

## *Churches trail: south and west from Beverley*

### **Three Great survivors**

Each of these three churches has survived a different but serious threat to its existence in the past. Their individual histories are fascinating and each is a Grade 1 listed building in its own right.

**Selby Abbey** – the only surviving entire Benedictine church in Yorkshire (**YO8 4PU**) (30 miles). *Turn left from Hunter's Hall, then first right up Central Avenue. Follow road to right at first and second junctions (Cartwright Lane) and across Westwood to traffic lights. Turn right, then left at first roundabout onto A1079, signed to Market Weighton and York (9 miles). Follow Market Weighton ring road over two roundabouts then take third left, signed to Holme on Spalding Moor. Follow for 1.7 miles then first left at roundabout onto A614 signed to Selby (12 miles) and turn left onto A19. At first roundabout take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit staying on A19, through one roundabout and Abbey is on right (1.3 miles). Parking is signed. Founded in 1069, with building work until 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Abbey was badly damaged by fire in 1906 but returned to its former glory and enhanced over the next decades. Repair work is ongoing. Then on to:*



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**Howden Minster** – **DN14 7BS** (10 miles)- a 13<sup>th</sup> century structure with a ruined section that has its own interesting history. The first major roof collapse occurred in 1696 above the choir and various other stages followed, leaving the nave as an active church. Originally ruled by the Prince Bishops of Durham it was badly treated during the Civil War. The ruined section is now looked after by English Heritage.

*Retrace journey on A19 (through two roundabouts – 1.7 miles) and turn right onto A63, signed to Hull (7.2 miles). Take left turn to continue on A63 to Howden then 1 mile to left turn (A63) then right onto B1228 and first left into St John's Street. Parking on street is available.*



**Holy Trinity Church, Hull (HU1 1RR)** was one of the tiny proportion of buildings surviving after the German bombardment of the city during World War II (Hull suffered the greatest percentage of destruction of any English town, including London). The largest parish church in England (by floor area), it has strong connections with the Wilberforce family. Opening hours may be restricted – contact 01482 324835 for confirmation.

*Leave Howden by following signs to M62/Hull and take Hull junction (1<sup>st</sup> left) – 1 mile. Continue along M62/A63 to Hull (24 miles) – under Humber Bridge, over elevated section and across first major roundabout. Get in left lane and, after marina on right, take 4<sup>th</sup> left – Vicar Lane – and look for somewhere to park. Hull Trinity is at end of Vicar Lane.*

*If you miss Vicar Lane take next left at traffic lights and look for street parking or use multi-storey on right. Holy Trinity is behind reflective glass building opposite multi-storey.*

Catering is available around all three venues although Selby is something of a gastronomic desert. Howden has a few nice tea rooms while the **Barnes Wallis** pub in **Station Road, Howden (DN14 7LG, 0.5 miles on B1228, signed to Bubwith)** is recommended and has a surprising link with aviation history.

**Holy Trinity** is surrounded by a wide choice of eating places - this part of Hull doesn't deserve the bad reputation that the city itself seems to carry. In fact, a simple trip to Holy Trinity and then a wander around other local attractions is a fine day out in its own right.

*To return to **Hunter's Hall** merely follow any major road north from the River and you will soon see road signs.*