, tombola, side-shows, home baking and a raffle for a hamper. Finish off with scrumptious afternoon tea in the school room! Our regular visitors come early - SEE YOU THERE!

SUMMER FAYRE at HANDSWORTH ST MARY

Saturday 27th June 2009 at 1:00pm

Lots of stalls, games and entertainment. Fun day for all the family.

SUMMER FAYRE at THRYBERGH ST LEONARD & ST PETER

Saturday 27th June 2009 at 1:00pm

Everyone is welcome to St Leonard's & St Peter's Summer Fayre. It takes place in the Church Hall, Thrybergh. There will be many stalls, games, refreshments - all with a 'Summer Holiday' theme! There will also be a children's fancy dress competition.

Enjoy some summer sunshine and local hospitality at one of the many summer fairs and garden parties taking place at our partner sites this summer.

Many of our hidden gems are open for these events in the summer and it's a great opportunity to discover your local heritage as well as enjoy a great day out.



GARDEN PARTY at hoylandswaine st john the evangelist

Saturday 27th June 2009 at 2:00pm

Come along to a Garden Party in the grounds of Hoylandswaine church. Lots of things to see and do! Everyone welcome.

GARDEN PARTY at campsall st mary

Saturday 25th July 2009 at 2:00pm

The Garden Party is a brilliant opportunity to visit our beautiful church. If fine the event will be outside but if wet we will be inside the church. There will be interesting stalls - in particular a home baked stall, tombola, book stall etc. Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.



ART EXHIBITION at stannington underbank chapel

Saturday 9th May 2009 at 10:00am

Come along and enjoy a local Art Exhibition in the Underbank Schoolroom. The Schoolroom (1854) is opposite the 18th century chapel. The site is on the edge of Sheffield (on the B6076) and there are fine views of the countryside around.



PARISH WALK at tickhill st mary

Sunday 17th May 2009 at 2:30pm

Join us for the annual Rogation walk around part of the parish. This event is part of our 900th anniversary celebrations.



REENACTMENT DAY at wentworth old church

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June 2009 at 10:00am

Join us at Wentworth Old Church for a day of re-enactment with the Sealed Knot! Doncaster Waites will be also there. Lots of things to see including 17th century music and crafts.



LETWELL STREET FAYRE at Letwell st peter

Saturday 4th July 2009 at 1:30pm

There will be lots of things to see and do - including stalls, re-enactments, refreshments and games. Everyone is welcome and parking is free! The Fayre will raise funds for St Peter's.



musical events

Enjoy glorious music, played by local and visiting musicians, in wonderful surroundings.

ORGAN RECITAL at carlton st john the evangelist

Saturday 2nd May 2009 at 7:30pm

Our organ has just been restored. Come along to the Inaugural Recital by Jonathan Bielby, organist at Wakefield Cathedral. Tickets are £5 and include refreshments. Contact Fr John Hudson, The Clergy House, Church Street, Royston S71 4QZ. Email: john.hudson@uku.co.uk



STAINCROSS LADIES CHOIR at WORSBROUGH ST THOMAS

Tuesday 5th May 2009 at 7:00pm

Join us for an evening's entertainment by this very experienced choir: Staincross Ladies Choir with their conductor Anne Birkinshaw. Tickets are £3 and available from Revd Trevor Keightley on 01226 286505.

CONCERT at tickhill st mary

Saturday 9th May 2009 at 7:30pm

Come along to a concert by Anston Ladies Choir and Tickhill & District Male Voice Choir. Tickets are available on the night or on 01302 742963.



WHEATSHEAF LADIES SINGERS at CAMPSALL ST MARY

Saturday 9th May 2009 at 7:00pm

The Wheatsheaf Ladies Singers will give a concert in church.

THE SHEAF SINGERS at WARMSWORTH ST PETER

Saturday 9th May 2009 at 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of music presented by the Sheaf Singers. Tickets cost £5. Please ring 01302 853324.

MILLHOUSE GREEN MALE VOICE CHOIR at THURLSTONE ST SAVIOUR

Saturday 16th May 2009 at 7:00pm

Join us for a concert by Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir. Tickets are available from the church.

SOUTH MILFORD BRASS BAND at tickhill st mary

Sunday 31st May 2009 at 6:00pm

Join us this Whitsuntide with South Milford Brass Band. This event is part of Tickhill St Mary's 900th anniversary celebrations.



THE CUSWORTH SINGERS at BURGWALLIS ST HELEN

Friday 5th June 2009 at 7:30pm

Everyone is welcome to come along for a concert by the Cusworth Singers. Light refreshments are included.

ROTHERHAM CHORAL SOCIETY at KIMBERWORTH ST THOMAS

Friday 26th June 2009 7:00pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a summer concert by Rotherham Choral Society. For further details contact Sandra Allonby on 01709 563811.



WORSBROUGH BRASS BAND at WORSBROUGH ST THOMAS

Friday 3rd July 2009 at 7:00pm

As part of the Feast of St Thomas, join us for a concert by Worsbrough Brass Band at 7pm. Tickets are £3 and available from Revd Trevor Keightley on 01226 286505.



KILLAMARSH SILVER BAND at KILLAMARSH ST GILES

Saturday 18th July 2009 at 7:30pm

Killamarsh Silver Band will be performing a concert in the Church Hall, Sheepcote Road, Killmarsh.



the english mystery plays at MONK BRETTON PRIORY

Monday 29th June - Saturday 11th July 2009

With its brooding, gothic atmosphere, Monk Bretton Priory is the perfect setting for a summer evening's production of England's world renowned 'Medieval Mystery Plays'.

For centuries, people have been thrilled by the theatre of Mystery Plays, and in 2009 the only place in the UK where you will be able to experience a unique cycle of authentic outdoor English Mystery Plays will be Monk Bretton Priory. This spellbinding venue will provide the backdrop for a series of plays, the likes of which preceded, and eventually inspired, William Shakespeare himself.

Barnsley's Secret Theatre Company's production of 'The English Mystery Plays' has been written by local playwright and BBC broadcaster John Kelly, and with a cast featuring the internationally acclaimed actor Patrick Stewart, as the Voice of God.

For more information and to book tickets please visit: www.englishmysteryplays.com



two villages festival at SILKSTONE ALL SAINTS

Friday 3rd July - Sunday 5th July 2009 at 10:00am

Come along to the annual Two Village Festival with lots to see and do. There will be a conducted walk the previous week as part of the Silkstone Waggonway 200th anniversary celebrations, please contact Jim Ritchie (Roggins Local History Group) on 01226 790965.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW at SYKEHOUSE HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 2nd August 2009 at 9:00am

Join us at the popular Sykehouse Agricultural Show! There will be many things to see including show jumping, cattle, sheep, horticultural and agricultural displays, arts and craft stalls, farm produce, refreshments and much much more! Visit www.sykehouseshow.org.uk for more!

festivals

What could be better than getting out and about into some of our pretty villages for the local festival! From flowers to open gardens to music and more, why not explore what's going on?



BRADFIELD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC at BRADFIELD ST NICHOLAS

Saturday 27th June - Saturday 4th July 2009

Performers will include: Sheffield City Opera, Meirion Ensemble, Julian Lloyd-Webber, Emma Johnson, Phillip Dukes, John Lenehan, Sheffield Schools Big Band, Wihan String Quartet of Prague, Gilbert & Sullivan Singers.

For information please visit www.bradfieldfestivalofmusic.co.uk



FLOWER FESTIVAL at WORSBROUGH ST THOMAS

Saturday 4th July - Sunday 5th July 2009

We are holding a Flower Festival Weekend to celebrate the Feast of St Thomas. The church will be open Saturday and Sunday and for a concert on Friday evening. There will be refreshments available. This event is part of the St Thomas' Church 150th anniversary celebrations.

FLOWER FESTIVAL at OWSTON ALL SAINTS

Friday 10th July - Sunday 12th July 2009

All are welcome to come along to our annual Flower Festival in July. This year is the 40th anniversary of the Festival and the theme is "Forty Years in Flowers" where arrangements will be displayed to mark some of the themes from past years. There will be refreshments sold each day. Admission is free but there will be a small charge for the programme. For information please contact Festival Chairperson Rita Jones on 01302 726381.

GARDEN FESTIVAL at SYKEHOUSE HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 12th July 2009

Come along to our Garden Festival! Lots of things to see and do - programmes available from church. Tea and coffee will be served in the church, lunches available in the Village Hall.

FLOWER FESTIVAL at KILLAMARSH ST GILES

Friday 17th July - Monday 20th July 2009

Come along to Killamarsh St Giles' Flower Festival. The theme is 'The Life of Christ' and refreshments will be served throughout the festival.



ANNIVERSARIES

Several of our churches are celebrating significant anniversaries this year!

Bradfield St Nicholas and Tickhill St Mary are both celebrating an amazing 900 years, Worsbrough St Thomas is celebrating its 150th anniversary and Thrybergh St Peter has been serving its community for 100 years.

All these churches are organising special anniversary events. You can find out what is going on by visiting the events section at www.heritageinspired.org.uk

the sealed knot

The Sealed Knot, the English Civil War re-enactment society, is visiting Treeton!

There will be battle reconstructions, displays and much more. St Helen's Church will participate and be open during this weekend for visitors and special services.

Details are still being finalised - more information will be posted on our website.



can you help?

Would you like to be involved in fun activities, helping HERITAGE INSPIRED to promote your local site. From managing the project, to helping prepare for events, to making to tea for volunteers - there is a role for everyone who would like to be involved. We also offer work placements to students and anyone wanting to get back into work or just looking for an excellent addition to your CV.

heritage inspired

Can you believe it? We are now half way through our five year project - working with heritage faith sites across South Yorkshire.

If you represent a heritage faith site, make sure you are making the most of us whilst we are here!

If you have any suggestions for activities or events we would be pleased to hear them. Just get in touch!

the churches conservation trust

This year is the 40th birthday of the Churches Conservation Trust. The trust cares for 340 historic churches cared for by the Trust across the country, including five churches in South Yorkshire.

The trusts work is bringing churches back into the heart of the community, protecting their historical significance and opening them up to local communities for wider use from nursery groups to circus schools.

If you would like more information about the trust please visit:

www.visitchurches.org.uk

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