

## **Halifax & District Church (Sunday School) League, 1907-15**

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A small church league, with around 10 clubs each season. Only Northowram St Matthews, now Northowram Fields, are still playing. The defunct teams were:

**Ovenden St George's** (1907 and 1909-10). Played at Denfield, though the church is at Lee Mount. They were the inaugural league winners in 1907. They had previously appeared in the Amateur League, 1893-5, and the Ovenden and District League. 1896-7.

**St Barnabas's** (1907).

**St John's, Rastrick** (1907). Previously Amateur League and Brighouse and District League, they moved back to the Amateur League for 1908 and 1909.

**Holy Trinity** (1907). Earlier teams had been in the Amateur League and the Halifax and District League.

**St Paul's** (1907 and 1910-15). Had appeared at times in the Amateur League and were in the Halifax Association from 1923 to 1940. Played at Upper Kingston and Willow Drive. League winners in 1915.

**St Hilda's** (1907-15). Played at Ryecroft Farm and later Ling Bob Farm, though this could be the same ground. Later joined the Halifax Association for 1920 and 1921.

**Illingworth** (1907). Maybe a connection with Illingworth St Mary's, at that time in the Halifax and District League.

**St Mary's, Luddenden** (1908-15). Earlier in the Sowerby Division League and later to the Amateur League, District League, Halifax Association and Hebden Bridge League. The ground was usually at Turn Lea.

**St Anne's, Southowram** (1908-15). Formerly in the Amateur League and Brighthouse League, and later in the District League and Halifax Association. Grounds at West Lane and Law Lane. League winners in 1914.

**St Augustine's** (1908-10). Previously Amateur League and District League. Grounds at Pickles Lane and from 1900 at Sandhall Lane. League winners in 1909.

**St Mary's, Halifax** (1908-15). Previously Amateur League, playing at Sandhall Lane. A later team with this name appeared in the Halifax Association, 1950-7.

**St Michael's** (1908-15). Members of the Amateur League both before and after these years, and later in the Halifax Association.

**All Saints, Salterhebble** (1908-15). Ground was at Exley.

**Parish Church** (1908). Teams from this church had earlier played in the Amateur League, 1893-4, and later the Halifax Association, 1925-6.

**Coley** (1909-13). Previously Amateur League and later Halifax and District League and Halifax Association. League winners in 1909.

**St Thomas's** (1911-15). Unclear whether this is the Claremount or Greetland church. Both had fielded earlier sides.

**Pellon** (1914-15). Previously Amateur League (1901-7) and Halifax and District League (1908-13).

**St Chad's, Hove Edge** (1915). Ground at Hove Edge.