



THE REDHOUSE PARTNERSHIP

ADWICK, CARCROFT, HAMPOLE, HIGHFIELDS. OWSTON, SKELBROOKE, SKELLOW, WOODLANDS

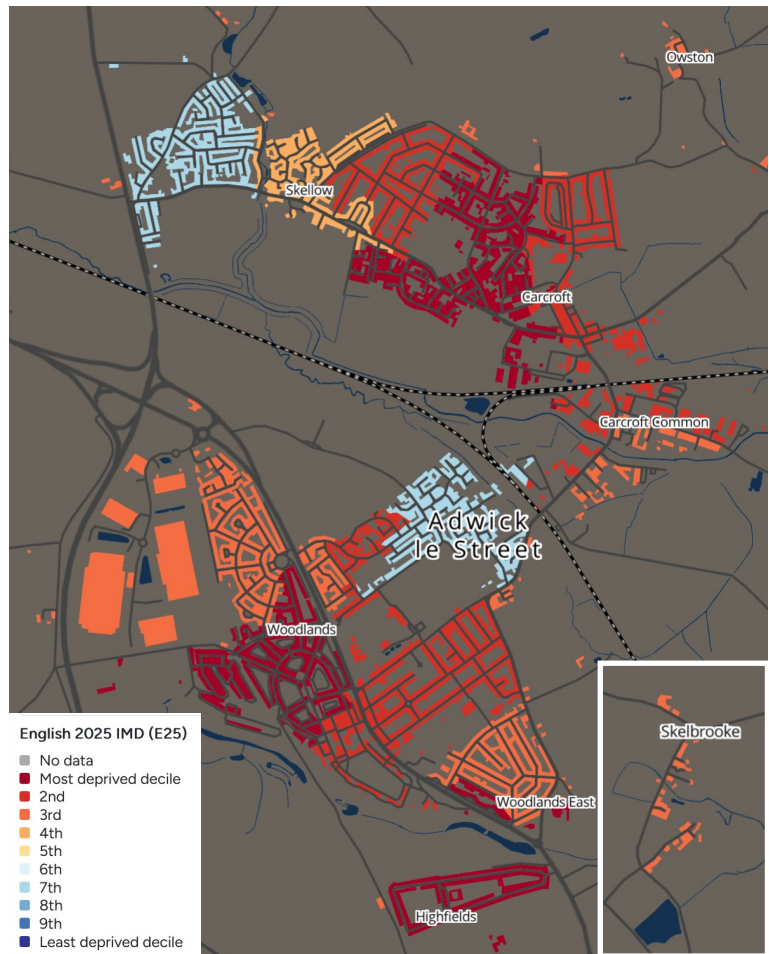
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Welcome to our first monthly Partnership newsletter.

One of the ways we can grow together as a Partnership is to know more about what's going on across our family of Churches, celebrating what we share and the differences that make each of our Church Families unique.

The Redhouse Partnership was formed in 2013 and today links together 4 parishes in the North of Doncaster, serving more than 20,000 people.

Three pit villages and five ancient villages form the backbone of the Partnership which covers a range of communities including some of the very poorest. Industry and warehousing provide many of the jobs locally and seven schools are part of our wider community.



11am
Holy Communion
4pm Church@4

5th April
Easter Day



9am
Holy Communion
(Note Time)

12th April

11am Private Prayer
4pm Church@4

9:30am
Morning Prayer



St Michael's Skellow

9:30am
Easter Communion

9:30am
Morning Worship



Woodlands

10:15am
Family Worship
With Communion

10:15am
Family Morning
Worship

19th April

11am Private Prayer
4pm Church@4

9:30am
Morning Prayer

9:30am
Morning Worship
with Communion

10:15am
Morning Worship
With Communion

26th April

11am
Holy Communion
4pm Church@4

9:30am
Private Prayer

9:30am
Morning Worship

10:15am
Family Worship

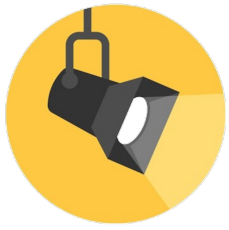
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Spotlight

St Laurence *Adwick Le Street*



St Laurence Church is one of the oldest Churches in our Partnership. Parts of the current building date to around 1150AD, including the arched doorway that we still use and some of the walls in the Chancel (the part of the Church where the Communion Table is).

The Church is dedicated to St Laurence who was one of the seven deacons of the city of Rome under Pope Sixtus II who were martyred in the persecution of the Christians ordered by the Roman emperor Valerian in 258. Laurence was ordered to bring the treasures of the Church to the emperor and instead he gave away the gold and silver and when asked for the treasures he brought in the poor and the lame and the sick. The emperor had him killed!! He is buried in San Lorenzo fuori le mura in Rome. Interestingly the remains of St Stephen, the first Christian martyr whose death is recorded in Acts chapter 8, were brought to Rome and buried with Laurence which is why you will see both of them in wall plaques and statues at St Laurence Adwick!



In the 1990s during work on the Lady Chapel (actually a Chantry Chapel but more about that another time) workers found a large rectangular stone slab under the floor. This had crosses on the corners and in the middle and was clearly used as an Altar. It also has a Reliquary - a small hole carved into the stone and sealed with a flat stone - which would contain the relics of a saint - a ring, a piece of cloth or maybe even a fragment of bone. This means it isn't a Church of England Altar, Roman Catholic Altars had reliquaries, and so this must

have been buried before the English Reformation (1520-1600) when Henry VIII split from Rome and then his daughter Elizabeth I formed what we know today as the Church of England. The Altar might predate the reformation by hundreds of years and was hidden under the floor to stop Henry's agents from destroying it!



On Sunday mornings the Church is open at 11am - some Sundays are Holy Communion, other Sundays the Church is open for private prayer. The morning services follow the Church of England Common Worship services and will feel very familiar to those who love traditional Anglican worship.

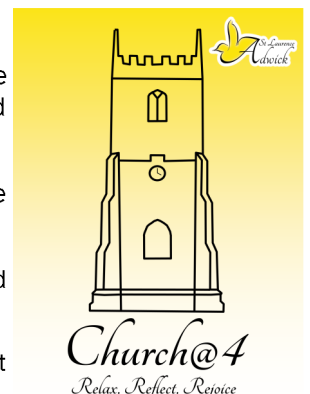
We also have a more informal service, Church@4, which meets at 4pm. We use the space differently - not in the pews but around tables, and use a more informal style of worship.

On Mondays our Natter group meets between 10am and 11am. Coffee, Tea, some nice biscuits or cake if you're lucky and conversations with friends help to build community and try to tackle the loneliness and isolation often felt by older members of our communities.

On Thursday mornings at 9:30am there is a simple half hour service of Communion where we gather in the chancel and share bread and wine together.

Our team of bell ringers faithfully practice every Tuesday evening (You might have heard them) and ring regularly on Sundays and for other special events.

Whatever reason brings you to Church you'd be welcome to join the Church Family at St Laurence as we learn to follow Jesus together.





Midweek Services

Wednesday 10am - Morning Prayer at St Michael's Skellow

Wednesday 12pm - Pray at Noon at All Saints Woodlands

Thursday 9:30am - Holy Communion at St Laurence Adwick (Not 9th)

Come and join us for coffee

"Natter" is every Monday between 10am and 11am at St Laurence Adwick

Wednesday mornings from 10:30am and Saturday mornings from 9:30am till 10:30am at St Michael's Skellow

"Open Doors" - every Wednesday at All Saints Woodlands - 10am-12noon



All Welcome, young or old



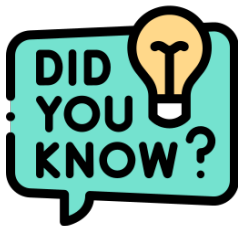
Messy Church is for all ages. With crafts, games, singing and eating we think about some of the ways we can learn to be more like Jesus.

This year we're thinking about how we become Disciples - people who follow Jesus and commit their lives to him. We'll be meeting in early May at Adwick, Skellow and Woodlands so watch out for more news.



We're on Facebook - find us at [facebook.com/redhousepartnership](https://www.facebook.com/redhousepartnership)

You can find links to the individual Church Facebook pages and to the website for All Saints Woodlands at <http://redhousepartnership.org.uk>



Adwick Le Street used to be known as Adwick in the Street, named after Ermine Street (The Great North Road). The name Adwick come from Old English "Addawic" meaning "Adda's Trading Settlement".

In 2007 40 graves from the Saxon period, between 660AD and 880AD were found during the building of the North Ridge Community School.

Ridge Balk, Windmill Balk and Tenter Balk Lane appear on almost every ancient map and possibly date back to the Saxon period.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH
woodlands

BOARD GAME CAFE

- GAMES FOR ALL AGES
- SNACKS AND DRINKS
- A FRIENDLY TEAM WHO ARE HAPPY TO RECOMMEND OR EXPLAIN

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 2nd MAY

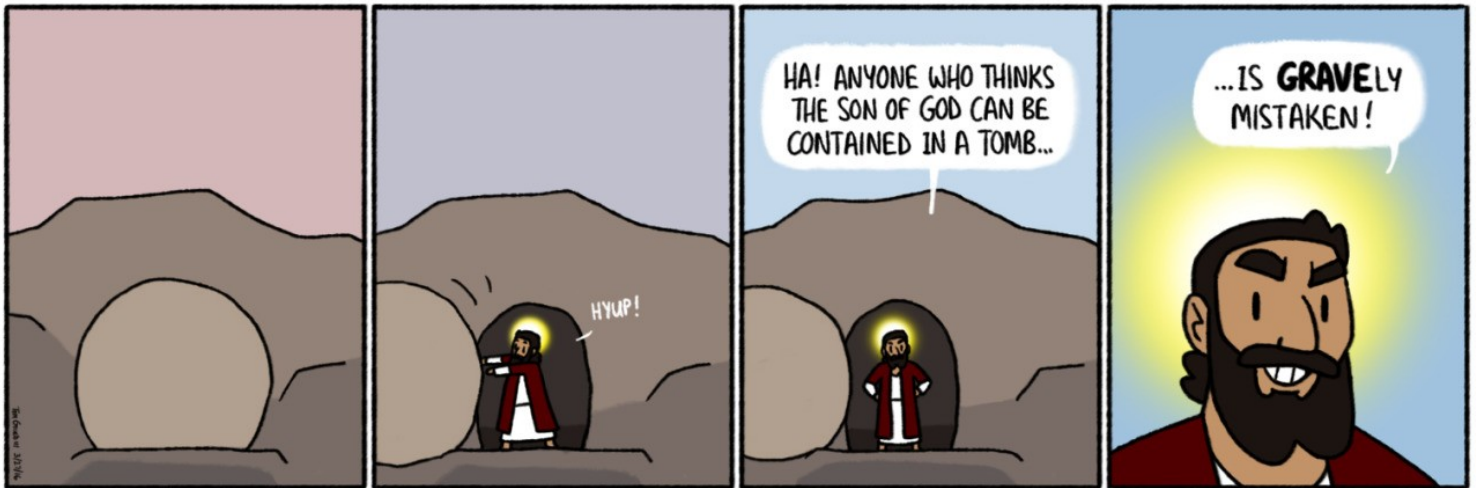
1pm-4pm Everyone welcome 5pm-9pm Over 12's only pls

Poster design by wadsley parish church, Sheffield who are fab!



More details next month

† TOMICS by Tom Gould



THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

TREASURE:
Safeguard &
Care for
Creation



TRANSFORM: Address
Injustice & Promote
Reconciliation

TELL: Share the Good News
of Jesus Christ

TEACH:
Nurture new
Believers in
the Faith

TEND: Offer
Loving Service