

The Church of the Holy Spirit, Beeston Hill, Leeds

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This church is distinctive in a variety of ways and its story deserves to be recorded and made more widely known. The story begins before the day of consecration in 1905 and its influence will continue long after the final Mass of thanksgiving in 2012.



The most interesting churches, particularly those in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, having fascinating architecture, beautiful interiors and incredible stories, tend to be “hidden gems”, hardly known beyond their localities. This one is in inner city South Leeds, hidden amongst the terraced housing, where no one would visit unless they had a particular reason. The routine of parish life is much the same everywhere but the story of every parish *is* different. Although the development of the parish of The Holy Spirit, Beeston Hill, Leeds, might be replicated in large part in many another urban Anglo-Catholic parish in any large city, its story is unique. Social, theological, ecclesiological and liturgical developments taking place in similar parishes throughout the country find their expression here, but the specific local context is always different. Indeed, just as the local situation is inevitably affected by the national scene so might the two interact in quite unexpected ways. At the time of the terrible London bombing of 2005 who would have thought that this small parish with its tiny congregation would appear in every newspaper and be on national news proclaiming to the world an entirely positive message? The closure of any church is very sad - and rarely a sign of failure.

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