

*Welcome to St Andrew's,
a church in the Parish of
Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley*



Whether you are quite new to this area or have just relocated from somewhere local, we hope that this leaflet will be of use to you.

There has been a church at Kildwick for over a thousand years, sited beside one of the main points where the River Aire can conveniently be crossed.

The present church was built by the monks of Eastby Abbey – which later moved to its new site at Bolton Abbey.

They built the church, they will have built a hostelry and they built the bridge which is still in use.

(It is the southern side of the current stone bridge.

Go down and look underneath...)

In these difficult times, our ancient church building is locked for much of the time, but if you would like to look around, drop us an email or call and someone will be happy to show you some of our history. The churchyard, with its stone record of lives of centuries past and the rich wildlife of a rare undisturbed piece of land is of course, open all year round.

Come and call in!

Service times

There is a service each Sunday. It's normally at 11.00am except on the second Sunday in the month when it starts at 9.30am:

First Sunday	11.00am	Eucharist (Holy Communion)
Second Sunday	9.30am	Eucharist (Holy Communion)
Third Sunday	11.00am	Family Worship
Fourth Sunday	11.00am	Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Weekday activities

Most of our weekday activities have been closed down through the pandemic but we hope we'll be starting everything up again soon

Chuffs (Church for the Under Fives) meets on Tuesday mornings in term time.

Flapjack Friday A welcome for those who've just dropped off children on the school run. On Fridays, naturally!

Bell Ringing Happens on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. MiniRingers is a school club for Yr 4 and above.

NotTheKnot Group A Wednesday morning craft group.

Gardeners The main bed along the church is under professional care. A small group looks after various other areas of the churchyard.

Tea and Scones On Sunday afternoons through the summer.

Other events A variety of one-off events from coffee mornings to a summer fair on the Church Green.

Please be aware... The bell ringers and the gardeners are active – but other activities are in mothballs till they can restart.

Contact

You can contact us by phone (01535 634526) or by email at admin@kcbchurches.org.uk

Visit our website at kcbchurches.org.uk on Facebook at [facebook.com/KCBParish](https://www.facebook.com/KCBParish) or scan the code!



In a little more detail:

Chuffs: This is an active group of (mainly) Mums with their pre-school children who meet in the Parish Rooms on Tuesdays. Many of the Chuffs Family have kept in touch through the various lockdowns and would welcome all under fives with their carers.



Flapjack Friday: A popular drop-in on the way back from taking children in to school. Enjoy a flapjack (or perhaps something less calorific!) and a cup of coffee in good company. No need to book in – just turn up!



NotTheKnot Group: A fairly informal group who get together on a Wednesday morning in the Parish Rooms where all manner of creative activities take place. Far more than just knitting! You'll be introduced to a wide varieties of skills and ideas.



Gardening and churchyard: There are opportunities for the green-fingered and also for others! In autumn, our tree-filled churchyard produce mounds of leaves – and our labyrinth likes a bit of strimming.



There's more: we're hoping to do a proper survey of the habitat of this ancient, undisturbed area – lots to do there!

Tea and Scones: Tea and scones have been a popular feature of summer Sunday afternoons. They attract people from a wide area, raise some welcome funds but, just as importantly, they are good fun for the helpers too!



Other Events: There are normally a number of other events through the year. A Summer Fair, organised jointly with the Kildwick and Farnhill Institute and the School has been popular as has been the autumn St Andrew's Fair. We open up for the national Heritage Open Days week, the bell tower is open at times – and of course we hold coffee mornings for good causes.

*Obviously, a number of these activities are in lockdown just like the rest of us – but do get in touch if you are interested.
The QR codes lead to a bit more information and a contact form.*

Bell Ringing

Of all of the activities on this sheet, bell ringing is, perhaps, the one that is hardest to ignore! This page spells out a little of what you can expect when we are finally rid of these lockdown days.

There have been bells at St Andrew's since the 1300s and they have formed part of the soundscape of the village for some 700 years. Our current ring of eight bells was installed in 1914 and they are said to be "among the best bells in Yorkshire". The sound is directed up and away because the side louvres are almost totally bricked up – and a sound lantern installed on the roof.

Throughout the day, you will hear the clock chiming. This ancient "Cryer" clock was first built in 1709 and then renewed in 1828. A small team still winds it by hand, three times a week. Fairly extensive research has, so far, failed to find another clock with the same chime pattern. We are unique!

We ring for about 30 minutes before Sunday morning services and we practice on Thursday evenings. Bells are also an important feature for many weddings.

Other ringing does take place. Visiting ringers like to come (often on a Saturday) and national events, such as the recent death of the Duke of Edinburgh also call for recognition.

You are welcome!

Our ground floor ringing chamber is easily accessible so come along any time we are ringing and see what we get up to. We'd love to see you! Come and see what we do and, maybe, think of joining us. You don't have to be fit or musical or mathematical. If you can learn to ride a bicycle, you can learn to ring a bell.

We occasionally hold Open Days when there is the opportunity to climb the tower and look at both the bells and our ancient clock. Sadly, there is no safe public access onto the tower roof.

To find out more, use the QR Code here or contact the address on page 2.

