

open churches weekends



Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th, 16th & 17th July 2011
Districts of Mansfield, Ashfield, Gedling, Rushcliffe, Broxtowe and the City



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Please note that every care has been taken in compiling this booklet, and the information was correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication.



Following on from the success of last year's pilot, this year sees 71 churches in the south and west of our county taking part in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham's Open Churches Weekends.

We are delighted that we have so many churches open to welcome visitors from near and far; either by simply opening their doors and greeting visitors, or perhaps by offering refreshments and staging activities and events.

This simple guide booklet includes information submitted by each church taking part. We hope you will find it useful in planning a visit to a few of them. (For map see centre spread.)

We are so fortunate to have such a rich variety of historical buildings to visit in our towns and villages; places of prayer and worship, centres of community life and service, buildings of historical and architectural significance.

For details about open churches across the whole of Nottinghamshire (both on these two weekends and throughout the rest of the year) please see our website

www.nottsopenchurches.org.uk

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Welcome



The Open Churches Project is part of our wider Church History Project, which was initially set up by the Diocesan Advisory Committee in partnership with the University of Nottingham to provide detailed historical and archaeological information about every church in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham.

New information is continually being added to the website

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>

Thanks to a significant grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Project has been able to expand and develop into both tourism

and education. The aim being that by the end of the project every church will be represented on the website and have access to both tourism and educational material.

For more information please see our wider website:

www.nottssopenchurches.org.uk

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Aslockton, St Thomas

NG13 9AL



Aslockton is unique in that it is the birthplace of Thomas Cranmer – Archbishop of Canterbury and author of the Book of Common Prayer. In Cranmer's day there was no church in the village and the family worshiped in the nearby church of St Beverley's in Whatton, where Cranmer's father is buried.

St Thomas' church was built in 1890. With an Ancaster stone exterior and a warm terracotta coloured brick interior. There are striking examples of modern stained glass by Michael Stokes.

<http://www.mdsstainedglass.co.uk/>

A new community facility, the Thomas Cranmer Centre, has recently been built. Attached to the church, it provides a fabulous hall, meeting room, kitchen and toilet facilities. The centre's design has attracted much admiration and been awarded several design accolades.

<http://www.thomascranmercentre.com>

Activities / events over the weekend: fair trade sale, picnic space

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 12noon – 3pm

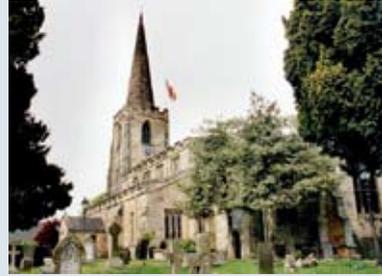
Services on Sunday 10th: 10:45am Holy Communion (Common Worship)



<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/aslockton/hintro.php>

Attenborough, St Mary the Virgin

NG9 6AZ



There has probably been a place of worship on the site of Attenborough church since before the Norman conquest and it is therefore rich in church and local history. The house adjoining the west end of the church is the birthplace of Henry Ireton who married Oliver Cromwell's daughter in 1646. Housed in the present porch is one of the oldest oak doors in the county, dating back to 1100AD.

Set near to Attenborough Nature Reserve, St Mary's is a fine example of a village church, featuring several beautiful stained glass windows, a Norman nave and a 15th century battlemented tower housing 8 bells, the oldest of which dates from c.1370. These bells are rung every Sunday before morning and evening services.

Events: At 3pm on Saturday 9th a talk and tour around the church will be given by historian Mrs Janet Jones.

3pm on Sunday 10th – tower tours

Open: Saturday 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Sunday 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10am and 6pm



This church is generally open to visitors every Tuesday from 10:30am – 12noon, Wednesday 9:30am – 12noon and Sundays 2:30pm – 4pm from April to October

www.attenboroughchurch.org.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/attenborough/hintro.php>

Awsorth, St Peter

NG16 2QU

St Peter's church is an unusually designed building being brick built with a stone dressing. It was built around 1746 and rebuilt in 1902.

There is a beautiful stained glass window depicting Jesus in the centre, with Peter and Paul on either side.

The large, well-kept open churchyard contains tombstones dating from the 17th century. A cenotaph honours the local people spanning two world wars.

Events: On the 10th of July the Benefice of Trowell, Cossall and Awsorth will come together to celebrate the ordination of Brenda Brown. Everyone will be welcome to attend and participate in the faith lunch.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 5pm – 7pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:30 and 6pm



www.trowellchurch.com

of the Manor who died in 1616. There are several other tombs and memorials to other members of the Sacheverell family around the church.

Events: This weekend is also the annual Barton Flower Festival, with floral displays in the Church (created by local residents, this year's theme is "Disney in Bloom") and Various Gardens around the Village open to the public.

Ploughman's Lunches and Cream Teas will be sold in the Village Hall with proceeds to church funds.

Open: Saturday 10am – 6pm, Sunday 10am – 6pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Songs of Praise at 6pm



Toilets (at village hall across the road)

On street parking and in nearby field

This church is open to visitors on Saturday mornings all year round.

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/barton-in-fabis/hintro.php>

Barton-in-Fabis, St George

NG11 0AL



St. George's in Barton-in-Fabis lies at the centre of this tranquil rural south Nottinghamshire village.

The earliest parts of the present church date from the mid-14th century with plenty of history and styles on display, including a sedilia and piscina niches from pre-reformation days. The west wall of the nave appears to have been a "temporary construction" as it is undressed sandstone, however the later addition of the tower and spire may have prevented any historical plans to extend the nave.

The chancel contains the tomb and alabaster effigies of William Sacheverell and his wife Tabitha, Lord

Beeston, St John the Baptist

NG9 1EJ



There has been a church on this site since the middle ages, but it was rebuilt by George Gilbert Scott in 1844, with a fine hammerbeam roof. It is now Grade II listed.

Features of interest include the medieval font and sedilia and the rare Crimean War memorial in the churchyard.

The building has recently been beautifully restored and reordered with a nave altar and other furnishings by Nicholas Hobbs of Wirksworth.

Events: Display of the two King James Bibles dating from 1611 and 1613 and an accompanying exhibition about the Bible in English.

Open: Saturday 10am – 3pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Parish Eucharist at 10am and evening service at 6:30pm



Parking in town centre car parks near to the church

This church is generally open to visitors every Monday - Friday 11:30am – 1:30 pm.

www.beestonparishchurch.co.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/beeston/hintro.php>

Bilborough, St Martin of Tours

NG8 3BH



The medieval church of St Martin of Tours, Bilborough, was one of the smallest in the Diocese until extended in 1972. The church once stood in the old Bilborough Village; the forge, the farm and two cottages still remain, but it now serves the large outer city estates of Bilborough and Strelley.

The nave and chancel date back to around 1350, the tower added later.

In 1590 Sir Edmund Helwys of Broxtowe Hall and his daughter were buried in the church, their deaths recorded on the marble tombstone on the chancel wall. Sir Edmund's son, Thomas Helwys, was co-founder of the Baptist Church.

In 1946 two murals, depicting the Annunciation, were painted beside the east window by artist Evelyn Gibbs. Thought to have been destroyed in the 1972 modernisation they have recently been re-discovered and plans are afoot for restoration.

Events: historic/photographic display

Sat 2:30 onwards "community sing"

Open: Saturday 11am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 5pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:30am Eucharist



Additional info: Sat 2nd July 1:30 – 4:30 Summer Fayre

www.st-martin-of-tours.org.uk

Bilborough, St John the Baptist

NG8 4FD

St John's church in Bilborough was opened in 1959 to serve a large council estate consisting of young families and elderly people.

The church interior is open, light and bright, keeping to its 1950s style with large windows. The traditional church layout with wooden pews won a design award when the church was built.

Events: On the Saturday cream teas and a slice of cake on the paddock will be available for £3.

Open: Saturday 12noon – 6pm, Sunday 2pm – 6:30pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 9:30am Eucharist, 5:30pm

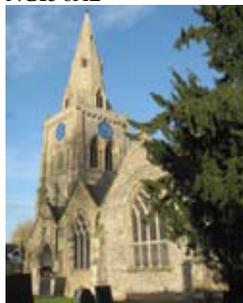
All age service



www.stjohnthebaptistbilborough.org.uk

Bingham, St Mary & All Saints

NG13 8AL



Although Bingham today is only a small town, in the past it has had greater significance, being the meeting point of the Bingham Wapentake at the time of Domesday, and ecclesiastically the central point of Bingham Deanery.

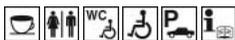
The church was founded in the early 13th century, and most of the structure is of the 13th and early 14th centuries. It is of a classic cruciform shape, with north and south transepts in addition to the nave and chancel, though the porch and vestries make this less obvious from the outside, and it has a well-formed broach spire. Much of the current interior is the work of Sir George Gilbert Scott, working in the 19th century, and W D Caröe, in the early 20th. One of the bells celebrates the defeat of the Armada, and there are a number of fine carved headstones in the churchyard.

A number of the people of Bingham church have had significant involvement with wider, and even national events. Four former rectors later became bishops, and one rector was a bishop before coming to the church.

Events: Various stalls outside the church (weather permitting) on the Saturday 10am – 4pm
Concert by the Nottingham Boys' Choir – Saturday 7:30pm. Tickets available at the door.
History displays.

Open: Saturday 9am – 6pm, Sunday 10am – 7:30pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Holy Communion at 8:15am, 10am and Evensong 6:30pm



www.binghamparishchurch.org.uk
<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/ingham/hintro.php>

Bramcote, St Michael & All Angels

NG9 3HD

The church was rebuilt in 1861 by the London architect John Johnson. However, from the old church the tower still stands, dating from the C14th.

Open: Saturday & Sunday

Services on Sunday 10th: 9.30am 10.45am 6.30pm



<http://www.bramcoteparishchurch.com>

Bulwell, St John the Divine

Built in an area of stone quarrying and lime kiln workings, the church of St John the Divine was completed using local sandstone in 1890 after the Rev. W H Cantrell, Rector of Bulwell, donated £200 towards the cost of a new church to meet the area's growth in population.

In memory of her husband, Mrs Cantrell donated the five beautiful stained glass east windows and also placed an alabaster memorial in the chancel.

The west wall boasts a large mural of St John.

There are several beautifully carved wooden items including the eagle lectern, the pulpit and the Bishop's chair.

The organ, which was made by Norman Brothers & Beard of Norwich, was built for a baronial mansion in Alloa and was purchased and installed in the church in 1947.

Events: Organ music

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12noon – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:30am (lasting until 12noon)



Bulwell, St Mary the Virgin & All Souls

NG6 9ED

The present chancel was consecrated in 1850 although a church has been on this site since the 12th century. It stands on a hill which gives good views of the local area.

A recent addition to the church is a 'Christus Rex' in memory of a long standing churchwarden.

Events: parish picnic 12noon on the Sunday

Open: Sunday only 12noon – 6pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10am Holy Communion, 6:30 Evening Prayer



Bunny, St Mary the Virgin

NG11 6QS



The appeal of the church and its surrounding village is linked to that of its famous patron, Sir Thomas Parkyns. He lived from 1663 to 1741, a polymath, eccentric, philanthropist. He designed farms, cottages, a school, and inn and almshouses. His hobby was Cornish Hugg wrestling, earning him the nickname the "Wrestling Baronet".

The church is big, with a tower and needle spire in the Lincolnshire style. St Mary's is perhaps the largest church in south Nottinghamshire with particularly interesting features. The nave and aisles, all in small random rubble stonework, is early English and dates from the 1200s. The tower is late decorated period towards the mid 1300s. A delightful south porch added later in 1425. The chancel is unusually large, almost equalling the nave in length.

There are a number of interesting monuments. The memorial of the wrestling baronet, which he designed himself in 1715, stands at the back of the north aisle. It must be the only church monument depicting a man poised for a throw and shows Sir Thomas standing "in a bruising position, even in an encounter with Master All-bones, alias Death."

Attractions/Events: Parkyns historic display

Open: Saturday 11am – 6pm, Sunday 11am – 6pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 6pm BCP Evensong



This church is generally open to visitors in the morning of the last Saturday of each month.

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/bunny/hintro.php>

Carrington, St John the Evangelist

NG5 2BA



Carrington was developed after 1825, and with the population rising rapidly due to the development of high intensity housing between the Hucknall and Mansfield Roads a new church was needed to serve the growing community. Local banker Ichabod Wright of nearby Mapperley Hall provided the land and along with other members of his family a substantial amount of the money needed to build the church. Building commenced on May 12th 1841 when Wright laid the first stone.

The 21st century brought new challenges to the congregation. Both the church and hall were in need of extensive renovation and upgrading to meet modern standards. John Cunnington architects were appointed to investigate the possibility of providing all the needs of the community on one site. Following major redevelopment starting in July 2008, the parish is now able to provide church and community facilities within one building. The result is a completely liturgical space in the nave, with an (almost central) stone altar set on a stone sanctuary area, and all-new liturgical furniture. In the north aisle of the church there is a two-storey development of rooms and community spaces, the upstairs large hall with commercial-standard catering facilities. New toilet facilities and a lift have also been installed. Above the narthex is a "minstrels' gallery", housing the acclaimed Roger Yates organ which has been restored and enlarged.

Events: guided tours

Open: Saturday 9am – 7pm, Sunday 9am – 4pm

Services: Mass at 6pm on Saturday and 10 am on Sunday



This church is generally open to visitors every day of the year.

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/carrington/hintro.php>

www.stjohnscarrington.org.uk

Cinderhill, Christ Church

NG8 6AD



Situated on the busy A610, Nuthall Road, which is the main road into Nottingham from the M1, Christ Church is a fine example of “Decorated Gothic” style designed by Thomas Hine, the noted Nottingham architect. Construction of the church to serve the local mining community started in 1855 with consecration taking place on Thursday 19th June 1856. The church’s turret contains a peal of three bells, unfortunately no longer working, in a width of only four feet. It is thought to be the smallest tower containing three bells in the country.

A later addition to the north west corner of the church was an octagonal choir vestry, this being dedicated on 30th October 1902.

Christ Church is a grade II listed building.

Open: Sunday only 11:15am – 5pm

Services on Sunday 10th: All age worship 10am (until 11am)



Carpark (limited to 4 cars)

www.christchurchcinderhill.com

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/cinderhill/hintro.php>

Cossall, St Catherine

NG16 2RW

St Catherine’s church is situated in the hilltop village of Cossall and surrounded by beautiful open countryside and the Nottingham canal, making it a much loved place for walkers and nature lovers.

Many parts of St Catherine’s date back to the 13th century including the low west tower and the fabric of the nave and chancel. The spire was added in the 14th century and the font dates back to the 15th century. Under an arched recess in the chancel is the marble tomb of the Willoughby family who built the charming group of almshouses in Cossall in 1685. The fine oak reredos was carved by Alfred Burrows, whose daughter Louie was engaged to D H Lawrence. They lived in the cottage next to St Catherine’s which appears in the Lawrence novel “The Rainbow”. The churchyard contains two war memorials one of which commemorates three Cossall men who served in the Battle of Waterloo.

Open: Saturday only 10am – 1pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Joint service with St Peter’s, Awworth, to celebrate the ordination of Brenda Brown.



Nearby toilets
Small car park

Cotgrave, All saints

NG12 3LJ



A grade I listed building dating from the 12th century, with earlier foundations, the church combines the medieval and the modern, following refurbishment after

a fire in 1996 which caused extensive damage. Included in the newly ordered building are two new stained glass windows, the “miners” window and the “farming” window, both commemorating aspects of local life.

Of special note, high above the chancel arch, is the aptly named “Christus from the Flames”. Made from salvaged timbers from the church, copper and gold leaf, it was sculpted by Peter Eugene Ball, and dramatically depicts the risen Christ, welcoming all to our beautiful church.

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11:30am – 5pm
Services on Sunday 10th: 10am Eucharist



This church is generally open to visitors every weekend throughout the year. Saturdays 10am – 5pm (or 4:30pm in winter), Sundays 11:30am – 5pm (or 4:30pm in winter).

www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/cotgrave/hintro.php>

East Leake, St Mary

LE12 6LE

St Mary’s church stands in the heart of East Leake, opposite Sheepwash Brook. The nave and tower are of Norman period when it is thought that the church was called St Leonard’s of Lek. After building in the Norman style, and restyling in the first half of the C13th in the Early English style, the church was rededicated to St Mary in 1350. Outside, over the door, stands a statue of the Virgin Mary with Child.

Also of interest is the shawm, or vamping horn, one of only eight remaining in England. The church also houses a 17th century clock mechanism.

Events: guided tours by members of the local history society

Display of old Bibles and books

Open: Saturday 10am – 12noon & 3pm – 5pm
Sunday 3pm – 5pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 8am Holy Communion
BCP, 9:30 Worship Together (all-age), 6pm Holy Communion CW



This church is generally open to visitors every day of the year from 9am – noon.

www.east-leake.co.uk/stmarys.html

Edwalton, Holy Rood

NG12 4AB



Edwalton itself was a Saxon settlement.

The church is a patchwork of history. As you walk up the path you see the lighter stonework of the original chapel only 18 feet by 30 feet which now forms the lower portion of the north wall of today’s church.

Above it is the yellower stone of the clerestory added at the end of the 14th century. About the same time the south aisle was added.

Around 1550 the present tower was added to replace an earlier one which had crumbled. Built of brick in English bond with diagonal buttresses it is a noteworthy feature.

In 1966 work began on an extension comprising a north transept, vicar’s and choir vestries, a parish office, meeting room, toilets and kitchen. The work was completed in 1997 and dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on March 2nd of that year.

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm
Sunday 10am – 7pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:15 & 6pm



This church is generally open to visitors throughout the year

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/edwalton/hintro.php>

Flintham, St Augustine of Canterbury

NG23 5LF



St Augustine's church has stood as a landmark in the parish since Norman times and has served the community in times of joy and sorrow. Domesday Book of 1086 records a church at Flintham. The church was given to Welbeck Abbey in the reign of King John. It is a cruciform building of grey limestone, and once contained a chapel dedicated to St Lawrence. When Welbeck Abbey was dissolved, King Henry VIII gave the rectory and patronage and a considerable estate in Flintham to Trinity College, Cambridge. Subsequently these came into the ownership of the Hildyard family.

In 1828 the church was largely rebuilt, having become ruinous. The nave and south aisle were replaced by the present nave built of Mansfield stone. The transepts were removed and the intention may have been to pull down the whole church. However the squire's death put an end to his intentions and the tower and chancel survived.

The tower has "herringbone" stonework, characteristic here of early Norman work.

The four bells, the oldest dating back to 1613 then 1616 and two from 1718, have been rung in celebration of local and national events, services, weddings, baptisms, funerals and coronations and times of national thanksgiving.

Events: Christian book stall

Original dry point etchings (donations to the Alzheimers society)

Flower arrangements

Talk on the history of the church

Open: Sunday only 2pm – 6pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Evening service at 6pm



Gotham, St Lawrence

NG11 0JL



St Lawrence's church has stood in the centre of Gotham, a village mentioned in Domesday, for over 800 years.

In that time it has seen many changes. The church was re-ordered internally in 2010, and is a fine example of a traditional building made suitable for the 21st century.

Events: light lunches available on Saturday; afternoon teas on Sunday.

Fair trade and natal goods available from our link parish in Richmond, South Africa, children's crafts, and various other stalls and displays.

Open: Saturday 10am – 2pm, Sunday 12noon – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:30am Methodist service



This church is generally open for visitors every Thursday from 2 – 3:30pm.

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/gotham/hintro.php>

Granby, All Saints

NG13 9PY

The Domesday survey lists a church at Granby, however the current church was rebuilt around 1150 A.D. and the tower, which is the oldest part of the church, and has thick, original walls remaining, is screened off by an oak panel made from a ceiling at Rufford Abbey. There was an Early English doorway in the tower which legend says the incumbent had blocked up to stop the ringers slipping away!

In 1812 a Roman altar was discovered in a farmyard just behind the church, and it may be that an earlier

Roman place of worship was later Christianised by the building of a church.

Open: Saturday 9am – 5pm, Sunday 9am – 5pm
Services on Sunday 10th: 9:15 family service



Toilets available in nearby village hall

This church is generally open daily throughout the year during daylight hours

Greasley, St Mary

NG16 2AB



St Mary's is a beautiful church located in a pleasant rural village with rambling fields and woodland upon every side. "The country of my heart" is how the writer, D H Lawrence, described the area; he was actually born in nearby Eastwood.

It is possible a church has stood on the present site for a thousand years or more; mention is made in the Domesday Survey (1086) that a church and a priest were here at that date. St Mary's has undergone extensive rebuilding; the perpendicular tower, dating from approximately 1450, still remains and fragments of medieval stonework remain in the chancel walls. The font is 15th century.

There are monuments to the Rollestons, notably Lancelot Rolleston, 1650-1685, who lived at Watnall Hall which was demolished in 1960.

The grave of Benjamin Drawwater of Mansfield states he was surgeon during Captain Cook's second voyage in 1772-1775, and is located southeast of the chancel.

Events: Tower trips (small charge; pre-booking advised)
Church registers, Church tours, Churchyard tours
Church groups displays Craft stalls, Traidcraft stall

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm
Services on Sunday 10th: 10 am family service, 11:15 Holy Communion, 1pm baptisms



www.greasleychurch.org.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/greasley/hintro.php>

Hawksworth, St Mary & All Saints

NG13 9DD

St Mary & All Saints is a small rural church going back to Norman times. The south wall of the tower incorporates a 12th century inscribed Norman Tympanum and inside the church is a Saxon cross shaft/ tomb monument. The tower is 18th century brick on a 13th century stone base.

The main body of the church is deconsecrated and only the chancel remains consecrated, but for large services the whole church may still be used.

Events: table tennis and snooker tables available

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm
Sunday 10am – 4pm



Hickling, St Luke

LE14 3AQ



A large rural village church has been here for over 900 years. The south door is 13th century with notable graffiti and musket holes (possibly dating from the

Civil War). The poor box is dated 1685 and is now only used for donations. In the chancel is a memorial brass to Ralph Babyington, Rector, 1515-1521. There are also two ancient coffin lids. One is pre-Norman and the other was discovered in the churchyard in 1983 and moved into the church in 1999. There are two armorial boards one bearing royal arms of George II the other of Queens College Cambridge.

Events: 8pm on 10th of July - The Salvation Army Band at the nearby Grantham Canal basin, opposite the pub (or in the church if wet).

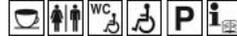
Open: Saturday 11am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 5pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 9:30 am communion



Open: Saturday only 11am – 3pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:30am Community Worship (all-age), 6:30pm Holy Communion



<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/hyson-green-st-stephen/hintro.php>

Keyworth, St Mary Magdalene

NG12 5JT



Hyson Green, St Stephen with St Paul

NG7 5GZ



St Stephen's church was built in 1898, designed by the well-known architect William Caroe. It replaced a previous church of St Stephen at Bunker's Hill which was demolished for the building of the Victoria Station, now replaced by the Victoria shopping centre.

Much of the moveable furniture from the old St Stephen's is now in the present church, including the font, lectern, plaques and gratings.

The most important feature of the church is the people who worship in it. The Vine Community Centre adjoins the church and together they serve the culturally diverse area of Hyson Green and Forest Fields.

Events: display from the archives
Singing by the rainbow choir
Fairtrade stall

Information on the Rainbow Project & our work with asylum seekers

Unusually for a Nottinghamshire wolds village Keyworth is situated on a hill top. A church was first mentioned in records of 1178 and is one of the oldest buildings in Keyworth; it is within the village conservation area and is constructed of local limestone. Much of the present church was built in the 14th century and has a broad square tower, incorporating a solid octagonal upper story with a unique 'Coffee Pot' design, with a short spire, not unlike several found in Hertfordshire. The tower supports a lantern in which a beacon was said to have been lit to guide travellers of the wolds. Six bells hang in the tower; the oldest having been cast in 1553. The clock dates from 1893.

Inside the Church to the side of the tower is a Norman font and a Millennium window showing all the church buildings of Keyworth. In the Nave can be found a stoup, the Lady Chapel and a statue of the Virgin Mary. In the Chancel is a tiny ancient window space showing St Celia, patron saint of music. The altar reredos features Mary Magdalene kneeling at the empty tomb with an adjacent statue of St Mary Magdalene holding a model of this Church.

Outside the porch is a very unusual 17th century slate headstone. Also on the south wall are remains of a medieval sundial.

Events: Display of vestments, flower displays, children's area, Church trail, handmade greeting cards, plan of

graves, and bellringing talks and demonstrations at various times throughout the weekend.

The Keyworth show and fair will be taking place in the village on Saturday.

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 1pm – 5pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 8am Said Communion, 10am Parish Communion (C.W.)



On-street parking on Bunny Lane

Access note: Stepped path from junction Keyworth Square/Selby Lane. Partial disabled access off Selby Lane. Car Parking: Bunny Lane Car Park (free). Limited on street parking (restrictions may apply) No parking available at Village Hall car park, Elm Avenue on Saturday 9 July due to Keyworth Show and Fair.

This church is also generally open to visitors most weeks on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 12noon.

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/keyworth/hintro.php>

Kimberley, Holy Trinity

NG16 2HX

Holy Trinity Church was built in 1847 by the Hardy Family (of Hardy Hansons the Brewery). There have been minor changes since then, but it is fundamentally the same building. The building is of local sandstone, typical of much of the development of the town at that time – Kimberley was a key interchange for two railway companies, and had two stations and several lines branching through the area. It also had the brewery, mines and factories – now all gone. In itself it is an interesting small town to visit.

The church building is typical of churches of that time, with a large seating area and a gallery (which is no longer in use). The pews are not original, and the chancel has seen some minor re-ordering.

The organ dates to 1937, and is considered a fair example of its make and time.

Events: display by the Local History Society

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12noon – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:30 am Morning Prayer



www.htsp.org.uk

Kingston-on-Soar, St Winifred

NG11 0DA

A beautiful rural church. There was a chapel here in the 13th century (and probably before) served by a priest from Ratcliffe-on-Soar. The Babington family built the first church replacing the chapel in the early 16th century and had their own priest. The Babington Monument, erected in 1538 and originally intended to be the canopy for a family burial vault, depicts The Last Judgment. There is no tomb beneath it, but this unique feature merits the church's inclusion in "England's Thousand Best Churches" (by Simon Jenkins). The chancel is the original but the nave was extended, and the porch and tower built by the 2nd Lord Belper in 1900. The original dedication St Wilfred was changed to St Winifred in the 19th century.

Open: Saturday 3pm – 6pm (there is a wedding earlier in the day), Sunday 11:30am – 6pm

Services on Sunday 10th: All Age Service with short communion 10.30am



Toilets (inc disabled) at nearby village hall

This church is generally open to visitors every day of the year.

Lady Bay, All Hallows

NG2 5BP

An unpretentious but pleasing Edwardian brick building in vernacular domestic style nestling among Edwardian houses. The light interior features a wooden floor and furnishings, including a fine 1932 Wragg pipe organ case. Good figurative stained glass by Hincks (1950), Michael Stokes (1991) and Underwood (2006).

Open: Sunday only 11am – 1pm & 2pm – 5:30pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10am and 6pm



This church is generally open to visitors every Thursday from 10am – noon.

www.allhallows-ladybay.org.uk

Langar, At Andrew

NG13 9HG



A large church for a small village, St Andrew's is a cruciform building with two transepts and a central tower. It dates from the 12th century but was heavily restored in the 19th century when the west gallery and rood screen were removed. However the Early English arcades in the nave remain with some dog-tooth decoration and interesting masons' marks on one of the columns.

Recent modifications include the replacement of the Victorian pews with chairs and the provision of kitchen and toilet facilities.

Note: Unfortunately the outstanding monuments to the Scroope and Chaworth families are currently inaccessible due to repairs needed to the north transept roof.

Open: Saturday & Sunday all day

Services on Sunday 10th: 9am until 2:30pm "Messy Church"



This church is generally open to visitors every day of the year.

www.wivertonchurches.org.uk/standrews/standrews.htm

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/langar/hintro.php>

Nottingham, St Ann with Emmanuel

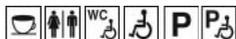
NG3 4EY

St Ann with Emmanuel was built in the 1970s together with the new St Ann's estate and became a new home for two parishes and congregations. The integrity of design was maintained with no fittings or furniture coming from the old churches and it has a remarkably contemporary character. It has a warm, open and spacious feel with windows which ensure worship is connected to the community in which it is placed.

Events: Photographic displays

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:45am & 6:30pm



<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/nottingham-st-ann-emmanuel/>

<http://www.saintannwithemmanuel.blogspot.com>

Nottingham, St George-in-the-Meadows

NG3 1NX

The plain exterior of St George's, dating from 1887-91, hides an interior full of interesting features, with brick-built nave and aisles (and Mansfield stone columns) designed by R. C. Sutton. The lofty chancel, added later at the turn of the century, was designed by G. F. Bodley, as were the vestries and organ case (1906) – repainted in 1962 in bright colours. The organ is a Walker of 1895, slightly altered by Willis in 1964. The architect for the Lady Chapel (1914-15) was C. G. Hare, successor to Bodley. There are two other chapels in St George's, various polychrome statues, and other ornaments.

Among numerous stained glass windows there is a particularly impressive west window (by Burlison and Grylls, 1927 and 1938), depicting stories of St George and St Michael, surmounted by a circular angel window. The hanging rood with figures of Our Lord, Our Lady and St John dates from the mid-twentieth century.

The Portland stone Calvary outside the church was erected in 1921 in memory of the men of the Meadows who perished in World War I. The Kelham Fathers with Kelham Brothers were in charge of St George's

parish from 1911 to 1982, and they are still remembered with affection.

Events: Display of liturgical vestments and priest's chasubles for the liturgical seasons and saints days
Photographic display

Open: Saturday 9am – 4pm, Sunday 9am – 7pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 11am Sung Mass, 6pm Evensong & Benediction



This church is generally open to visitors throughout the year on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings (as well as for Sunday services).

www.saintgeorgeinthemeadows.com

Nottingham (High Pavement), St Mary

NG1 1HN



The Civic and Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated in the heart of Nottingham's historic Lace Market, and is the oldest known religious foundation in the City. The current building, the third on the site, mainly dates from the late 14th to the early 15th century. St Mary's is the largest and most important medieval building in Nottingham and is an excellent example of Perpendicular architecture.

Events: Sunday 10 July, 12.30-16.00

Guided tours (modest charge)

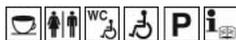
Refreshments (modest charge)

Open: Saturday 10am – 12 noon

Sunday 12:30pm – 17:30pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Sung Eucharist 10.45am,

Choral Evensong 18.30pm



Public car parking with charges in Fletchergate car park

[NOTE: there will be a wedding in St Mary's on 9 July and the church will not be open to the public after 12.30 pm.]

This church is generally open to visitors daily
Tuesday - Saturday 10am – 3pm also for services on
Wednesdays and Sundays.

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/southwellchurches-nottingham-st-mary/hintop.php>

Nuthall, St Patrick

NG16 1BT



St Patrick's church is Grade II* listed. The earliest remaining structure, at the base of the tower, is probably late C12th or early C13th. The nave was rebuilt, with the addition of the north aisle in about 1390, followed by a chancel and porch added soon after 1400. The church remains substantially little changed since, apart from 19th century refurbishments.

Features of interest within the church are: a very fine, well preserved 14th century alabaster effigy of Sir Robert de Cokefield and a 13th century priest's grave slab, both of which are in the north aisle, also a double piscina in the chancel, and the rood screen. Two mass dials on the exterior south wall are worth finding.

The church is an active centre of worship drawing members of its community from Nuthall and its surrounding areas.

Events: garden party in the church grounds over the weekend. Admission is free, and there will be stalls, entertainments and refreshments. A more 'traditional'

Map

Map

Garden Party will be held on Saturday, and the games and stalls on Sunday will be aimed at children and families.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4:30pm, Sunday 11am – 4:40pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:00 am – Family Service and 4:30 Songs of Praise.

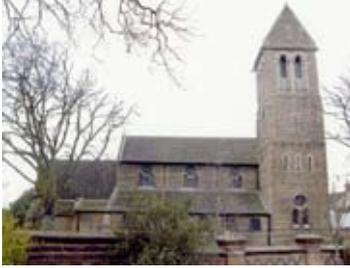


www.htsp.org.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/nuthall/hintro.php>

Radcliffe-on-Trent, St Mary

NG12 2FD



The tall tower of St Mary's church with its unusual saddleback roof provides an unmistakable local landmark. This tower is the most striking feature of the rebuilding of the church in the mid 19th century. A church has stood here since at least the 13th century but it gradually fell into disrepair and nothing now remains of the earlier structure.

Anticipating a growing population following the arrival of the railway and the impact of planned evangelical missions, the church was completely rebuilt and enlarged, firstly the chancel and Lady Chapel in 1858, then the rest of the church in 1879.

Events: Bell tower visits

Bell ringing demonstrations

Also on Saturday 9th is the Radcliffe village carnival with floats, stalls & demonstrations.

Open: Saturday 11am – 5pm, Sunday 12 noon – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 8am



www.stmarysradcliffe.org

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/radcliffe-on-trent/hintro.php>

Shelford, St Peter & St Paul

NG12 1EN



There has been a church on this site for over 1000 years as one is mentioned in Domesday; a fine Saxon cross still remains. The architecture displays styles from the C13th through to the C15th.

Features of interest include the east window and four lancet windows which have glass by Kempe. There is also the Stanhope chapel with a crypt underneath (although unfortunately the access has been blocked).

The churchyard contains a listed monument remaining from the Civil War.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm



This church welcomes visitors all year round; keys are available from nearby on request.

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/shelford/hintro.php>

Sneinton, St Christopher with St Philip

NG2 4AL



St Christopher's celebrated the present building's 100 years anniversary in 2010.

The church was bombed in 1941 and not restored until early 1950.

There are a number of interesting stained glass windows, two showing people dressed in 1950s fashion, and a large east window with five lights depicting scenes from the New Testament and Christ in glory.

It is said the altar table originally came from a cathedral in Spain.

Events: display of the registers of baptisms and weddings – some going back to 1911.

There is an exhibition of photographs and information giving a short history of the church.
Traidcraft stall.

Open: Saturday 1pm – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:30 morning service; 2pm – 4pm Asian church; 1pm – 3pm; Nigerian church (in the church hall).



This church welcomes visitors all year round on every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month with a cafe from 12 – 2pm.

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/sneinton-st-christopher/> <http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/sneinton-st-christopher/hintro.php>

Sneinton, St Cyprian

NG3 7AN



The church is a modern brick building completed in 1935 designed by architect C.E. Howitt and was consecrated in May 1936. The organ was dedicated in 1936 and incorporates pipes from the organ of St James' church on Standard Hill. The panelled organ case is constructed from limed oak. The font is the oldest item in the church and is believed to be 13th / 14th century and is reputed to have been found in a field between Gedling and Shelford being used as a horse trough. There is a painted carved wooden statue of the Madonna and child verified as being over 200 years old and originating in the Austrian Tyrol.

Events: Vestment displays

Photographic displays

Stalls

Other local attractions: Greens working windmill is within easy reach, as are shops and restaurants on Carlton Hill.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Mass 9:15



This church is generally open to visitors every Thursday from 10am – 12 and every Sunday from 9am – 11.

www.stcyprian.org.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/sneinton-st-cyprian/hintro.php>

Stanton on the Wolds, All Saints

NG12 5BL



A delightful little church, situated some 8 miles south of Nottingham, in an attractive position surrounded by fields and the adjacent golf course. It is small, seating about 50, and very simple in style, with its origin in Norman times. The church had major restoration work in 1951 and a vestry was added in 1977 at the western end of the north wall. To mark the Millennium the parishioners raised funds to install a new stained glass east window above the altar.

A choral tradition is maintained and there is a small group of dedicated singers and organists who ensure that most services are sung.

Open: Saturday 10am – 2pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm



<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/stanton-on-the-wolds/hintro.php>

Stapleford, St Luke

NG9 8GU

St Luke's is a small mission church situated at the north end of the parish of Stapleford. Built in the late 1800s / early 1900s by the local Methodist church it was taken over by the Church of England in 1905.

Between 1905 and 1960 there was one service a month and in the early days was operated by the church army using circuit preachers. From 1960 weekly services have been held with lay pastoral oversight. During WWII the church saw extensive service as a soup kitchen. Over the last 2 to 3 years St Luke's has undergone a major refurbishment programme to the church and kitchen / committee room.

Events: Saturday – Summer event with strawberry & cream teas, cake stall, preserves, tombola and more!
Display of "Memories of Moorbridge Lane"

Open: Saturday 2pm – 5pm, Sunday 9am – 12noon

Services on Sunday 10th: 10am



Strelley, All Saints

NG8 6PE

The medieval church of All Saints lies to the west of Nottingham in the small conservation village of Strelley. There are many interesting features, including a 15th century carved rood screen, medieval stained glass, misericord seats and two fine alabaster tombs of the Strelley family.

The effigy of Samson de Strelley, who built the church, lies in the middle of the chancel and he is depicted holding hands with his wife. The chancel is lined with beautiful Art Deco panels probably placed there by the Edge family who lived in the adjacent hall from 1678 to 1978.

Events: photographic display of "old Strelley"
Farmers' market stalls

Refreshments including strawberry cream teas

Cup cake competition (small charge)

Teddy bears' parachute jump off the tower

Open: Saturday 10:30am – 5:30pm

Sunday 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Eucharist 10:45am



Toilets in adjacent hall cottage

This church welcomes visitors all year round. You will find it open all day on Sundays; keys available from nearby on weekdays.

www.allsaintsstrelley.org.uk

Sutton Bonnington, St Anne

LE12 5NJ

Sutton Bonnington is very unusual in having two medieval churches, from the days when it was two villages (see also St Michael's). St Anne's is at the top of St Anne's Lane in the centre of the village. The church dates back to the 12th century. The font is 14th century, octagonal with quatrefoil panels. A 15th century alabaster effigy of a knight lies in a recess in the chancel. Known locally as Old Lion Gray, it is possibly Thomas Staunton. Restoration of the chancel began in 1877 and continued for 27 years. This included the addition of the alabaster reredos, (a representation of the Last Supper by Earp), installation of oak choir and clergy stalls, communion table, screen and small Positif organ. The beautifully embroidered wall hanging on the south wall is based on a map of the village and was made by members of the community to celebrate the millennium.

Open: Saturday 8am – 8pm, Sunday 8am – 8pm



This church is generally open to visitors every day of the year.

<http://suttonbonnington.org/Churches/StMichealsStAnnes/index.html>

Sutton Bonnington, St Michael

LE12 5PF

St Michael's is at the north end of Main Street. The earliest part of the church is 13th century. The clerestory was added in the 15th century. The tower and spire date from the 14th century but were extensively restored in the 19th century. There are six bells dating from 1579 to 1850. The 14th century font has rare the feature of three ledges allegedly for the parson's book, salt and candle. The fine stained glass windows cover a range of styles from 1860 to 1960. The chancel was completely rebuilt by the Victorians.

Open: Saturday 8am – 8pm, Sunday 8am – 8pm
Services on Sunday 10th: Holy Communion 11am



This church is generally open to visitors every day of the year.

<http://suttonbonnington.org/Churches/StMichealsStAnnes/index.html>

Thoroton, St Helena

NG13 9DS



St Helena's, Thoroton, is a grade I listed building, medieval, but restored in 1868-9 by the architect J Henry Hakewill. It has many interesting features, notably its arches, glass windows, and octagonal spire with wonderful external gargoyles. There is a fine niche of the C14th on the exterior of the tower which hints at work by masons employed by Southwell Minster.

Open: Saturday 9am – 2:30pm, Sunday 9am – 5pm
Services: Saturday evensong from 4:30pm – 5pm
Sunday 9am communion



<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/thoroton/hintro.php>

Thrumpton, All Saints

NG11 0AX



All Saints is a beautiful 14th century church nestling in the centre of the small village of Thrumpton. Just off the busy A453 close to Nottingham, Derby and Leicester and yet a rural and tranquil setting.

All saints was restored in the late 19th century by Lucy Lady Byron who resided at Thrumpton Hall (now owned by the Seymour family). Several of the Byron family graves are in the churchyard.

Features of interest inside the church include an unusual alabaster reredos depicting Christ in the cross and several memorials including one to the Pigott family.

Open: Saturday 9:30am – 4pm, Sunday 8:15am – 4pm
Services on Sunday 10th: 8:30am Holy Communion (a quiet, reflective service)



This church is generally open to visitors every Saturday all year round.

www.453churches.com

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/thrumpton/hintro.php>

Tythby, Holy Trinity

NG13 8GS



A very interesting church, situated at the crossroads in this very small village, not far from Cropwell Butler. A building of brick and stone, it comprises a chancel, nave with north and south aisles, and a western tower. There was no church recorded in Domesday and the present building dates from the Decorated period of the 14th century, but with 18th century restorations. It is one of only two churches in the Diocese still containing a Georgian interior, with its box pews, pulpit and readers' desk, the squires pew, a high chancel rail, and a western gallery. The font is dated 1662 but it could have been re-carved from an earlier medieval one. From the outside, the visitor may think it looks like a jumble of styles, but it is such a delight when one enters the church door.

Open: Saturday 2pm – 5pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm
Services on Sunday 10th: Evensong 6pm



<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/tythby/hintro.php>

Tollerton, St Peter

NG12 4FW



St Peter's nestles in tall beech trees beside Tollerton Hall. Its foundations date back to the 12th century. The church was substantially renovated in 1812 by the owner of Tollerton Hall, Pendock Barry. Restoration work also took place in 1909 and 2006. To the left of the west door is a medieval font and in the chancel there is a rare medieval piscina on a pedestal. The carving dates it to the late 12th century. Along the walls are some excellent hatchments. The pipe organ dating from 1909 was refurbished earlier this year.

Events: Art & photography exhibition in the church centre. Lunches, cream teas, tea, coffee and soft drinks available throughout the day.

(Small charge for entrance to the exhibition)

Anyone wishing to exhibit a painting or photograph(s) please contact Mrs R Hartley on (0115) 9376968 or Mrs E Day on (0115) 8460364.

Open: Saturday 12 noon – 4pm, Sunday 11:30am – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10am Communion



This church is generally open to visitors every Saturday 2pm – 4pm during the summer.

<http://stpeters-tollerton.org.uk>

Trowell, St Helen

NG9 3PW



First permission to build a church was granted in the year 801. At that time Trowell was a Saxon settlement. Traces of the Saxon church were apparently found under the present c.1180 chancel. Nave, side aisles and font were added in the 14th century and a clerestory level added in the 15th century. To the east of each aisle are memorial windows. The 14th century porch retains its stone vault. The embattled tower, completed in 1480 housed only three bells until 1792 when the peal was increased to six. The tower clock from the old Nottingham Exchange was added in 1927. The organ installed in the tower gallery in 1900 has no external case because of restricted space. The reredos, altar table, rail, pulpit, stained glass east window, oak pews and choir stalls are all from the Victorian period.

Events: historical displays and continuous video presentations

Creative arts

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 5pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 10:30am & 6pm



This church is generally open to visitors every Wednesday morning throughout the year (10:30am – 12noon)

<http://www.trowellchurch.com/>

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/trowell/hintro.php>

West Leake, St Helena

LE12 5RF

This medieval church, set in an idyllic churchyard, with views of open fields, is found in the centre of the tiny village.

The interior of the church contains a number of memorials of people who were connected to the village.

Several of the windows contain stained glass panels, some depicting the life of the village.

Open: Saturday 11am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 5pm

Services on Sunday 10th: 6pm evensong



Parking on village green

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/west-leake/hintro.php>

Whatton-in-the-Vale, St John of Beverley

NG13 9EN

A large 13th century grade II* church.

Archbishop Thomas Cranmer was born in nearby Aslockton and worshipped at Whatton church as a boy. Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer is still used today.

The church has three monuments and an incised slab in memory of Cranmer's father in the Cranmer chapel plus a double piscina and stone carved corbels.

The churchyard also has some fine gravestones from the early 1800s which are now protected.

There is a Burn-Jones window and other fine stained glass windows.

Events: Display of old photographs of Whatton and Aslockton

Open: Sunday only 10am – 5pm



www.achurchnearyou.com/whatton

Wilford, St Wilfrid

NG11 7AJ



This beautiful little stone church stands on a graceful bend on the south bank of the Trent and was named after Wilfrid, Bishop of York who lived between 634 and 709.

Whilst it is thought that a church has stood on this spot since before the Norman Conquest, the major part of what we see today dates from 13th century, with the chancel arch and tower believed to be of later 15th century origin. The oldest headstone in the church yard is said to show the date of 1659.

The church has thick woodlands and rolling crocus populated meadows. It was a favourite location for many midlands artists and its most often associated with the poet Henry Kirke White and the church contains two memorials to him.

The eastern arch of the chancel has a number of grooves carved into it. They were probably made by local archers sharpening arrows at a time when the Church was in a state of disrepair. All Englishmen were once ordered to practice archery on Sunday afternoons, their skill proving to be decisive in battles such as Crecy (1346) and Agincourt (1415). The church was probably heavily damaged after one of the areas frequent floods.

The church has a number of bright stained glass memorial windows. They are dedicated to Henry Kirke White, Mr Wm. Quinton, the Reverend E. Davies, the Reverend Thomas Thorpe and Henry Abel Smith (a prominent family of Wilford bankers).

Events: Historical display

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 1pm – 4pm

Services on Sunday 10th: Holy Communion 8am, family service 10:30am



www.wilford.org

Willoughby on the Wolds, St Mary & All Saints

LE12 6SS



The nave arcades are 13th century, but perhaps started earlier in the late 12th century. Additions continued through to the porch of 1907. Important restorations and repairs were made in the 14th, 19th and 20th centuries.

Features of interest include the broach spire, stiff leaf carvings on a south column, and stylus marks on a north column believed to have been made by 19th century school children. But the features attracting most visitors are the 14th century Willoughby family alabaster tombs in the chantry chapel.

In the church yard there is a thousand year old yew and a millennium yew.

Events: On the following Saturday, 16th of July, there will be a produce market in the church from 10 – 11:30 am.

Open: Saturday only 10am – 12noon

Services on Sunday 17th: Holy Communion at 9:45am



Wollaton, St Leonard

NG8 2AF

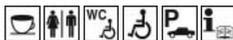


St Leonard's is an excellent example of how a medieval church developed in response to the changing needs of its worshippers over the centuries. From at least the 12th century until 2009 the building has been adapted, extended and enhanced. Although Wollaton has a very long industrial history, it was predominantly an agricultural community until the sale of the Wollaton Hall estate in 1925 prompted its gradual growth as a Nottingham suburb of 15,000 people. The church, and particularly its surprisingly secluded churchyard, gives a hint of its former rural setting. There are monuments to the Willoughby family (including one newly conserved) and to Robert Smythson, the architect of Wollaton Hall, and a variety of stained glass.

Events: Guided tours every hour from 10 am – 4pm
Self-guided tours at any time.

An exhibition features the Wollaton antiphonal, and outstanding medieval service book.

Open: Saturday only 10am – 5pm



<http://www.stleonardswollaton.org.uk/>

Blidworth, St Mary of the Purification

NG21 0QH

Before 1000AD the gospel may have been preached in the open air on the hill where the church now stands. Eventually St. Laurence's Chapel was built, the tower added in 1485. In 1739 the west partition of the nave and south aisle was rebuilt and in 1839 the chancel was added. The church was re-dedicated to St. Mary of the Purification. According to legend Will Scarlett, one of Robin Hood's men, is buried in the churchyard; his grave can be found marked by an unusual assembly of stones.

St. Mary's is unique in still holding the ancient annual "Rocking Ceremony", a re-enactment of when Jesus was presented as a baby at the temple.

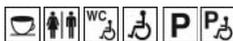
The church has many attractive and interesting features. An Italian oak and plasterwork pulpit (1760) and the oak panelling in the chancel were both given to the church by Southwell Minster. The window in the north wall shows the Madonna holding the infant Christ and a black child in her arms, and the 15th century floor stone in the nave with cross hammer and square is a memorial to Thomas Leake, forest ranger 1597.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm

Services on Sunday 17th: 9:15am until 10:30am



Open: Saturday only 12noon – 6pm
Services on Sunday 17th: 10am and 6pm



This church is generally open to visitors every Thursday morning from 10am – 12noon

www.stpaulscarlton.org

Gedling, All Hallows

NG4 4BG



The church has a spacious Early English chancel built c1230 and a five-bay nave with North and South aisles built about 1260 in the early Decorated style. The spire was added in 1300-1320 and is the second highest in Nottinghamshire at 180 feet; it displays 'entasis' or an ogee-form (double-'S') shape. The location of the tower at the west end of the north aisle provides a west front to the Nave. A clerestory was added in the 15th century.

The building was extensively restored in 1872 when five hundred seats were installed to cope with the rapidly rising population of Carlton and Netherfield which have since been made into separate parishes. A steep roof replaced a flat lead one on the chancel at the same time.

Events: Gedling old village photographs Bookstall

(Garden party the following weekend)

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm (please note there will be a wedding on Saturday afternoon)

Sunday 12noon – 5pm

Services on Sunday 17th: 8am BCP, 10am Holy

Carlton-in-the-Willows, St Paul

NG4 1BJ

St Paul's church, Carlton-in-the-Willows was consecrated in 1885. The parish was created in 1883 from land formally belonging to the parish of Gedling. The church was built in the style of a Roman Basilica and was funded entirely by the Fourth Earl of Carnarvon. The first part was completed in 1885 followed by the second part six years later which was consecrated on 24th February 1891.

Unfortunately the generous donor of the church died before it was completed, and the building stands as a very fine memorial to his concern and interest in the welfare of the parish and its people. The Countess of Carnarvon placed in the chancel a massive wrought-iron hanging cross, and on the western gable a life-sized statue of St Paul, in memory of the deceased peer.

Communion followed by baptism, 6pm evensong



Full wheelchair access (via north gate)

Limited parking – layby at south entrance

This church is generally open to visitors every Wednesday throughout the year from 10am – 4pm with a 9:15am service.

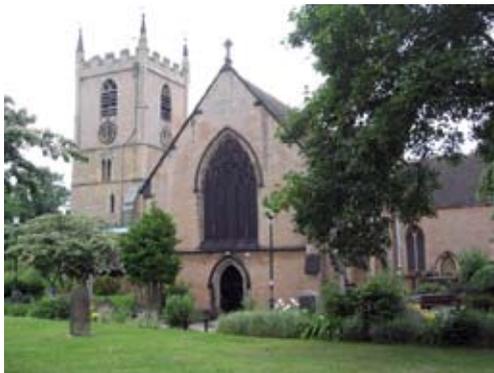
www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/gedling/hintro.php>

Hucknall, St Mary

Magdelene

NG15 7FQ



Possibly built on the site of a Saxon church, the first national school of Hucknall began in the 14th century porch, of which the stone seats still bear witness.

The church contains a visitors' centre dedicated to the flamboyant poet Lord Byron, who is buried in the church, along with members of his family.

St Mary Magdalene church is home to one of the largest and best collections of stained glass windows by the English artist C.E. Kempe – there are no fewer than 20 impressive examples of his work.

Buried in the churchyard is the local man Ben Caunt who was "champion boxer of all England". He died in 1861 and is buried with two of his children who died in a fire.

Open: Saturday 10am – 1pm (with a wedding in the afternoon from 2pm), Sunday 8am – 7pm

Services on Sunday 17th: Holy Communion 8am & 10am; Evening Service 6pm



Parking on street & car park & at market place

St Mary's is generally open daily throughout the year from 10am – 12noon and from 2pm – 4pm.

www.hucknall-parish-church.org.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/hucknall-st-mary/hintro.php>

Huthwaite, All Saints

NG17 2QT

A relatively young church at 108 years old, All Saints may appear older due to it being built in beautiful gothic style. The stone was dug out of the local mine, in the miners' own time, so the church really is part of the community.

The modern church centre with purpose-built cafe provides freshly prepared meals and drinks three lunchtimes a week and is well supported.

A welcoming and lovely church.

Events: There will be a display of Huthwaite's past (both the church and the village)

Children's crafts on Saturday 9th

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 10am – 12noon

Services on Sunday 17th: 10am until 11:30am

Morning Worship with children's groups



Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid's

NG17 8LA

The current church was built following a fire on 16th of January 1907 which destroyed most of the old church. It (the new church) was designed by the architect Louis Ambler. A carved wooden screen was erected in place of a chancel arch. The east window was given by the Duke of Portland and depicts Christ reigning in glory from the tree of life. The fine reredos, carved

of oak and painted, was given in 1928 in memory of Miss Hodgkinson of Kirkby House, all panels being concerned with the life of Jesus. The organ, a Victorian tracker action instrument, was brought from a non-conformist church and installed in 1970.

St Wilfrid's stands today, a large and active parish church for an ever increasing congregation, although the building has changed considerably through time, today's worshippers pray and praise God just like so many men and women have done on the same site before them.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12noon – 4pm

Services on Sunday 17th: 8am, 10am and 6pm



Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Thomas

NG17 7DX

St Thomas' church was built in 1903 as the parish church for East Kirkby. Over the next year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the building of the Lady Chapel by the congregation in a time of great hardship 1936-37.

We are opening our church to offer a look round, space for prayer and quiet, and free cake!

Events: Saturday: 10-4. "Picturing St Thomas" We are asking people who have family photos showing St Thomas' church, and family and other events there, if they could bring them along for us to scan for the church's history collection, and to use in a display later in the year. eg weddings, christenings, festivals, special services. They will keep the originals and we will scan the photos there and then. We will also be creating a memory book with people's stories and recollections. No charge.

All weekend: Memorial books will be available all weekend, with a chance to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

Lady chapel open.

Displays of work by church children.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12 noon – 4pm

Services on Sunday 17th: 10am



Kirkby Woodhouse, St John the Evangelist

NG17 9JE

This grade II listed building was built in 1906 at a cost of £10,000, on land given by the Duke of Portland. It replaced a church of 1864, on a different site, which was demolished. The floor is of Terazza mosaic. At the west end there is a three-light stained glass window depicting the seven sacraments. The high altar is from the first church but has been extended.

Events: displays of vestments and photographs

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 2pm – 4pm



Lambley, Holy Trinity

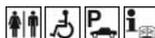
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A well cared-for medieval church in the Perpendicular style, built by Ralph de Cromwell in 1470. Features of interest include the Peter Ball "Mother and Child" statue, the former rood loft stairway, and the medieval bell frame housing one bell.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 9am – 4pm

Services on Sunday 17th: 10am



<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/lambley/hintro.php>

Linby, St Michael

NG15 8AB

St Michael's (linked with St James' Papplewick across the meadows) is mentioned in the Domesday Book and over the centuries it has experienced much change. Its atmosphere is warm and welcoming.

In 1914, major work was undertaken when the plaster was removed from the walls. More recently (in 2005), a large re-ordering project took place, blending together old and new.

Striking features are the modern bell-ringing gallery and flamed-copper organ pipes, but throughout are enticing gems telling of centuries of faith.

Visitors may wish to take a pleasant walk across to St James' church, Papplewick.

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm
Services on Sunday 17th: 10am Holy Communion



It was sympathetically refurbished between 1986 and 1988.

Events: displays and bell ringing demonstrations (hand bells)

Open: Saturday 10am – 12noon, Sunday 12noon – 6pm



Car park (at Turner Hall next door)

This church is generally open to visitors every Wednesday throughout the year.

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/mansfield-woodhouse/hintro.php>

Netherfield, St George the Martyr

NG4 2NN



St George's church, Netherfield, is a Victorian building, built under the direction of Lord Forester, Rector of Gedling, in 1886/7. He believed Netherfield should have its own church to accommodate the growing number of railway workers. It was built and decorated in the high church style and this tradition of worship has continued ever since. Recent refurbishment has included a chapel-cum-meeting room and a tea bar. Notable features include the memorial screen at the west end.

The church will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2012.

Events: Vestment display and crafts stall

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm

Services on Sunday 17th: Mass 11am – 12noon

Mansfield Woodhouse, St Edmund

NG19 9JY

Although the church is not mentioned in Domesday Book of 1086 and neither is there documentation nor archaeological evidence to support the assumption, it is possible that a church existed at Mansfield Woodhouse in the 11th century which was destroyed by fire in 1180. A church, part timber and part locally quarried magnesian limestone was built in 1190, but a disastrous fire swept the entire village in 1304 and destroyed much of the church. A grant of Sherwood Forest timber from King Edward I allowed Woodhouse and the church to be rebuilt and by Tudor times Woodhouse was home to several wealthy families. Work on rebuilding the church started soon after the fire.

Between 1804 and 1810 the church nave and aisles were virtually rebuilt, and further restorations took place in 1850 and 1878.

Features of historical interest include the 17th century Digby Memorial, a 14th century headstone featuring an unknown knight and his lady and special handmade poppy heads for the pew ends carved in 1800 by Mr Eastwood.

By the 1980s the church suffered mining subsidence.



www.stgeorgesnetherfield.co.uk

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/netherfield/hintro.php>

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Papplewick, St James

NG15 8FE

St James' must be one of the county's hidden secrets, today one with St Michael's in Linby, its origins lay probably in the 12th century. The tower is 14th century but the nave was rebuilt in 1795.

It has a charming simplicity with its plastered walls, graceful clear south windows, gallery, and east window depicting Faith and Hope.

The church's earlier history can be seen throughout. Just alongside the Norman tub-font is the famous Forester's Slab with bow and arrow, horn and baldric. This is of course Robin Hood country!

Visitors may wish to take a pleasant walk across to St Michael's church, Linby.

Events: Bell ringing demonstrations

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm

Services on Sunday 17th: 6:30pm Evening Prayer



Directional note: Take the narrow lane to the west at the point where Main Street becomes Blidworth Waye.

Additional information: The Friends of the Moor Pond Woods Project, Papplewick, are taking part in the National Archaeology Week on the 16th/17th July. The group will be undertaking excavation and exploration of an 18th century sluice in Grange Cottage Wood, corner of Papplewick Lane/Moor Road just south of the village crossroads (B6011). Post Code: NG15 8EP

Plumtree, St Mary the Virgin

NG12 5ND



(NB. Though in Rushcliffe District, this church has chosen to open on the 16th & 17th.)

This "hidden jewel" of a church, set in the small village of Plumtree, was founded in the 9th century and is mentioned in Domesday Book (1086). The underlying possible Saxon stonework is out of sight, and the solid Norman tower and Early English arcading are the principle architectural features. However, the glory of the church is the painted and gilded woodwork introduced in the 1870s by G F Bodley and Thomas Garner. The wonderful ceilings, organ case and screen and the wrought iron candelabra were expertly restored in the 1980s and can still take one's breath away. The Victorian stained glass is among the best of its type. The Wordsworth & Maskell organ installed in 1880 has recently been rebuilt and the excellent acoustics of the building enable it to be heard to full advantage.

Events: "Church life over the centuries" exhibition by Keyworth & District Local History Society, displaying Plumtree village and church records and old photographs. Scan in your old photos of Plumtree to help us build up and archive! Trace your family through Plumtree church records and local census records!

Guided tours of the church – perhaps meet one or two characters from the past.

See the bells ringing and learn a bit about campanology. Flower arranging demonstration – meet a Chelsea gold medallist!

Listen to the organ.

Sing your favourite hymns.

Treasure hunt.

Sales of cakes and preserves.

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 7pm
Services on Sunday 17th: 10:30 and 6pm Songs of Praise.



<http://www.plumtreechurch-notts.org/>
<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/plumtree/hintro.php>

Warsop, St Peter & St Paul

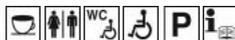
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A church, on this site, is mentioned in Domesday Book and there are History Plaques in the churchyard. The present church of Warsop is Grade 1 listed and was founded probably about the reigns of either Henry I, or Stephen. To this period may be assigned the tower which, with its massive walls has still much of the Norman masonry to be seen. Another remarkable feature of the church interior is an early Norman Tower Arch with its crude dog tooth moulding, beneath which is a lovely, modern oak screen. On the pillars at the entrance to the chancel are two carved angels made by a German prisoner of war at Cuckney POW Camp. Candles held by these angels are lit for Sunday morning communion. The East Window is a joy to behold. The subject of the design is: 'Love's sacrifice and its reward'. It was dedicated to a former rector of Warsop, Sir Richard FitzHerbert Bart 1872 – 1876 and given by the parishioners of Warsop and friends, July 1906

Activities / Events: Tour of the church and adjoining Parish Centre parts of which date from the Tudor Period
Refreshments
Display of watercolour paintings by local artists

Open: Saturday 9am – 4pm, Sunday 8am – 4pm
Services on Sunday 17th: 8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion



This church is generally open to visitors every day from 9am – 3pm

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/warsop/hintro.php>

Stoke Bardolph

NG14 5HU

St Luke's is set in the heart of the farming village of Stoke Bardolph, 7 miles east of Nottingham. Built in 1844 as a chapel of ease to the parish church of Gedling, it is now part of the parish of Burton Joyce and Bulcote.

This peaceful rural church has a warm welcome, with two beautiful stained glass windows depicting St Michael and St George adorning the simple interior.

Old photographs and historical memorabilia of the village, flowers and music will add to your visit.

A short walk away is the beautiful riverside of the Trent, with its wonderful birdlife and lovely views.

Events: Old photographs of the village, church, and church school, and farming life. Flower displays and organ music.

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm
Services on Sunday 17th: 4pm Evening Prayer & Thanksgiving



This church welcomes visitors all year round; there is a notice about where to obtain the key.

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