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South Yorkshire's faith tourism initiative

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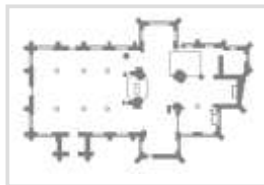
To begin with, the orientation of churches was not important - although for some unknown reason, the church usually stands to the north of the village. By the 5th century it became customary to build churches with the main or high altar at the east end. East and south were and are the honoured sides, with the north and west are less favoured.

There are a number of references in the Bible to God in the east. Facing east for worship, in the direction that the sun rises, is probably pre-Christian and is not a purely Christian practice. Muslims also face eastward to pray, towards Mecca.

Graves in a churchyard also usually face east. Christians adopted the old Jewish custom of burying the dead with their feet towards the rising sun, as a sign of hope. It was also believed that when Jesus returned to earth, the faithful would rise up bodily from their graves. Christians wanted to be facing the right way at the moment of his return.

The south door of a church was and is most commonly used, and was usually much more elaborately decorated than that on the north. Directly opposite the south door and font, in the north wall of most ancient churches stands the north door, or 'Devil's Door'. This door was traditionally left open during a baptism to let out any evil spirits in the child. Evil and ignorance of the Gospel were believed to come from the north, so the gargoyles facing that way were particularly fierce. Only people who died in shady circumstances were buried on the north side of church, which was originally unconsecrated ground.

The west may also have had a negative linguistic association, since the Latin *occidere*, meaning 'to kill', was associated with the Occident, to the west. Unfortunately, the alignment of many modern churches, is hampered by the existence of roads and other obstacles. Why not visit some of our medieval churches and explore their orientation, and perhaps visit a mosque to see how they have successfully changed the alignment of a building built to fit the road



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



heritage open days 2009



Date: Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th September 2009

Heritage Open Days (HODs) celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture. Every year in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors. It is a chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture FREE OF CHARGE.

In South Yorkshire we are celebrating HODs in style with 73 heritage faith sites open over the weekend! The majority are also staging special events and activities, and many will be serving scrummy refreshments including home-made cakes and scones at some.

The programme is varied, with sites opening on different days and at different times. We have put together a comprehensive programme listing all heritage faith sites in South Yorkshire opening for HODs, their opening days/times, details of special events and how to get there.

Barnsley

There are 16 heritage faith sites open in Barnsley over HODs, with many additional events and activities. These include tours, treasure hunts, quizzes, exhibitions and refreshments. They are open on various days and at various times.

Barnsley St Peter & St John the Baptist	Grimethorpe St Luke
Barnsley Quaker Meeting House	Monk Bretton Priory
Carlton St John the Evangelist	Penistone St John the Baptist
Darfield All Saints	Silkstone All Saints & St James the Greater
Darfield All Saints Churchyard	Thurlstone St Saviour
Elsecar Holy Trinity	Wombwell St Mary
Goldthorpe St John & St Mary	Worsbrough St Mary
Great Houghton St Michael & All Angels	Worsbrough St Thomas & St James



Doncaster

There are 23 heritage faith sites open in Doncaster over HODs, with many additional events and activities. These include exhibitions, concerts, tours, quizzes and refreshments. They are open on various days and at various times.

Armthorpe St Leonard & St Mary	Fishlake St Cuthbert
Austerfield St Helena	Hickleton St Wilfred
Barnburgh St Peter	High Melton St James
Barnby Dun St Peter & St Paul	Kirk Bramwith St Mary
Bawtry St Nicholas	Kirk Sandall St Oswald
Burghwallis St Helen	Loversall St Katherine
Cadeby St John the Evangelist	Misson St John the Baptist
Cantley St Wilfrid	Owston All Saints
Conisbrough St Peter	Sykehouse Holy Trinity
Doncaster St Andrew Methodist Church	Tickhill St Mary
Doncaster St George (Minster)	Wadworth St John the Baptist
Finningley Holy Trinity & St Oswald	



Rotherham

There are 18 heritage faith sites open in Rotherham over HODs, with many additional activities. These include registers on display, exhibitions, trails, children's activities and refreshments. They are open on various days and at various times.

Brampton Bierlow Christ Church	Thorpè Salvin St Peter
Dinnington St Leonard	Throapham St John the Baptist
Hooton Roberts St John the Baptist	Thrybergh St Leonard
Laughton All Saints	Wales St John the Baptist
Maltby St Bartholomew	Wath All Saints
Ravenfield St James	Wentworth Holy Trinity
Rotherham Talbot Lane Methodist Church	Wentworth Old Church
South Anston St James	West Melton United Reformed Church
Swinton St Margaret	Whiston St Mary Magdelene



Sheffield

There are 16 sites open in Sheffield over HODs, with many additional events and activities. These include guided tours, children's trails, organ recitals, traidcraft stall and refreshments. They are open on various days and at various times.

Beauchief Abbey	Sheffield St Marie (RC Cathedral)
Ecclesfield St Mary	Sheffield St Paul (Wordsworth Avenue)
Endcliffe St Augustine	Sheffield St Peter & St Paul (CofE Cathedral)
Greenhill St Peter	Sheffield St William of York (Ecclesall Road)
Killamarsh St Giles	Sheffield Upper Chapel (Norfolk Street)
Norton St James	Stannington Underbank Chapel
Sheffield St Andrew (Psalter Lane)	Trinity United Reformed Church
Sheffield St Andrew URC	Upper Wincobank Undenominational Chapel



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: **DONCASTER EXPLORE** on Thursday 10th September will visit Conisbrough St Peter, Wadworth St John, Loversall St Katherine, Cantley St Wilfrid and Armthorpe St Leonard. **SHEFFIELD EXPLORE** on Saturday 12th September will visit Beauchief Abbey, Norton St James, Killamarsh St Giles and Wales St John the Baptist.

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** or email **info@heritageinspired.org.uk** or visit **www.heritageinspired.org.uk**

making sense of the stones

Want to know more?

Join local expert Pat McLaughlin for an in depth exploration of the history and heritage of this area, within the context of a national picture.

The course will explore how ancient beliefs contributed to the development of the major faiths. It will examine: standing stones, earthworks, burial mounds, Roman beliefs, the introduction of Christianity, the Saxon occupation of eastern England, return to paganism, the Viking effect, the Norman invasion, church and cathedral building, the renaissance, the Victorian gothic revival and modern architecture. To finish we will arrange a site visit to see the 'theory in practice'.

The courses are open to all, but places are limited so must be booked. Each course will be nine 2-hour sessions, one per week:

"Sacred Savages?" - Prehistoric England

"The Invaders" - Romans, Saxons, Vikings, Normans

"From Terror to Tranquillity" - Castles, Manor Houses, Stately Homes

"I Want to be Alone" - Hermits, Monasteries, Abbeys

"Church Architecture" - from Conqueror to Emperor

"Poetry in Stone" - Cathedrals

"A Treasure House of History" - Parish Churches

"The Way to Heaven" - Church and Churchyard Monuments

"Exploring an Ancient Church" - (site visit)



Doncaster course

START DATE: Monday 14th September 2009 1.45pm - 3.45pm

Venue: St Edmund's Church Hall, Anchorage Lane, SPROTROUGH, DN5 8DT

Cost: £1.50 per session or £10 for the whole course.

To Book: Please ring 0845 6529634 to book. Please send a cheque (made 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

sheffield course

START DATE: Friday 25th September 2009 1.45pm - 3.45pm

Venue: The Chantry Centre, Matthews Lane, NORTON, S8 8JS

Cost: £1.50 per session or £10 for the whole course.

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BLASERENSEMBLES RIESA

Come along to hear Blaserensembles Riesa, conducted by Wolfgang Haufe. The band is from Riesa in the Saxony region of Germany and they last performed here 12 years ago. They will be playing with members of Rotherham Schools Band, making an evening to remember.

The band are playing two concerts in our area:

Wombwell St Mary

Wednesday 18th September 2009 at 7pm

Tickets are £3 for adults and £2 for concessions.



Rotherham Minster

Thursday 19th September 2009 at 7pm

Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children under 14 and are available from the Minster. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

ECCLESFIELD HAND BELL RINGERS

BRADFELD ST NICHOLAS

Wednesday 23rd September 2009 at 7.30pm

Join us for a concert with Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers! For further information contact Revd Alan Isaacson on 0114 285 1225.



CAPTAIN NOAH AND HIS FLOATING ZOO

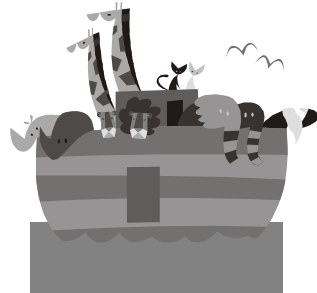
WORSBROUGH ST MARY

Saturday 26th September 2009 at 7.30pm

St Mary's church choir presents: Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo.

Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo (1970) is a cantata by Joseph Horovitz composed in a popular style for unison or two-part voices and piano, with optional bass and drums. The libretto, provided by Michael Flanders, is an adaptation of the Biblical tale of Noah found in Genesis chapters 6-9.

Ticket information from Alistair Gittner 01226 361475 or a.gittner@talktalk.net



HERITAGEINSPIRED.ORG.UK

We have new events and activities added to our website everyday, make sure you visit often to be sure of being up to date with the latest news!

We also have heritage information about over 80 heritage faith sites across South Yorkshire. It includes photographs, detailed information, opening times, access details and contacts should you want to arrange a guided tour. We are also working on a range of interactive maps and plans so keep watching this space!

an evening with catherine bailey

darfield all saints

Thursday 13th August 2009 at 7pm



A unique opportunity to spend an evening with Catherine Bailey, the author of the bestselling book 'Black Diamonds'. Bring your book along for signing!

There will be an admission charge (TBC) with proceeds going to the Friends of Darfield Churchyard for the restoration of Houghton Main cage disaster memorial. Refreshments, toilets and induction loop system available. For information contact John Kendall on 01226 759117.

patronal festival & history weekend

maltby st bartholomew

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd August 2009

Join us for our Patronal Festival and Local & Family History Weekend. Lots of things to see and do including displays of pictures and photographs of Maltby and Maltby people, parish records, refreshments, cakes, books and other stalls! Open on: Saturday 22nd August: 10am - 4pm and Sunday 23rd August: 2pm - 4pm .



MEDIEVAL BRADFIELD

with professor david hey

Wednesday 4th November 2009 at 7:30pm

Come along to Bradfield St Nicholas to enjoy a fascinating talk about 'Medieval Bradfield' by Professor David Hey - local historian and author. This event forms part of the church's 900th anniversary celebration events. For further information contact Revd Alan Isaacson on 0114 285 1225.



MULLED WINE & MUSIC

maltby roche abbey

Saturday 26th December 2009

Join in the festive fun at Roche Abbey, Rotherham on 26th December 2009.

The event kicks off with three short guided walks leaving from nearby medieval churches. When we reach the abbey there will be mulled drinks, mince pies and carol singing before walking back! A local brass band provides the music.

For more information and to book a place email us at info@heritageinspired.org.uk or give us a call on 0845 6529634.



CHRISTMAS FAYRES

Come and enjoy Christmas cheer at one of the many events taking place at our partner sites this winter. Many of our gems are organising Christmas activities and what better way to get into the festive spirit.

Saturday 21st November 2009

Campsall St Mary

Our lovely Christmas Fayre is well worth a visit! There will be lots of stalls including Christmas Cards, bottle stall, and a scrummy cake stall. We hope Santa Claus will visit again! All welcome!

Worsbrough St Mary

Don't miss our Christmas Fayre at Birdwell Community Centre. You will enjoy a variety of stalls including gifts, souvenirs, home baking, toys and presents.

Swinton St Margaret

Come along to St Margaret's Fayre. There will be lots of stalls and things to do.



Saturday 28th November 2009

Hoylandswaine St John the Evangelist

Our Christmas Fayre is in the village hall. There will be stalls including home-made cakes, jewellery, tombola, raffle and many more. Father Christmas will also visit!

Wales St John the Baptist

Join us in St John's Hall, Kiveton Park for games, crafts, refreshments and cakes.

Burghwallis St Helen

Held in the Bullcroft Memorial Hall, Carcroft. There will be lots of stalls and a raffle.

Warmsworth St Peter

Everyone welcome! Lots of stalls and children's fancy dress competition.



CHRISTMAS

Most of our partner sites, and certainly all of our heritage churches are organising Christmas events.

There are special services, carol concerts, christingles and much more. Why not take the opportunity to touch the past by visiting your local church and enjoy its ancient atmosphere, where Christmas has been celebrated since the first stone was laid.

Please check our website for details of some of the special events taking place!

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agm & halfway party

Many thanks to all those who attended our AGM and Half-way Party on 9th July. It was a great night, and fantastic for our team and steering group to meet up with so many volunteers and partner sites.

Many thanks to Wadworth St John for hosting the event, and particularly Revd Alun Price and his son Robert who helped us no end!

Next year we are planning two similar events. Our AGM will be in the spring, again with drinks and a chance to look around one of our wonderful sites. In the Autumn we will arrange a mini conference, with interesting and useful speakers.

We hope you will all look forward to attending!



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.

free leaflets

Ever wanted more information about the heritage of a particular site?

35 of our partners have produced new free leaflets, highlighting the hidden gems to be seen when you visit.

They can be picked up at the site in question and used to guide you around. They can also be downloaded from our website, and perused before your go!

Make sure you look out for them next time you visit!



volunteer training

Are you interested in volunteering at your local heritage faith site, or for us here at HERITAGE INSPIRED. Perhaps you already do!

We are running a series of training sessions for volunteers involved in welcoming visitors and interpreting heritage.

There are sessions taking place across South Yorkshire between now and December.

Please contact us for more information!

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