

heritage INSPIRED!

South Yorkshire's faith tourism initiative

SYMBOLISM...

Our ancient churches and cathedrals were built for congregations of devout but uneducated people. For centuries most people, including large numbers of the aristocracy, were illiterate. For those who could read and write, and were wealthy enough to afford books, the only ones available were painstakingly copied by hand - usually by monks.

Consequently, churches and cathedrals became very colourful 'picture books', full of wall paintings, stained glass and statues each telling stories from the bible or of the lives of individual saints and martyrs. Priests used them, and the symbols within them, as 'visual aids' to explain the stories from the bible to their congregations.

A symbol is a sign or a picture or a thing that stands for something else, and can very usefully be used as a kind of shorthand - a picture tells a thousand words! Today when we read a book, the words help us to form a picture of the events we are reading about; in ancient times, when the congregation looked at the pictures or statues, they were reminded of the words of the priest telling them the stories they represented.

Churches are full of symbols, all of which would have been instantly recognisable to our forefathers, but which we today may not be so familiar with.

One good example is a female figure carrying or standing beside a wheel. On seeing this in stained glass or as a carving, our ancestors would immediately recognise St Catherine and recall the grisly story of her martyrdom on a burning wheel (which we still commemorate on bonfire night).

Similarly, we are all familiar with the four Evangelists - Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, who are portrayed in symbolic form in many churches. Matthew is shown as a winged man, Mark as a winged lion, Luke as a winged bull and John as an eagle.

Looking for such symbolism is both interesting and good fun for avid church explorers. The great thing is that modern churches as well as ancient churches usually have a good supply for us to peruse!

If you would like a great introduction to symbolism in our local churches, why not come along to one of our heritage talks!



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.

Would you like **heritage INSPIRED!** FREE to your door?
Or could you receive it by email (saving us money for other projects and activities)?
If so (or if you want to be removed from our list), please contact us.

heritage festival

JUNE 2010

Churches, chapels, mosques, gurudwaras, synagogues and other faith sites are 'treasure houses' of history. They contain carvings, wall paintings, green men, roof bosses, gargoyles and heads, monuments, stained glass and more. Very few ancient sites are built in the style of one architectural period. Their history can be traced through a jigsaw of architectural styles. Faith sites are also keepers of community heritage - churchyards are a veritable 'who's who'.

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 67 fascinating and beautiful churches open over four weekends.

BARNSELEY

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th June 2010

There are 21 heritage faith sites open in Barnsley.

SHEFFIELD

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th June 2010

There are 11 heritage faith sites open in Sheffield.

DONCASTER

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th June 2010

There are 22 heritage faith sites open in Doncaster.

ROTHERHAM

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June 2010

13 heritage faith sites open in Rotherham.

Enjoy one weekend or all four!

For more information or to request a brochure detailing all the churches taking part, opening times, special events, accessibility information 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.

EXPLORE COACH TRIPS

Sit back, relax and enjoy the countryside!

Join Pat McLaughlin on a guided coach tour, visiting some of our fascinating and beautiful ancient churches. Pat's enthusiasm is infectious and his knowledge incredible, as the thousands of people who come to his heritage talks agree. Now he is taking to the road, ready to explore in a lighthearted and enjoyable way!

Each trip will last a full day, so please bring a packed lunch to enjoy a 'picnic in the pews' at one of our wonderful churches.

BARNESLEY explore

Join Pat on a trip around some of Barnsley's hidden treasures. Visiting Barnsley St Edward, Worsbrough St Mary, Tankersley St Peter and Barnsley St Peter. Explore ancient churches and discover wonderful memorials and stained glass.

Saturday 5th June 2010: 10.30am - 4.30pm

Cost: £10 per person

Pick-up Points: 10.30am Eldon Street (opposite Odeon Cinema) OR 10.45am Barnsley St Edward

ROTHERHAM explore

Join Pat on a trip around some of Rotherham hidden treasures. Visiting Harthill All Hallows, Thorpe Salvin St Peter, Todwick St Peter & St Paul and Treeton St Helen. Discover unique and celebrated carving in Rotherham's ancient deep south.

Saturday 26th June 2010: 9.15am - 3.45pm

Cost: £10 per person

Pick-up Points: 9.15 am Eastwood Wks, Rotherham OR 9.30am Corporation Street, Rotherham

WEST LINDSEY explore

Join Pat on a trip around some of West Lindsey's hidden treasures. Visiting Saxilby St Boltoph, Stow St Mary, Coates by Stowe St Edith and Knaith St Mary. Discover one of the most important Saxon churches in England, a nunnery and many hidden treasures, including medieval carvings and beautiful stained glass!

Saturday 15th May 2010: 9.30am - 4.30pm

Cost: £12.50 per person

Pick-up Points: Mexborough Train Station



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE explore

Join Pat on a trip around some of north Nottinghamshire's hidden treasures. Visiting Scofton St John, Worksop Priory, Carlton-in-Lindrick St John and Blyth Priory. Discover Saxon & Norman architecture, two monastic priories, see incredible decoration (including a rare 'Doom' painting) and fascinating effigies.

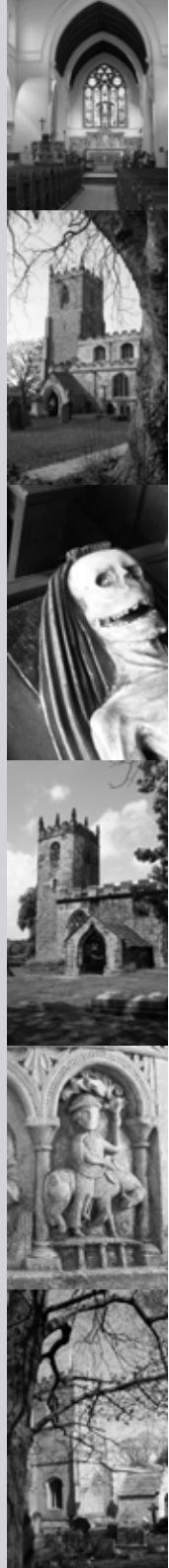
Saturday 3rd July 2010: 9.15am - 4.15pm

Cost: £12.50 per person

Pick-up Points: 9.15 am - Eastwood Wks, Rotherham OR 9.30am Corporation Street, Rotherham

HOW TO BOOK

To book please send a cheque (payable to HERITAGE INSPIRED) for the full amount, with your name(s), address & phone number to: HERITAGE INSPIRED, Mexborough Resource Centre, Dolcliffe Road, Mexborough, S64 9AZ. We will send your tickets and full details by return mail.



heritage talks

FREE & EVERYONE WELCOME!

We would love to introduce you to some of South Yorkshire's hidden gems of architecture, carving and much more. There are little known details in each of our heritage faith sites - we will show you where to find them and what they mean!

Join celebrated local heritage speaker Pat McLaughlin at one of our heritage talks:



| Date | Venue | Time | Talk |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 26 th May | BLYTH Priory | 1:30pm | Green Men, Gargoyles & Grotesques |
| 16 th June | DARFIELD All Saints | 1:30pm | Green Men, Gargoyles & Grotesques |
| 23 th June | BARNSELY Cannon Hall | 10:30am | Gothic Architecture in SY |
| 9 th August | BAWTRY Church Hall | 1:30pm | Gothic Architecture in SY |

Each talk will last about 2 hours. There is no need to book a place, but if you would like more information about our heritage talks please give us a ring on 0845 6529634.

museums at night

epworth old rectory

Join us for our Museums at Night event on 15th May 2010 between 6pm - 10pm.

From 6pm - 8pm there will be a range of FREE activities for families and children, including puppet and magic shows, live music, 18th century school lessons, balloon modelling, juggling, outside games such as croquet, food and refreshments.

From 8pm - 10pm there will be self-guided tours of the rectory by candlelight - one of our expert guides in 18th century costume will be present in each room. The Rectory Physic Garden will be lit with guides on hand to speak about the herbal plants.

The candlelit tours cost £5 per person and advanced bookings are recommended by telephoning the Old Rectory on 01427 872268 or emailing ado@epwortholdrectory.org.uk



SIX churches walk

wentworth holy trinity

8th May 2010, meet at Wentworth Holy Trinity at 10am.

The six churches walk is a fascinating 10 mile circular route. Most of the route is along ancient footpaths and bridleways, which have been used for hundreds of years by local people and visitors alike. Light refreshments at Wath All Saints for lunch. For more information about the Six Churches Walk please visit our website.



GARDEN PARTIES & SUMMER FAYRES

GARDEN PARTY @ WORSBROUGH ST MARY

Join us on 19th June 2010 between 2pm - 4pm.

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

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY @ WADSWORTH ST JOHN

Join us for our lovely annual Vicarage Garden party on 19th June 2010 between 2pm - 4pm.

SUMMER FAYRE @ CANTLEY ST WILFRID

Join us on 19th June 2010 between 2pm - 5pm.

A warm welcome to everyone so please come along and bring your friends. Entrance is free and the church will be open. Tea & Coffee will be available throughout the day and during the Summer Fayre refreshments will be available: including afternoon teas. There will be a wide variety of stalls - cakes, craft, bric-a-brac, books, activities and much more!!

A SUMMER CELEBRATION @ KIRK BRAMWITH ST MARY

Join us for a summer celebration on 20th June from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. There will be afternoon teas on the Church Green, a celebration of flowers in Church and also "The playing of the Merry Organ" on our new organ!

STRAWBERRY FAYRE @ FISHLAKE ST CUTHBERT

Come along to our Strawberry Fair on 26th June 2010 between 2pm - 4pm and stalls on the vicarage lawn with church open for visits.

SUMMER FETE @ GREENHILL ST PETER

Join us on 3rd July 2010 between 11am - 3pm.

Come along and explore our wonderful church whilst enjoying our great summer fete! With: face painting, bottle tombola, raffle, cakes, bric a bac, books, refreshments including light lunches and other attractions.

GARDEN FESTIVAL @ SYKEHOUSE HOLY TRINITY

Explore our garden festival around the village with lunches at the village hall. Come along on 11th July between 10am - 2pm.

BRASS RUBBING

KIRK SANDALL ST OSWALD

Join us on 15th August 2010 between 12pm - 4pm for our brass rubbing activity for children. Modest charge to cover materials.

Organised by The Friends of St Oswald's Church. The group was set up to promote this architecturally important 11th century building that is now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.



FLOWER FESTIVAL

Silkstone all saints

Friday 2nd July 2010: 12pm - 8pm

Saturday 3rd July 2010: 10am - 8pm

Sunday 4th July 2010: 10am - 6pm

Monday 5th July 2010: 10am - 6pm

Tuesday 6th July 2010: 10am - 4pm

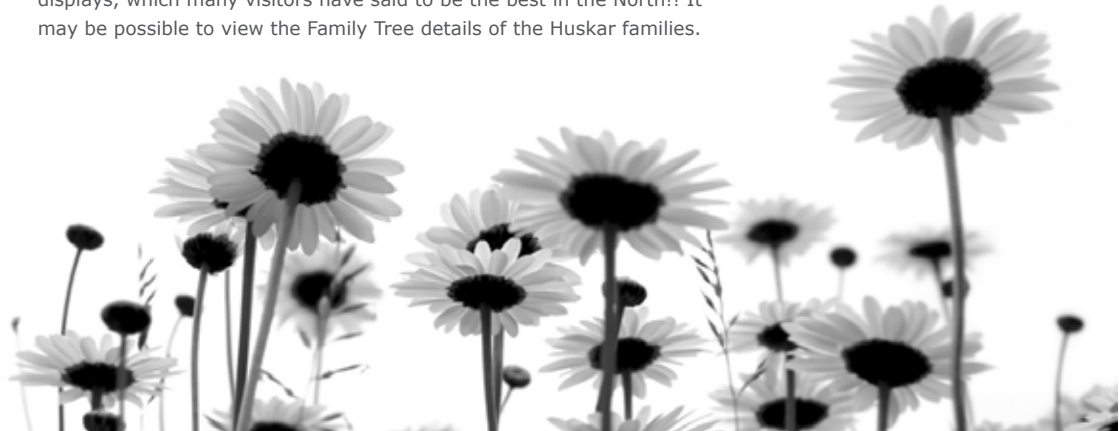
Join us for a wonderful flower festival on the theme of "THE HUSKAR PIT".

The village of Silkstone was known to the Romans up to 410AD. Ancient records show that Silkstone was founded by the Saxon Lord Aelric who erected his church on the site of the present sandstone building. It is thought to be the oldest church in Staincross wapentake and a charter shows that the church was in existence here well before the Norman Conquest.

The church building is grade I listed, and many alterations have taken place over the years, one being the re-sitting of the tower 530 years ago, from its central position to the west end. Having withstood the harsh elements over the last 1000 years, the church had needed major restoration over the past six years, including completely re-leading the roof and many improvements to the interior.

The event is to raise funds restore the stonework, glass and lead of numerous windows of the nave and north and south chapels. Flower festivals held at Silkstone church have always received great acclaim and lots of media attention, and have been viewed by 2,500 – 3000 people on each occasion. The 2010 theme is "The Huskar Pit Tragedy", but by popular demand "The Last Supper" will also be included.

We are delighted to announce that the theme will be visualised and arranged by the Worsbrough District Flower Club who have kindly volunteered their services, and we look forward to working with these very talented ladies. The vastness of "The Minister of the Moors" with its special aura and atmosphere, lends itself to the creation of some spectacular displays, which many visitors have said to be the best in the North!! It may be possible to view the Family Tree details of the Huskar families.



art & exhibitions

art show

Join us at STANNINGTON Underbank Schoolroom on 15th 15 May 2010 between 10am - 7pm for pictures and cards on display with some for sale. Refreshments available all day.

Local history exhibition

Come along to GRENOSIDE Community Centre on 15th May 2010 between 10am - 4pm. Explore our fascinating exhibition illustrating the areas past in all its aspects - work, leisure, living conditions etc. There will be various artefacts on display, including a special loan from the Newton Chambers Archive. The event is FREE, and refreshments are available. There is plenty of free parking space at the community centre.

art exhibition & sale

Join us at KIRK SANDAL St Oswald on 30th May 2010 between 12pm - 4pm for an exhibition/sale of paintings/prints by local artist Graham Duckenfield. Craft activities for children with a modest charge to cover materials. Organised by The Friends of St Oswald's Church. The group was set up to promote this architecturally important 11th century building that is now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

national archaeology month display

Join us at KIRK SANDAL St Oswald on 18th July 2010 between 10am - 4pm to celebrate National Archaeology Month with displays from the Towton Battlefield Society. Organised by The Friends of St Oswald's Church.

MUSIC & CONCERTS

TICKHILL & DISTRICT MALE VOICE CHOIR

Join us at WADWORTH St John the Baptist on 8th May 2010 at 7.30pm for a concert in aid of St John the Baptist Restoration Fund. For tickets contact fatheralun@hotmail.com It costs £750 a week to run our churches so we are asking for donations, however small or large, to help us.

MILLHOUSE GREEN MALE VOICE CHOIR & KALA LADIES CHOIR

Join us at THURLSTONE St Saviour on 18th May 2010 at 7.30pm. Listen to these talented choirs against the background of this church's brilliant acoustics!

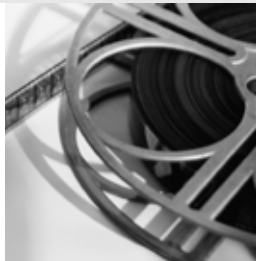
BRADFIELD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Join us at BRADFIELD St Nicholas between 19th June - 26th June 2010. The Bradfield Festival of Music is a week-long celebration of classical (and sometimes jazz) music, both by local music groups and by artists with an international reputation. The concerts are held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, High Bradfield, on the North-West corner of Sheffield. There will be concerts in church every evening at 7.30pm except Sunday 20th June when there will be a Choral Evensong at 6.30pm. www.bradfieldfestivalofmusic.co.uk

movie nights

upper denby st john the evangelist

The church organises regular movie nights, showing modern and older films. Entry is free (although donation are welcome) and refreshments are served. To find out what is showing this month please check our website: www.heritageinspired.org.uk



cherishing churchyards week

Thousands of growing churches are preparing to celebrate Cherishing Churchyards Week this June as part of the UN's International Year of Biodiversity.

During the week (Friday 18th June to Sunday 27th June) CfGA is encouraging churches to run an event to raise awareness and celebrate the treasures of their churchyard. Last year, activities included; church tower tours, scything workshops, guided walks and talks, flower identification, family events and storytelling.

the other schindlers

The Other Schindlers - Why Some People Chose to Save Jews in the Holocaust

by Agnes Grunwald-Spier (HI Volunteer)

As a baby, Agnes Grunwald-Spier was saved from the horrors of Auschwitz by an unknown official, and she is now a trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. She has collected stories from thirty individuals who rescued Jews, and provides a new insight into why these people were prepared to risk so much for their fellow men and women.

Available from all good bookshops, Amazon.co.uk or www.thehistorypress.co.uk or from

Tel: 01235 465577 at Marston Book Services

national church trust survey

The National Churches Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance) is launching a survey of the churches, chapels and meeting houses across the UK; the first of its kind. The 2010 survey will include buildings of every Christian denomination and of all ages and conditions, with the aim of understanding how they are maintained, repaired, funded and used by their local communities and thereby creating a national picture of the current status of our Christian places of worship.

All churches, chapels and meeting houses in the UK are encouraged to submit their information, share their successes and raise any concerns. The online survey includes guidance as to how to fill it in, and technical support. The survey can be found online at <http://survey.nationalchurchestrust.org>

car boot sale

Come to Thurlstone St Saviour on 3rd July at 9am and grab a bargain or two!! Prices unchanged in three years - Car £5, Table £3. Indoors if wet. Please book on 01226 763260.

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.

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