



YORKSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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NEWSLETTER

Welcome

to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust Autumn newsletter. Here you will find details of some of the many churches we have funded, a round up of events we have enjoyed over the last year, and a preview of upcoming events for 2016. We'd love to hear from you; do let us know about any events you are holding, progress on works taking place at your local church, or suggestions you have for future tours. Full contact details can be found at the back of the newsletter.

NORTH YORKSHIRE SUMMER TOUR

On 25th July 2015, over 20 Friends and members embarked on a tour in the picturesque village of Giggleswick. Trustee Jane Hedley attended the event, and gives us this account:

"We started our tour at St Alkelda's church, where we began with coffee and an excellent talk from churchwarden Raymond Jones. We heard about the recent renovations which included removing pews to make the café area and buying folding chairs to replace them when required.

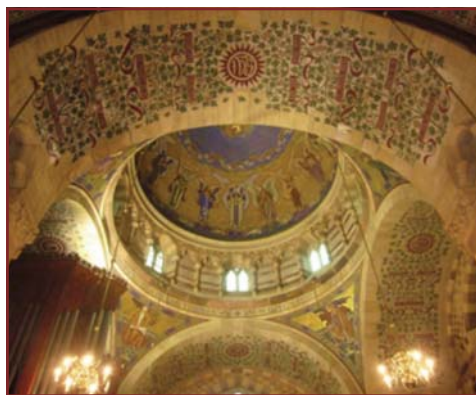


A local joiner had made superb cupboards from the pews in which they stored the chairs. There was also a bar fitted across the south door which was originally to keep out the Scots, who had come as far south as Giggleswick!



We had ample time to look around the church inside and outside before we were served a fabulous lunch. The church had got out silverware and historical documents for us to peruse, which made our visit so much more interesting.

Later we went up to see the remarkable school chapel, designed by T.G. Jackson and built to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It was a gift of Walter Morrison of Malham, and he also gave the Gatehouse Lodge and cricket pavilion, both built to Jackson's designs.



This tour was a huge success, and thanks are due to Barbara Gent, archivist at the school, and Sophie Weston who organised and ran a most rewarding day for us".

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are delighted to be able to invite members and non members alike to the programme of events we run throughout the year.

Booking details are available online at www.yhct.org.uk/events/ or by contacting Vanessa White on 07786 656883, vanbarassociates@gmail.com

Saturday 20th February 2016

South Yorkshire area group tour. Saturday at St Matthew's. This tour will explore St Matthew's and hidden gems on Carver Street, Sheffield. 10am-3.30pm, to include coffee, lunch, and tea. Friends can come to the morning or afternoon sessions or the whole day. The High Church Anglican tradition, Father Ommanney, and the Arts and Crafts in St Matthew's and further afield will all be explored. Further details below.

Saturday 23rd April 2016

North West area group church tour – location tbc. More details to follow.

Thursday 19th May 2016

The Churches Trust Forum and the National Churches Trust annual conference, run for volunteers working around the country to support places of worship, will be held in York, and in partnership with the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust.

www.nationalchurchestrust.org

Saturday 23rd July 2016

Mid Yorkshire area group church tour – Halifax, Elland, Copley, Sowerby. More details to follow.

**“WAIST NOT - WANT NOT” -
ST CUTHBERT’S RAISE MONEY AND A SMILE**



In October 2014, the Trust awarded £1500 to St Cuthbert’s church in Sessay. Nestled between Thirsk and Easingwold, Sessay is a picturesque farming village, with a primary school and a village hall. St Cuthbert’s is a William Butterfield church, built in 1847, with an attractive spire.

An annual quinquennial inspection highlighted that the East Gable was in need of urgent re-pointing and repair work.

Members of the church got together and came up with a really innovative idea to raise funds to help towards the repairs.

Church members and friends were given a sealed envelope with a small fabric apron with a pocket in the centre containing a verse entitled “Waist not Want not.”

The church also raised money by selling logs from a cherry tree which was growing close to the tower had to be felled.

As a result of the YHCT award, other grants and the fantastic fundraising efforts of the local congregation and community, the re-pointing and repairs to the East Gable were completed in March 2015.



The National Churches Trust has launched ‘The Marsh Awards for Innovative Projects’, a competition to find the Christian congregations running the most innovative community projects in a church building made possible through the

installation of new facilities such as meeting spaces, kitchens, toilets or improved access.

Run with the support of the Marsh Christian Trust, the awards are designed to show the positive impact installing facilities has on churches and local communities and on harnessing the energy and enthusiasm of volunteers.

Projects can be nominated until 31 December and the winners will be announced at the Churches Trust Forum annual conference in York in May 2016 and awarded £1000.

To nominate a project please go to:

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/marsh-awards-innovative-projects/marsh-awards-innovative-projects-2015>



“This neat little apron sent to you,
And this is what we want you to do:
The little pocket you plainly see,
For a special purpose is meant to be.
Now measure your waist inch by inch,

And see the measure does not pinch.
For every inch a 50p you count,
Place in the pocket that amount.
The game is fair you will admit;
You “waist” the money, we pocket it!
The money you pocket so freely pays
The church will use in a special way.
“If your waist is a tad too broad
Just donate what you can afford”

This fantastic idea raised a considerable sum and was a lot of fun for all involved.

CHURCH	AMOUNT	LOCATION	RECENTLY AWARDED GRANTS
ALL SAINTS	£3221	KEIGHLEY	
ST MARY	£15000	MIDDLETON, LEEDS	
ST CHAD	£2000	BRADFORD	
ST OSWALD	£250	CASTLE BOLTON	
ST HELEN	£250	BILTON IN AINSTY	
TRINITY METHODIST	£3000	NETHERTON	
ST ELGIN	£3500	NORTH FRODINGHAM	
ST EDMUND	£5000	ROUNDHAY	
ST PAUL	£8000	SHIPLEY	
ST HILDA	£2000	AMPLEFORTH	
ST MARY	£2500	APPLETON WISKE	
SELBY ABBEY	£2500	SELBY	
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	£8000	MOSSLEY	
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ST OSWALD	£7000	FINNINGLEY	

23 CHURCHES, 25 MILES, 12 HOURS As the new interim Area Dean for the Allerton Deanery, The Rev Canon David Paton-Williams wanted to find a way to fit in visiting the 21 churches on his patch. Rather than take to his car over a number of days and weeks, he decided to take to his saddle and do it all in one day, raising money for Ride+Stride.

On Saturday 12th September, David donned his helmet, waterproof jacket and cycled 25 miles, visiting 23 places of worship, including a church school and St James's Hospital chapel.

David said: "It all went off very well - apart from getting a bit wet. The main ingredients were one person lending me a bike and another lending me a padded gel seat - that made all the difference! It was a very good thing to have done and I enjoyed finding one or two places I hadn't been to before, and meeting people at various churches along the route"

At the time of going to press, David had raised over £600.

David is also the Vicar at St Edmund's at Roundhay, in Leeds. The Trust awarded St Edmund's £5000 in March towards repointing and repair work, which was needed to prevent deterioration to church and to ensure it could withstand continued use and act as an important community hub in Roundhay.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the local congregation, and grants from other funders, the majority of the money needed for the repair works had been raised. The final £5000 from the YHCT has meant that the work is now well underway, and the fabric of the church will be protected for the future.



TRUSTEE NEWS

After 5 years of dedicated service, Lord Crathorne, the former Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, stepped down as Trustee in September. The Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust is indebted to Lord Crathorne for his service over the past 5 years, and are delighted that he will be staying on as a Friend of the Trust.

We welcome two new Trustees to the Board.



Fiona Le Masurier, a former speech and language therapist, and trustee and administrator of The Fox Memorial Trust, joins us, bringing with her a wealth of experience in fundraising and communications.

"I am looking forward to working with YHCT, particularly at this time when our historic churches are facing such a challenging future. The work that the Trust does is vital in ensuring that our heritage is secured for the benefit of future generations."



Roger Glister is the current Chairman of the YHCT North West area committee and brings with him over 10 years of experience of serving on the various DACs across Yorkshire.

"I am honoured to be given the opportunity to act as a Trustee for the YHCT and look forward to using my experience in helping the conservation and development of our churches".

We warmly welcome both new Trustees and look forward to working with them.

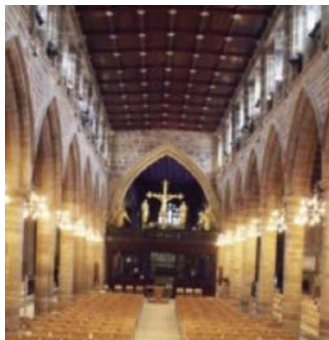
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

One of our grant recipients, Wakefield Cathedral, is looking for volunteers. This may be of interest to you, or someone you know?

Initial and ongoing training will be provided for all volunteers and you will be working alongside experienced volunteers within the friendly, supportive environment that is Wakefield Cathedral. Team rotas are in two hour slots between 10am and 4pm each weekday and from 9.30am-3.30pm Saturday.

It is important that you support the Christian ethos of Wakefield Cathedral but you do not need to be a practising Christian. Wakefield Cathedral embrace diversity and look forward to hearing from you.

Further details can be obtained: By telephone: 01924 373923 ext. 211
Via e-mail: Elizabeth.jenkins@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk
On the website: www.wakefield-cathedral.org.uk



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- To assist in The Cathedral Shop x 2
- To assist in The Cathedral Coffee Shop x 2
- To become a Welcomer in the Cathedral x 2
- To become a Heritage Tour Guide at Wakefield Cathedral and Wakefield Chantry Chapel x 2

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- A willingness to work alongside existing volunteers
- A willingness to attend training sessions
- Being reliable, honest, approachable and friendly
- An interest in Heritage/Stained Glass/Architecture/History
- Counselling skills helpful but not essential
- Liking people

Forthcoming Events - South Yorkshire Area Group

Every city centre has its hidden gem of a church. Sheffield's is St Matthew's, Carver Street. In fact, Carver Street has two fine churches. At the top is Carver Street Methodist Church (W. Jenkins, 1804). This is now The Walkabout, a themed facility for drink and food! In its day it was a famous "Conference" chapel from Wesleyan Methodism's mahogany age. Further down, and still a church, is St Matthew's (Flockton & Son, 1854-5).

Father George Ommanney was the incumbent at St Matthew's from 1882 to 1936 and was at first notorious and then famous and, at the last, loved. Ommanney was an Anglo-Catholic; Methodist Sheffield did not do Anglo-Catholicism. Ommanney caused uproar but he lasted the course and triumphed.

He transformed his church internally. It was done with taste and skill. The result is a tribute to the impact of the Arts and Crafts Movement. J.D. Sedding and Henry Wilson, men of national importance, worked on the interior in collaboration with local craftsmen, notably Frank Tory and his son and Henry Longden.

Join the South Yorkshire area group on Saturday, 20 February 2016, between 10am-3.30pm. The High Church Anglican tradition, Father Ommanney, and the Arts and Crafts in St Matthew's, Sheffield and further afield will all be explored. Full booking details available shortly, to register your interest, please contact Vanessa White.

CAFÉ CULTURE

After receiving £1500 in June 2014 for vital repairs, All Saints church in Ripley, nr Harrogate, invited the Trust to take up the 50/50 café challenge.

The 50/50 café is open every Wednesday from Easter to September, and it offers charities the chance to run the busy café at the church, with 50% of any profit made going to the charity and the remainder donated to the church.

The YHCT were delighted to take up the offer, and on Wednesday 29th July, a number of the Trustees, armed with homemade cakes, buns and biscuits, donned their aprons, rolled up their sleeves and rose to the challenge.

It was great fun, but hard work as there was plenty of washing up to do! Many supporters had baked cakes for us and we were kept busy serving for most of the day. A stream of walkers and cyclists popped in, along with a steady stream of locals who use the café most Wednesdays.

The event provided the opportunity not only to raise funds, but also awareness of the Trust. We met people from all over the UK, and as far afield as Canada.



All Saints Church



Customers at the Hatch



Enjoying our cakes

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Getting by with a little help from our Friends

Your generosity as a Friend of the Trust ensures we can help preserve, restore and repair many of the county's much loved churches, chapels and meeting houses. Since 1988, the Trust has awarded over £3m to more than 800 churches across the region.

However, these magnificent buildings will continue to need preserving, and in order to help us achieve our aim, we are always looking to make new Friends!

Friends receive newsletters, the annual report, an invite to the AGM, discounted invitations to the range of events we hold and access to a wide list of bodies that fund churches.

Please do spread the word, the more Friends we have, the more funds we are able to provide to ensure our precious churches remain standing for centuries to come.

Full details on how to join can be found at www.yhct.org.uk