

The first of several walking tours arranged as part of Ilkley & District u3a 2022 summer programme

On Wednesday 6th July Tony Henshaw & Helen McQueen led both a morning and afternoon tour of Guiseley, each with a full capacity of 20 members.

These pictures show groups visiting the original Guiseley springs, what is left of the original tofts and crofts from medieval times and visiting the Parish Church of St Oswald's.

The church dates back to the late-11th or early-12th century with later additions. The church was altered significantly by architect Sir Charles Nicholson in 1909 and is Grade I listed.

The marriage of Patrick Brontë and Maria Branwell took place here on 29th December 1812.

The Rector, Father David Pickett, gave an inspirational address to both groups explaining that this is one of the few churches where a ceremony of "clipping" the church still takes place. Clipping in this context is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning to circle the church to embrace the building and marks the Festival of St Oswald each July.



