

Heritage Open Days

at south yorkshire heritage faith sites



9-12 September 2010

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EXPLORE WITH US...

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 with you, in a lighthearted and enjoyable way!

The 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.

DEARNE VALLEY explore



Saturday 11th September 2010: 9.45am - 4pm

Join Pat on a trip around some of the Dearne Valley's hidden treasures. Visiting Barnburgh St Peter, Great Houghton St Michael & All Angels, Darfield All Saints, Monk Bretton Priory and Wath All Saints.

Cost: £10 per person

Pick-up Point: Mexborough Railway Station (plenty of parking)

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

BARNSLEY

Darfield All Saints (1)

www.darfieldallsaintschurch.org.uk



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

A wonderful church with parts dating to the 10th century. Many interesting details of historical significance - medieval tombstones, medieval painted ceiling, 15th century tomb, Jacobean pews and numerous Saxon carvings including a dragon.

M1 J37. At crossroads turn right. Follow road to Stairfoot roundabout. Take 2nd exit A635 towards Doncaster. Follow into Darfield. Turn right onto Nanny Marr Road, and immediate left onto School Street. Bear left onto Church Street, church on left. (SATNAV: S73 9JX)



Elsecar Holy Trinity (2)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Children's colouring corner

Holy Trinity is a lovely church, consecrated in 1843. It is built in the gothic revival style that echoes back to early medieval times. The four stained glass chancel windows are a stunning example of William Morris & Co and were installed to commemorate parishoners killed during the First World War.

M1 J36. At 1st roundabout take the 1st exit onto A61, at the 2nd roundabout take 3rd exit onto A6135. Turn left onto Hoyland Road and right onto Fearnley Road. Turn left at Wath Road, church on left. (SATNAV: S74 8HS)



Great Houghton St Michael & All Angels (3)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Children's quiz sheet
Children's drawing materials

Explore one of three existing Cromwellian churches. Built in 1650 by Sir Edward Rhodes, who was a high ranking officer in Cromwell's army. St Michael's was built as a family chapel, with a 17th century door and Jacobean box pews and pulpit. It was visited by Cromwell within the first ten years of building. The extension built in 1959 contains pews by the famous Robert Thompson, with his trademark mouse clearly visible.

M1 J36. Follow A6195 Dearne Valley Parkway. At Cathill roundabout go straight. Next roundabout go straight into Great Houghton. Church Street on left.



Grimethorpe St Luke (4)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 12pm - 3pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 3pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Exhibition on the history of St Luke's Refreshments

Built in 1904 'by the miners, for the miners'. It is a spacious, imposing church which dominates the skyline of the village. Inside there are a number of unique features: the Lady Chapel has a new altar constructed from a reclaimed medieval stone from Lady Wood; new and modern stained glass windows; a new crucifix, based on the Cimabue in Florence and painted by a well renowned Romanian artist. There are a number of memorials outside the church.

M1 J37. Take A635 towards Barnsley, then A6195 Dearne Valley Parkway following signs for Grimethorpe. Turn right into village. Church on right. (SATNAV: S72 7JA)



Hoylandswaine St John the Evangelist (5)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Registers available
Information on the William Morris windows & mural

Discover this lovely village church, built in 1867. The church has a wonderful William Morris east window and much more to see.

M1 J37. Take A628 towards Penistone. Turn right onto Barnsley Road into Hoylandswaine. Turn right onto Haigh Lane and follow through village. Church on left. (SATNAV: S36 7JJ)



Midhopstones St James (6)



www.penistonecofe.co.uk

OPENING TIMES: Friday 10th September: 2pm - 4pm
Saturday 11th September: 2pm - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 2pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Refreshments

Come and visit this beautiful hamlet, high in the Pennines north west of Sheffield. St James' is a tiny rugged church, surrounded by a picturesque graveyard. It is built of grey sandstone, with roof tiles of the same material. The foundations were laid around 1360 by the Barnby family and the churchyard has wonderful views over the open moors and hills.

M1 J36. Take A61 to Sheffield. At roundabout take 3rd exit onto A616. Follow for 6 miles, turn left at Mortimer Road (to Bradfield). Turn right onto Chapel Lane, church on right.



Monk Bretton Priory (7)



www.monkbrettonpriory.org.uk

OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 11am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Children can dress up as a monk for photos
Children's quiz

Explore this wonderful ancient site, said to be one of the best preserved Cluniac sites, founded in 1153. The gatehouse is mainly 15th century, with carved faces. The outline of the church is clear. The kitchen rooms are late 13th century. Their stone drains may be the best remains of Cluniac drainage in Europe. The site is outdoors so there will be no volunteers if it rains.

M1 J37. Onto A628 into Barnsley. At roundabout take 3rd exit. At next roundabout take 2nd exit. Next roundabout, take 4th exit onto A61 (Old Mill Lane). Right at Burton Road and right into site.



Penistone St John the Baptist (8)



www.penistonecofe.co.uk

OPENING TIMES: Thursday 9th September: 10.15am - 4pm
Friday 10th September: 10.15am - 4pm
Saturday 11th September: 10.15am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Children's quiz
Refreshments

Explore this beautiful church, mainly from the 13th century. There are many things to see, including the 15th century oak ceiling with finely carved roof bosses. Explore the sensory garden in the churchyard.

M1 J37. Follow A628 into Penistone. Left onto Bridge Street, church on left.



Shepley St Paul (9)



www.penistonecofe.co.uk

OPENING TIMES: Thursday 9th September: 10am - 3pm
Friday 10th September: 10am - 3pm
Saturday 11th September: 10am - 3pm
Sunday 12th September: 10am - 3pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Coffee morning (Saturday)
Guided tours (Thursday, Friday & Sunday, 10am - 1pm)

This lovely Victorian church was built in 1848. Although of a simple design visitors tell us of the sense of peace they get and we feel proud that this is appreciated. We have a number of stained glass windows, most noticeably the east window which depicts scenes from the life of St Paul.

M1 J37. Follow A628 to Penistone. Just after passing Hoylandswaine turn right onto A629 Halifax Road. Follow into Shepley. Take 2nd left onto Marsh Lane, church on right. (SATNAV: HD8 8AE)



Silkstone All Saints & St James the Greater (10)



OPENING TIMES: Thursday 9th September: 10am - 4pm
Friday 10th September: 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Guided tours & tower tours (children must have an adult)
Heritage presentations & exhibitions
Coal mining exhibition
Light refreshments

A church has stood on this site since prior to 1066. Cathedral like in design with numerous bosses. The Bretton Chapel contains a huge marble memorial to Sir Thomas Wentworth and his wife Grace. The box pews date from 1862 and the church boasts a wonderful 14th century chancel screen. The outside boasts flying buttresses, the Huskar Pit Disaster Monument and 3 new gargoyles.

M1 J37. Follow A628 and signs to Silkstone. (SATNAV: S75 4JH)



Thurlstone St Saviour (11)



www.penistonecofe.co.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 10am - 4pm

Friday 10th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 2pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Fair trade stall & second hand books

Refreshments

A very friendly welcome awaits you when you visit our beautiful grade II listed church. Built in 1905, it has excellent examples of carved woodwork (by local craftsmen) and a beautiful east window from the school of Kempe.

M1 J37. Follow A628 to Manchester through Thurlstone village. Church set back on right. (SATNAV: S36 9QS)



Upper Denby St John the Evangelist (12)



www.achurchnearyou.com/denby-st-john-the-evangelist

OPENING TIMES:

Friday 10th September: 9.30am - 3pm

Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Exhibition by Huddersfield Family History Society

Refreshments

Welcome to our lovely village church. There are many things to see including the tower and nave of the original 1627 church, a bell donated 1678 by Lady Mary Beaumont of Denby Hall, gallery, barrel roof, crossed rafter roof, pews, organ, chancel and memorial tablets. The family history registers date back to the mid 1800's and can be viewed by prior request.

M1 J37. Take the A628 on to Halifax Road A629 (signposted Manchester). Right on Falledge Lane B6115 to Upper Denby. Church is on left approaching Denby Lane. (SATNAV: HD8 8UN)



Wombwell St Mary (13)



www.wombwellparish.co.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Friday 10th September: 10.30am - 3.30pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 11.30am - 1pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Exhibition of photos, adverts & maps

Movie of the demolition of the Empire Cinema in 1965

Refreshments

There has been a place of worship on this site for over 800 years. However, the present church dates from 1896. It contains relics of the previous 12th church, stained glass and memorials.

M1 J36. Take A61 then A6195 Dearne Valley Parkway. At 5th roundabout left into Wombwell. (SATNAV: S73 0DQ)



Worsbrough St Mary (14)



www.wombwellparish.co.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 9.30am - 12pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Refreshments

This charming village church is thought to be 12th century. Inside it contains the unique and fascinating double-decker tomb of Sir Roger Rockley, who died in 1534. It has magnificent carving on the 15th south door. Joseph Hunter wrote 'Few churches in South Yorkshire contain more to interest the curious enquirer'. Come and see for yourself!

M1 J36. Cross motorway turn left at onto A61 towards Barnsley. In Birdwell turn right onto Worsbrough Road and follow into Worsbrough village. (SATNAV: S70 5LQ)



Wortley St Leonard (15)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 2pm

The present building dates from 1753. In the early 19th century the Earl of Wharnccliffe added a new tower, pulpit and a family vault. There are many things to see, including carved woodwork. The doors were made by Robert 'Mouseman' Thompson.

M1 J36. Take A61 towards Sheffield. At roundabout take 3rd exit onto A616. Take junction onto A629 to Wortley. Once in village church on left. (SATNAV: S35 7DR)



DONCASTER

Armthorpe St Leonard & St Mary (16)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

Explore this lovely church which is over 1000 years old in parts. There are some wonderful stained glass windows and a lovely Norman arch. The church is small in size but big in heart, and a warm welcome awaits all visitors.

M18 J4. Follow A630 to Doncaster. At 2nd roundabout turn left onto Hatfield Lane. At roundabout take 2nd exit onto Church Street. Church on left. (SATNAV: DN3 3AD)



Barnburgh St Peter (17)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 1pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Coffee morning
Concert (7pm)

This pretty country church was founded in 1150. It contains the famous Cresacre Chapel which contains the Cresacre Tomb with the 'Cat and Man' effigy - the centre of a remarkable legend. The church also has a fine collection of oak roof bosses, the remains of a Saxon or Norman cross and many hidden gems to discover.

A1(M) J36. Follow signs into Mexborough. At 2nd roundabout turn left. After houses take 2nd right. In Barnburgh turn left on Church Lane. (SATNAV: DN5 7ET)



Barnby Dun St Peter & St Paul (18)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

This lovely village church largely dates from the 14th century, although the tower is 13th century. There are many interesting features to explore.

M18 J4. Follow A630. Right at 2nd roundabout onto A18. Take 1st left and follow signs. (SATNAV: DN3 1EB)



Burghwallis St Helen (19)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 12pm - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Display of church vestments & old church records
Handbells on display & music playing
Tea, coffee, cakes & scones

Come and visit our ancient church in a lovely secluded setting. See ancient herringbone masonry set within the walls. Inside there is much to see, including a 16th century brass and lovely stained glass windows - gifts of Revd Francis Peel (related to Robert Peel, founder of the police force).

A1(M) J38. Take A638 to Doncaster. Follow signs for Adwick, Skellow, Carcroft and Burghwallis. (SATNAV: DN6 9JL)



Cadeby St John the Evangelist (20)



www.visitchurches.org.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 2pm - 4pm

An exquisite example of the work of Victorian architect George Gilbert Scott. The ceiling has a beautiful stencilled design and the naturalistic theme is repeated in the extensive wood carving throughout. This includes exquisite carvings by John Birnie Philip. Situated in the centre of this lovely village. In the care of The Churches Conservation Trust.

A1(M) J36. A630 to Conisbrough. Right into Mill Lane, left into Nursery Lane and left into Cadeby Lane. (SATNAV: DN6 9JL)



Cantley St Wilfrid (21)



www.stwilfridscantley.co.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 10am - 5pm

Friday 10th September: 10am - 5pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 5pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Flower festival by St Wilfrid's Church Flower Club
Registers dating back to the Reformation on display

'Wilcum'a' - A warm welcome to our ancient church. Parts are 11th, 12th and 14th century, the oldest part being the dog tooth moulding over the south door. One of the finest examples of the early work of Sir Ninian Comper who recreated the atmosphere of a medieval church with elaborate decoration and painting. See the results of 'Project Comper', our programme of restoration, and examples of early English & Medieval decoration and statuary.

M18 J3. Follow signs for Doncaster Dome. Pass Dome, at t-junction turn right onto A638 Bawtry Road. At lights turn left onto B1396 Cantley Lane and straight at roundabout. Right onto Church Lane. (SATNAV: DN4 6QR)



Conisbrough St Peter (22)



OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 10am - 3pm

Friday 10th September: 10am - 3pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 3pm

Sunday 12th September: 1pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Children's quiz trail
Find the mice!

Welcome to the oldest building in South Yorkshire, parts of which date back to at least 750 AD and remain the core of the church today. Discover the many significant architectural and historical features, including the Romanesque tomb chest, two squints, the hagioscope and lychnoscope, the pillared piscina, the perpendicular font dating back to 1400, the newly restored east window (originally by Hughes in 1866) and much more.

A1(M) J36. A630 into Conisbrough. Right at crossroads, follow road and turn left up Dale Road. Follow road to left, then turn right. Church on left. (SATNAV: DN12 3HR)



Epworth St Andrew (23)



OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 11am - 4pm

Friday 10th September: 10am - 4pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 2pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Lincolnshire at War – various activities

In the Isle of Axholme, with splendid views over the surrounding countryside. With origins in the 12th century, St Andrew's has features from the 12th to the 15th centuries. The church and the town have strong connections to the Wesley family; Reverend Samuel Wesley was rector from 1695 to 1735. After his ordination John was curate for a time to his father.

M18 J5 onto M180. At J2 take A161 to Gainsborough. In Epworth take 1st left onto High Street and bear left onto Church Street. Church is down a lane on the left. (SATNAV: DN9 1ES)



LOCAL HERITAGE DAY



Are you interested in local history and heritage?

For the first time we are bringing together celebrated local experts for a South Yorkshire local heritage day:

Professor Mel Jones: The 'Radio Sheffield History Man' and Visiting Professor in Landscape History at Sheffield Hallam University. Mel is the author of many local history books across the South Yorkshire area, and has appeared on the BBC's 'Who Do You Think You Are?'

Professor David Hey: David Hey is Emeritus Professor of Local and Family History at the University of Sheffield and the author of several books, including 'A history of Yorkshire: 'County of the Broad Acres'.

Pat McLaughlin: Is Local Heritage Officer with HERITAGE INSPIRED. He has a wealth of knowledge about our heritage faith sites.

Join us for a day of exploration and discovery, through the history and heritage of South Yorkshire!

Date: Wednesday 6th October 2010
Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm
Venue: Consibrough St Peter Church Rooms
Cost: £10 per person (includes refreshments)



Programme: The Making of the South Yorkshire Landscape
illustrated talk by Mel Jones

South Yorkshire's Historic Churches
illustrated talk by David Hey

Discover: South Yorkshire's Heritage Churches
introduction to a new interpretative CD-Rom

Tour of Conisbrough St Peter (South Yorkshire's oldest building)
by Pat McLaughlin (Heritage Inspired Local Heritage Officer)



To Book: Please ring 0845 6529634 to book.
Please send a cheque (payable to HERITAGE INSPIRED) for the amount due, with your name(s), address & phone number to HERITAGE INSPIRED, Mexborough Resource Centre, Dolcliffe Road, Mexborough, S64 9AZ

We hope that you will want to come along, and look forward to seeing you on the day and exploring our heritage together!

Fishlake St Cuthbert (24)



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

OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Scarecrow Festival & make your own 3D scarecrow
Coffee morning with stalls (Saturday morning)

Explore this ancient village church, much admired for its size, openness and light. The church boasts 'the most lavishly decorated Norman doorway in Yorkshire' (Pevsner), which dates from 1170 - it is covered in rich carvings featuring people and animals. The rest dates from 1351. The area is lovely for walking and there is a good pub in the village.

M18 J4. Take A630. At roundabout turn right into Barnby Dun. Turn right onto Catling Lane/Stainforth Road. In Stainforth right at t-junction, then left, then right. Cross bridge and follow into Fishlake. (SATNAV: DN7 5JW)



Kirk Bramwith St Mary (25)



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

OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Find the mice!

This small Norman church has beautiful windows. The south door is a fine example of Norman stonework. The internationally famous craftsman Robert "Mouseman" Thompson of Kilburn, North Yorkshire, made most of the furniture, including the pulpit, the lectern, hymn boards, the main door and all pews. His trademark was a mouse and visitors can hunt for 27 carved mice.

M18 J6. A614 and take the 1st left. Follow through Stainforth then to Kirk Bramwith. (SATNAV: DN7 5SW)



Kirk Sandall St Oswald (26)



www.stoswaldskirksandall.co.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Friday 10th September: 12pm - 4pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Large exhibition of local history & memory wall
Craft activities for children
Refreshments

Step back in time at one of the oldest churches in Doncaster, reputed to date back to Saxon times. Situated next to the canal and the River Don. The church contains the nationally famous and very rare Rokeby Chapel, built in 1521 and containing carved wooden screens and medieval stained glass. In the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

M18 J4. Follow A630. Turn right at 2nd roundabout, then straight across. Turn left onto Brecks Lane, and follow. Straight across Doncaster Road onto Sandall Lane, 3rd right. (SATNAV: DN3 1RA)



Loversall St Katherine (27)



www.wadworthloversallchurches.org.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 11.30am - 1.30pm

Friday 10th September: 11.30am - 1.30pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 12pm

Sunday 12th September: 1pm - 3pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Refreshments with cakes!

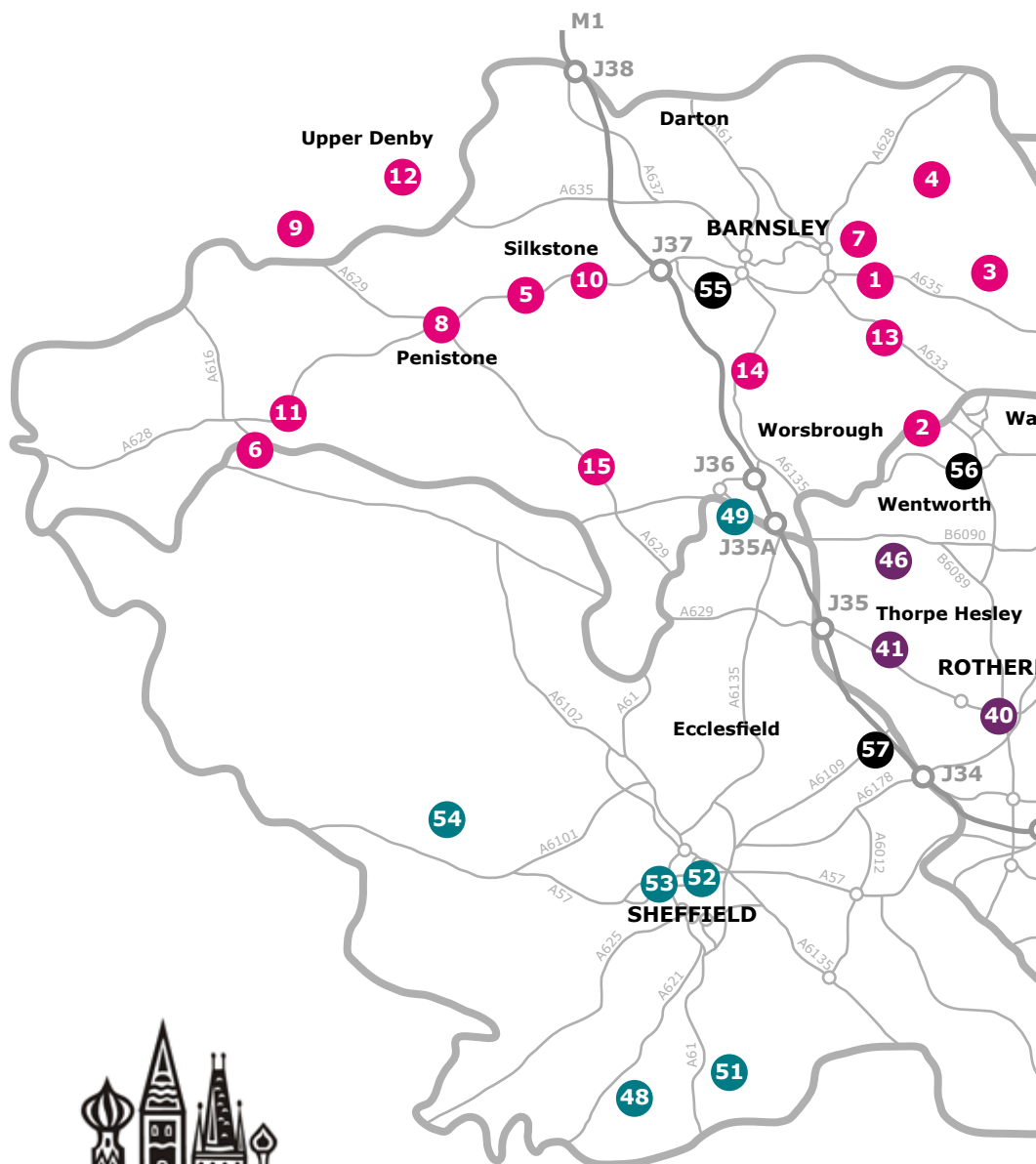
A stunningly beautiful church, dating back to 1208 with additions in the 16th and 19th centuries. Inside there are masons' markings, hatchments and memorials. Other interesting features to see include: Coat of Arms of the Banks family, Royal Coat of Arms of George I, 14th century oak stalls and table tomb, 15th century Wyrral Chapel with Tudor windows, altar tomb and recumbent knight.

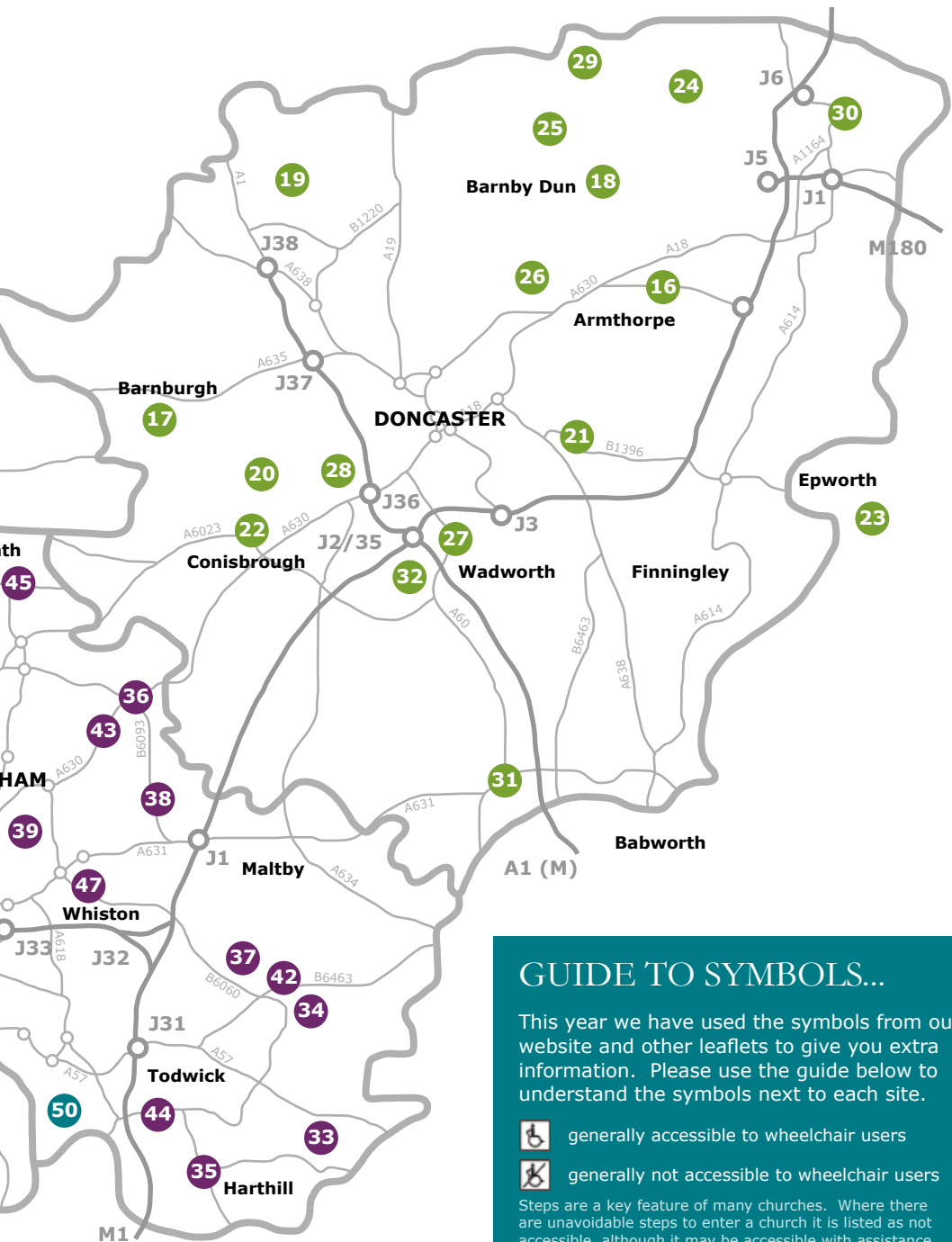
A1(M) J36. Take A630 to Rotherham. Left onto B6367 to Edlington. After Old Edlington turn left onto Cockhill Lane and again onto Long Gate. In Wadworth left onto A60 into Loversall. Right up Bidup Hill. (SATNAV: DN11 9DB)



South Yorkshire

Map number corresponds to the site number (found after the name of the site in the listing).





GUIDE TO SYMBOLS...

This year we have used the symbols from our website and other leaflets to give you extra information. Please use the guide below to understand the symbols next to each site.



generally accessible to wheelchair users



generally not accessible to wheelchair users

Steps are a key feature of many churches. Where there are unavoidable steps to enter a church it is listed as not accessible, although it may be accessible with assistance.



parking at site or nearby



accessible by public transport



toilets at site or nearby

Sprotborough St Mary the Virgin (28)



OPENING TIMES: Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

Explore this ancient church, thought to date from 1176 with: 13th century chancel, sedilia and piscina; 14th century tower; 15th century stone tombs (one with a green man). There are beautifully carved pew-ends, a Frith stool, brasses, misericords, stained glass ancient and modern and many more interesting things to see.

A1M J36. Take A630 and turn right at Warmsworth traffic lights. Follow road into Sprotborough.



Sykehouse Holy Trinity (29)



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

OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 10am - 4pm

Sykehouse is a small village, with brick built church which used to be a chapel of ease for Fishlake. The earliest reference is 1425. The church was built between 1850 to 1886, in 13th century style. It has a tower from 1724 and medieval glass.

M18 J6. Take A614 and then 1st left. Continue through Fishlake for 2 miles. At t-junction turn left and continue into village. Church on right, opposite village green and parking bay. (SATNAV: DN14 9AU)



Thorne St Nicholas (30)



OPENING TIMES: Thursday 9th September: 10am - 4pm

Friday 10th September: 10am - 4pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 1pm - 4pm

An impressive Grade I listed building, mainly medieval, with possibly pre-conquest traces. It has lovely stained glass windows, one particularly fine example being by Henry Holiday. The modern 1939-45 war memorial, by local sculptor Byron Howard, is both beautiful and thought provoking.

M18 J8. Follow signs to Thorne. Turn left at traffic lights into town centre, then right into St Nicholas Road. At t-junction turn right and then left into car park. Church is opposite. (SATNAV: DN8 5NP)



Tickhill St Mary (31)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 2pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Refreshments

A beautiful church in the lovely village of Tickhill. The church dates from the early 1100s and was largely rebuilt in the 14th century. There are lots of things to see including the St Helen's Chapel, 15th century font and Estfeld tomb, the 16th century Fitzwilliam tomb, ancient parish chest and much more!

A1(M) J1 (Blyth). Take A614 into Bawtry. Turn left onto A631. At Tickhill Butter Cross junction, turn left then take 3rd right onto Church Lane. (SATNAV: DN11 9NB)



DISCOVER: South Yorkshire's Heritage Churches

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Wadworth St John the Baptist (32)



www.wadworthloversallchurches.org.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Friday 10th September: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 11th September: 10am - 12pm
Sunday 12th September: 1pm - 3pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Refreshments with cakes!

Very interesting 12th century church with some intriguing stone effigies and beautiful stained glass. The church has some of the original Norman pillars and a Norman window. The blind arcade of the south aisle wall are of the late Norman period, and its east most bay has a trefoil headed piscina. The font dates back to the 15th century.

A1(M) J36. Tale A630 to Rotherham. Turn left onto B6367 to Edlington. After Old Edlington turn left onto Cockhill Lane and cross motorway. Turn left onto Long Gate into Wadworth. (SATNAV: DN11 9BG)



ROTHERHAM

Anston St James (33)



OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 1pm - 4pm
Friday 10th September: 1pm - 4pm
Saturday 11th September: 1pm - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 1.30pm - 4pm

Dating from Norman times, our church will give you a sense of the history of the area. Anston, whose name derives from 'Anastan' a solitary stone, is known to have had prehistoric settlements in the area. A Romano-British farmstead and fields were excavated to the south of the church in the 1960s. The church has many interesting features, including a beautiful and rare 14th century effigy of a father and his daughter.

M1 J31. A57 into South Anston. Road curves right into village, church on left. (SATNAV: S25 5DT)



Dinnington St Leonard (34)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Registers available
Refreshments

An 18th century church, built on the site of an earlier building. There is a wonderful glass and wood miners' memorial screen, showing the tree of life with mosaic panels. The church contains stained glass thought to be by Kempe and interesting memorials.

M1 J31. A57, follow signs for Dinnington. 3rd exit at roundabout. Church on left. (SATNAV: S25 2PQ)



Harthill Methodist Church (35)

www.worksopandkivetonmethodists.org.uk/churches/harthill

OPENING TIMES:

Friday 10th September: 10.30am - 4pm
Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Local history display

By the 19th century nonconformity had become established in the village with the Methodists meeting in chapel yard. A Wesleyan chapel was erected in Woodall Lane in 1879-80 from stone quarried on the chapel site.

M1 J31. Follow A57 to Sheffield. At roundabout turn left, then right into Wales. Follow road through and turn right on Hard Lane into Harthill. Through village, turn right at roundabout. Church on left. (SATNAV: S26 7YG)



Hooton Roberts St John the Baptist (36)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

This pretty country church dates from the 11th century and has Norman architecture. There are many interesting features to discover and historical links with Revd Gatty. Vaughan Williams would stay with the family and wrote 'Linden Lea' on such a visit to the rectory.

A1(M) J36. Follow signs to Rotherham. In Hooton Roberts, church on right. (SATNAV: S65 4PF)



Laughton All Saints (37)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Tower tours
Refreshments

All Saints is a stunning limestone church, whose magnificent spire can be seen for miles around. It has a Saxon porticus doorway and the chancel is Norman. There are carvings, green men and interesting monuments. A motte and bailey castle can be seen from the churchyard.

M1 J31. A57 onto B6463. Take 2nd left at roundabout and left on St John's Road into Laughton.



Ravenfield St James (38)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 11am - 3pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Children's activities

St James' is a small village church dating from 1756. It was designed by John Carr of York. See many impressive monuments, a fine collection of hatchments, lovely east window - and a unique one fingered clock. The church has undergone a huge restoration in the last year - come and see!

M18 J1. A31 to Rotherham. After lights, turn right to Ravenfield. Turn right onto Church Lane. (SATNAV: S65 4NG)



Rotherham St Antony (39)



OPENING TIMES: Saturday 11th September: 12pm - 7pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Guided tours
Exhibition of Egyptian Coptic artefacts

Come and visit one of the most interesting churches in Rotherham. Built as St Stephen's over 100 years ago, the building was converted into an Egyptian Coptic church 10 years ago. It has beautiful furniture and fittings, including a handmade screen based on those found in the oldest churches in Egypt.

M1 J34. Take A618 to Rotherham. Follow dual carriageway, through four roundabouts. At St Ann's Roundabout turn right onto St Ann's Road. Turn left onto St Leonard's Road, church on left.



Rotherham Talbot Lane Methodist Church (40)



OPENING TIMES: Thursday 9th September: 10am - 12pm
Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 1pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Writing & sketching materials for visitors
Organ recitals
Refreshments

The church, described as 'a gem of Methodist architecture', was built at the beginning of the 20th century on a site where John Wesley preached. In neo-gothic style, this 850-seater church has wonderful oak and pitch pine furnishings as well as a magnificent stained glass window. People visiting the church are stunned by what they see in this awe-inspiring place of worship.

M1 J34. Take A6178 to Rotherham. Go through three roundabouts onto Sheffield Road. Turn right up Wilfred Street (alongside the Get Sorted Music Academy). At top of hill, turn left, church on left. (SATNAV: S60 2EY)



Thorpe Hesley Holy Trinity (41)



OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 10am - 4pm
Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Children's craft activities (Saturday)
Refreshments

Come to Thorpe Hesley to see a beautiful Victorian gem of a church set in a well-kept South Yorkshire churchyard which is part of the Thorpe Hesley Conservation area. Inside, you will find a warm, well-loved building with beautiful east end stained glass windows.

M1 J35. Take A629 to Rotherham. Take 3rd left B6086 Brook Hill then 2nd right Sough Hall Road. Church at bottom of hill. (SATNAV: S61 2QJ)



Throapham St John the Baptist (42)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Saturday guided tours (11am, 2pm)
Sunday guided tours (2pm, 4pm)
Collectors sale table
Children's treasure hunt
Refreshments

The church has Saxon origins and is mainly 13th century, built on the site of an ancient well which was celebrated as a site of pilgrimage well into the Middle Ages. Tower and font are 15th century. In the care of The Churches Conservation Trust.

M1 J31. Take A57 and left onto B6463 Todwick Road. Left at roundabout, left on St John's Road. (SATNAV: S25 1YL)



Thrybergh St Leonard (43)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 12pm
Sunday 12th September: 11am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Refreshments

This lovely church is over 1000 years old. There are 13 magnificent memorials, including one for John Resesby, Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire. There is a window of glass from before the Reformation.

A1(M) J36. Take A630 to Rotherham. Follow into Thrybergh. Church is on right set back down a lane off A630. (SATNAV: S65 4HN)



Wales St John the Baptist (44)



OPENING TIMES:

Friday 10th September: 5pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 11th September: 10am - 5pm
Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Flower festival
Refreshments

The original Norman church c1135 is now the Lady Chapel. The tower is 15th century and the nave and chancel added in 1897. Much to see including a beautiful Norman chancel arch, with carved head and a medieval grave cover. There are roof bosses with faces and an impressive 12th century doorway with fine tympanum and carved human and birdheads.

M1 J31. Take A57 to Sheffield. At roundabout turn left onto A618 Mansfield Road. Turn left onto B6059 into Wales. Cross bridge and turn right into Church Street. Church is on the left. (SATNAV: S26 5LQ)



Wath All Saints (45)

www.wathparishchurch.co.uk



OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 10am - 2pm

Friday 10th September: 10am - 2pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Children's quiz

Light refreshments (Saturday & Sunday)

Spectacular Norman church, parts dating from 1150. The Lady Chapel was added around 1300. All Saints has an impressive collection of painted roof bosses, with interesting faces and some 'green men'. Other features include a corbel table from the Norman church, stone carvings, stone coffins and an interesting churchyard.

M1J36. Follow A6195 Dearne Valley Parkway to Wath Rd Roundabout, take 4th exit on Wath Road. Continue onto Barnsley Road, slight right to stay on Barnsley Rd. Turn right at Church Stret, church on left. (SATNAV: S63 7RD)



Wentworth Old Holy Trinity (46)

www.visitchurches.org.uk



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Guided tours – Fitzwilliam Crypt, Graveyard or Monuments

This partly ruined building contributes to a very picturesque village. In the 17th century is a nationally important collection of memorials to the Wentworth family including the Earl of Strafford, executed in 1641. In the care of The Churches Conservation Trust.

M1 J36. Follow A6135. Left on B6090 Harley Road into Wentworth. (SATNAV: S62 7TW)



Whiston St Mary Magdalene (47)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 11am - 3pm

Sunday 12th September: 2pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Tower open & organ playing
Refreshments

For over 800 years, the church has served the people of Whiston. See a 12th century Norman window and 13th century Priest's tomb. There are glorious stained glass windows and a magnificent reredos. Outside are the lych gate and stocks.

M1 J33. Take A630 to Rotherham and follow signs for Whiston. At crossroads, turn right then left onto The Green. Follow up the hill and take only right. Follow round to left, church in front. (SATNAV: S60 4JG)



SHEFFIELD

Beauchief Abbey (48)

www.beauchiefabbey.org



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 1pm - 5pm

A hidden gem! Set in a peaceful medieval site, the abbey was founded by Robert FitzRanulph in expiation for his involvement in the murder of Thomas a Beckett. The entrance to the 17th century church of St Thomas, built of abbey stone, is through the original tower. The chapel has original box pews, pulpit and altar table.

M1 J33. Follow signs for Sheffield. At Park Square roundabout follow A61 until it becomes Chesterfield Road. Turn right onto Abbey Lane (B6068), entrance to abbey on left. (SATNAV: S8 0EL)



High Green Mortomley St Saviour (49)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 12pm

Sunday 12th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Refreshments

St Saviour's is the memorial church to Parkin Jeffcock, a mining engineer who was killed during rescue operations after the Oaks Colliery Explosion in 1866. There are some wonderful stained glass windows to see!

M1 J35a. At 1st roundabout go straight. At 2nd roundabout turn left (A61 to Sheffield). Take 2nd left (Wortley Road). Bear left at moni roundabout. Church on left after Packhorse Lane.



Killamarsh St Giles (50)



www.StGiles-Killamarsh.org

OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Children's craft workshops

Treasure trail

Refreshments

St Giles is a beautiful parish church, dating back to the 12th century. The Saxon preaching cross and medieval stocks can be seen in the churchyard. The church contains a lovely Norman font, and a beautiful and rare medieval stained glass window featuring Madonna and Child (represented as a child with an adults face, hands and feet).

M1 J31. Take A57 to Sheffield. At roundabout take A618 Mansfield Road. Pass Rother Valley Country Park. At 2nd mini-roundabout turn right into Sheffield Road, then left up Bridge Street past. Turn left along Kirkcroft Lane. Bear right, church on left. (SATNAV: S21 1AB)



Norton St James (51)



www.stjameschurch.org

OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 9.30am - 12pm

Sunday 12th September: 2pm - 4.30pm

Overlooking Graves Park this gem is late 12th century with 15th and 16th century additions. Inside there are wonderful carved bosses, and carved effigies on the 16th century Blyth tomb. In the north aisle is the seated life-sized statue of Sir Frances Chantrey RA, one of the most important sculptors in the 19th century and benefactor of the parish.

M1 J33. Follow signs for Sheffield city centre. Turn onto the A6102 Prince of Wales Road. At crossroads go straight across. Follow signs for Norton. Turn right at roundabout into Norton. Church ahead on right. (SATNAV: S8 8JQ)



Sheffield St Marie (RC Cathedral) (52)



OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 7.30am - 6pm

Friday 10th September: 7.30am - 6pm

Saturday 11th September: 9am - 8pm

Sunday 12th September: 8.30pm - 8pm

Explore this beautiful neo-gothic church, with history dating back to the 1800's. The cathedral contains stained glass windows by Hardman and Pugin, and lovely stone decoration paid for by donations from the Duke of Norfolk, his mother and parishioners. A leading local architect called Matthew Ellison Hadfield designed St Marie's, based on a 14th century church at Heckington in Lincolnshire. The cathedral has been a centre of Catholic worship for over 150 years. The Cathedral is open for visitors all year round.

M1 J33/34. Follow signs for Sheffield City Centre. Follow brown signs for the Crucible Theatre. Limited parking.



Sheffield Upper Chapel (53)



OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 9th September: 10am - 4pm

Friday 10th September: 10am - 4pm

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Discover this interesting city centre Grade II Unitarian chapel. Built in 1700 and set in peaceful gardens which include three George Fullard sculptures. The chapel has stunning Henry Holliday stained glass windows, impressive 125 year old organ and ornate ceiling.

M1 J33/34. Follow signs for Sheffield City Centre. Follow brown signs for the Crucible Theatre, chapel 100m up on opposite side. (SATNAV: S1 2JD)



Stannington Underbank Chapel (54)



OPENING TIMES:

Sunday 12th September: 1pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Refreshments with cakes!

Set in magnificent countryside on the edge of Stannington the chapel is a very fine example of a non-conformist chapel of the 18th century. It was built in 1743 from local gritstone with a stone-slatted roof. On the main front are two tall arched windows, originally ranged on either side of the pulpit. On display is a model of the chapel and an embroidered heritage tapestry. Please also visit the Underbank Schoolroom across the road, built 1854 to replace an older school building.

M1 J34. Follow A6109 past Meadowhall, at roundabout turn right. At junction, turn left then right onto A6102. Facing football ground, turn left then right onto A6101. At Malin Bridge 2nd left onto Stannington Road. Continue through Stannington (towards Dungworth). At Sportsman pub turn right to stay on Stannington Road. Chapel on right. (SATNAV: S6 6AP)



LATE ENTRIES:

Barnsley St Edward (55)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Photographic display of church
Tower tours (weather permitting)
Refreshments

St Edwards was built in 1902, in the style of the Early English period. There is lots to see, including a carved font and pulpit. The magnificent west window shows the ship of the church approaching land and the shore of the Holy City. There is an alabaster reredos and a reredos portraying 'The Last Supper' in painted glass tiles.

M1 J37. Follow A628 to Barnsley. At traffic lights turn right and follow round. Church on left. (SATNAV: S70 6JY)



Brampton Bierlow Christ Church (56)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 2pm

Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 2pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Registers available
Refreshments

The church was built in 1855. The nave is spacious with a fine vaulted ceiling and gold leaf roof bosses. Beautiful Victorian stained glass windows, rood screen, carved font and pulpit.

M1 J36. Follow A6195 Dearne Valley Pkwy to Wath Road roundabout. Turn right onto Wath Road. At double mini roundabout go straight. At next roundabout go right into Melton High Street. Church on right. (SATNAV: S63 6RG)



Wincobank Undenominational Chapel (57)



OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 11th September: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th September: 12pm - 4pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Walks to the hill fort (1.30pm & 3pm)

Established by two ladies who were campaigners for the Abolition of Slavery, their visitors included William Wilberforce. The interior of the building has great character and much to see.

M1 J34. Follow A6109 to Sheffield, after ½ mile turn right at Jenkin Road. Continue to the top and over the brow of the hill. Fork left onto Wincobank Avenue. The Chapel is 50 yards on left. (SATNAV: S5 6BB)



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