

# Sunday Services

Saint Margaret's Hornby



**Parish Communion**  
every Sunday 10.45am

*plus 8am holy communion twice each month  
and 9.30am holy communion every Sunday  
in our partner churches across the benefice*

## **The Quarter Days**

On the last Sundays of June,  
September, and December, respectively,  
we celebrate the Patronal Festivals  
of Saint John the Baptist (in Arkholme)  
Saint Michael the Archangel (in Whittington)  
and Saint John the Evangelist (in Gressingham)  
– the other three parishes of the benefice –  
which fall on three of the four traditional Quarter Days  
*There is no separate service here on these three dates*

Check the weekly bulletin for more services and  
events – in church, or updated weekly online at  
[www.these4parishes.co.uk](http://www.these4parishes.co.uk)

*Join us one Sunday soon*

## **Supporting Saint Margaret's**

You can support Saint Margaret's with offers of  
assistance in maintaining the churchyard, or by  
joining the church cleaning or flower arranging  
programmes, or with a one-off or regular donation  
by online, mobile or telephone banking to the  
Hornby PCC account 09-01-53 01663289. For more  
information, or to boost the value of your donation  
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# Welcome

**Saint Margaret's Hornby** is an active parish church at the heart of village life, with services every Sunday, choir, Sunday School, a young people's programme, and other activities throughout the week.

**Saint Margaret of Antioch** was a third century convert to Christianity in Asia Minor (now Turkey). *The Acts of the Apostles* records that Paul and Barnabas spent a year in Antioch in about AD44, and it was there that the followers of Jesus were first called Christians.

Since **1280** this site has been a holy place for worship and prayer, and we encourage you to offer a prayer while you are here – for world peace, for the unity the church, for your own needs, and for the needs of others, giving thanks for many blessings, and for all who have gone before.



The current building dates largely from **1513** and **1889** with other renovations in **1817** and **2013-2015**

## Some key dates and main features

### Ninth century

The two fragments of standing stone crosses mounted on the wall in the tower, and the medieval tombstones below, are from Hornby Priory, on the site that became Priory Farm

### 1296

The Claughton Bell (displayed in the tower) comes from Saint Chad's church, Claughton, two miles away, and bears the date 1296, making it the second-oldest dated bell in the country

### 1215

Roger de Montbegon of Hornby was one of the twenty-five barons who served as guarantors of the rights enshrined in Magna Carta

### 1513

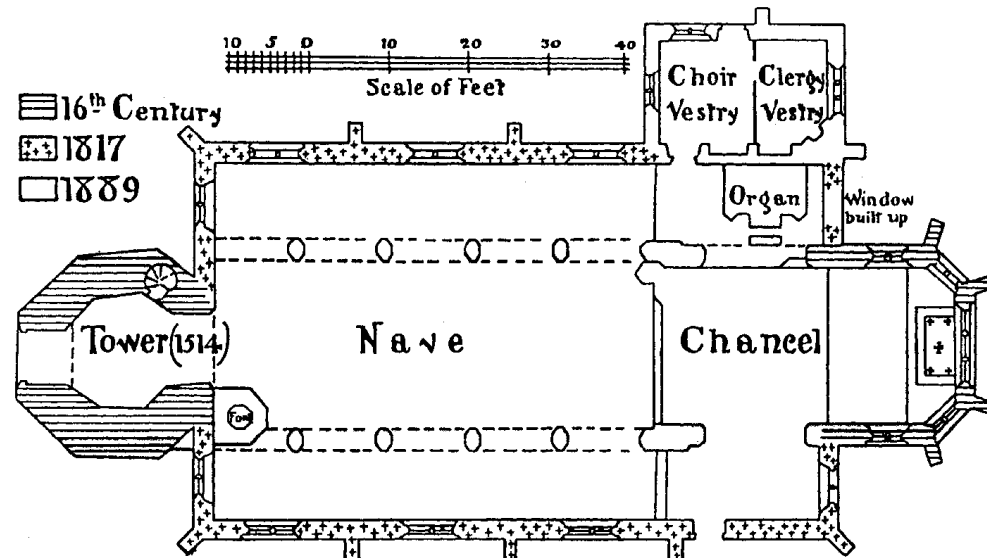
The tower was commissioned by Sir Edward Stanley, Lord Monteagle, in thanksgiving for a safe return from the battle of Flodden

### 1280

The first chapel on this site when this was both the town square and the main access to Hornby Castle

### 1523

The east end sanctuary walls, matching the shape of the west end tower, date from 1523



### 1817

The north and south nave walls date from the 1817 restoration

### 2014

The new servery was created in 2014 using oak recovered from the 1889 restoration

### 1889

Much of what you see today comes from the 1889 restoration by Lancaster architects Paley and Austin, including pews, pulpit, organ, choir stalls, artwork behind the high altar, pillars, ceiling, roof and font

### 2014

The artworks along the south wall were created in 2014 by Bert Ogden; together entitled 'Resurrection', they are inspired by driftwood and other abandoned artefacts encountered along the shore

### 2013

The west doors, in oak and glass, were installed to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the tower

### 2015

The heating system was renewed in 2015 for the first time since 1889