

The north wall dates from around 1330, and carries a brass of William de Aldeburgh dating from around 1360. The stained glass and hatchments are very fine and a visit will reveal much of interest and enjoyment. There is a leaflet giving much more information on the church's history inside the church.

Look for St Andrew in the window over the north side altar. There is a prayer table, for your prayer requests, in the children's corner on the south side.

St Andrew's is unlocked every day.

### St James', Boroughbridge



St James' Church is Victorian, designed in the medieval "Decorated" style and consecrated in 1851. It replaced the original 14th century Church which stood

on St James' square in the town centre before its demolition in 1851. The Vicar's vestry contains relics from an earlier Norman Church on the same site in

the square (see picture below. These carvings can only be viewed by appointment – contact a warden.)

The principal features of the tower, especially the pinnacles are copied from the tower of the old



church - it is 18 feet square, and 70 feet high, embattled and surmounted with a gilded weather-cock. The east window is of beautiful stained glass, the work of Wailes of Newcastle-

upon-Tyne. It has four lights with ornamental tracery above. The stalls of antique design in the chancel are of oak from the old church, as are the principal doors, the floor of the bell chamber and roof of the tower. The pulpit is an octagon of neat workmanship, which along with the reading desk is also formed of the "heart of oak" found in the former church. St James' is unlocked during the day. There is a prayer table on the right hand side of the nave.

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### St Mary, Lower Dunsforth

The quiet villages of Upper and Lower Dunsforth can be found a few miles south-east of Boroughbridge and Aldborough, close to the River Ure.



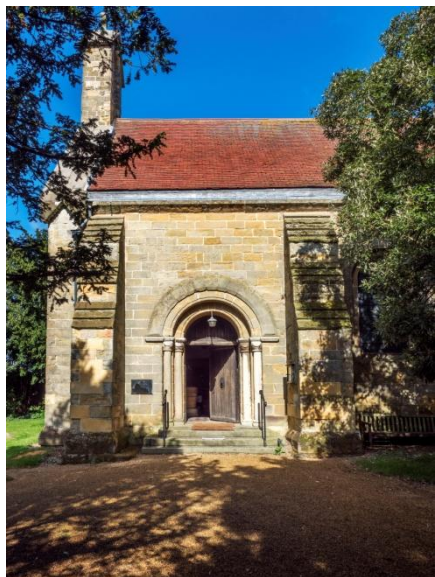
The present Victorian church, built by Mallinson and Healy, from hammered sandstone in the geometrical style, dates from 1860, and replaces a much earlier church, which had occupied the site for over 800 years. The distinctive red face of St Mary's church clock is a well-loved feature.





There is a 12th century font, and 12th century re-used arch in the vestry. The interesting south west tower contains an early eighteenth century clock mechanism. The church is locked during the day; keyholders details are on the noticeboard outside the church.

### St Mary, Roecliffe



This neo-Norman church was built in 1843, and is believed to be the only church in the country with an entirely vaulted roof. The marble floor and steps of the chancel, and the vestry door, were originally part

of York Minster. There is also a 17th Century communion table, and a Jacobean pulpit. The tiers of pews arranged along three walls are reminiscent of a college chapel. The stone for building the church came partly from the old Roman quarry in the grounds of Aldborough Manor, and partly from another quarry at Copgrove. Roecliffe church is owned and administered by Churches Conservation Trust.

**For more information on parish life, please visit:**  
**[www.boroughbridgechurches.uk](http://www.boroughbridgechurches.uk)**



Visitors welcome at any time. If the church is locked, contact either of the church wardens. Details are on the notice board by the gate.



### St John, Minskip

The smallest of the five communities in the parish, Minskip is on the road to Knaresborough. St John's began life as a Wesleyan Chapel in the Aldborough Parish around 1857. In 1858 the Church became the infants' school for the village. By 1907 the Church was a Mission Church. It is homely and welcoming. Look out for the 'Mouseman' furniture.



## Visitor leaflet for the Parish Churches ~Aldborough, Boroughbridge, Roecliffe, Dunsforth and Minskip



### St Andrew, Aldborough

St Andrew's Church was partially destroyed by Scots raiders in 1318. The present building is the third church to occupy what is thought to be the site of a Roman Temple of Mercury. It is Grade 1 listed.

*Interior looking west*

