

St. Augustine and St. Aidan Tonge Moor and Hall i'th' Wood

PARISH PAPER

“Post Lockdown Edition 5” - September 2020



Dear friends

Around this time of year, I would usually put some advice in the *Parish Paper* about reducing the tell-tale signs that you are away on holiday. Sadly, because of restrictions imposed on overseas travel,

not many of us are able to have holidays abroad this year.

However, England’s “green and pleasant land” (AND the other parts of the UK) still offers opportunities for holidays to be taken without boarding either plane, ship or Eurostar. [On a tangent: when did “holiday” (or “vacation”) become going abroad, and “staycation” remaining in the UK? When the term was first coined, “staycation” meant having time off work but staying at home: most people’s family holidays were spent somewhere in the UK, with very few “staycations”.]

Wherever we spend them, though, it is important that we all take time out from our regular day-to-day routines from time to time. The change of routine exercises both our minds and bodies as we adjust to the new daily pattern. For many people this will involve physical as well as mental relaxation; for others, the phrase “a change is as good as a rest” may be more apposite!

The Gospels mention Jesus taking time out from his ministry of teaching and healing, time either taken with the disciples, where they could be alone, or by himself for solitary prayer. He spent time at friends’ weddings and visiting other friends, such as Mary, Martha and Lazarus: Jesus didn’t believe in “work, work, work”.

God also built-in a time of rest when he created the world. The writer of the Book of Genesis was inspired to record that God created the world in six days, and on the seventh day he rested. If God rests, then we most surely can!

Taking time out from our everyday routine - aided by a change of scenery, when possible - also gives us the space and opportunity to reassess our lives, and the direction in which our lives are heading. Many people take such an opportunity, once a year, for a “Retreat”, where the focus is on our relationship with God, and how we can help that become deeper and more fruitful.

The opportunities for taking holidays so far this year have been very limited: staycations may still be all many of us get. But do take a break from the normal routine; go out for the day to new places (restrictions permitting); feel the breeze on your face. Such changes are good for our spiritual and emotional as well as physical well-being and - perhaps most importantly - create a space where God can speak to us. May we all take the opportunity to take a break.

With my love and prayers

Fr Tony

SONGS OF ASCENT

A 15-day Bible study series, Songs of Ascent (Psalms 120-34), will begin on September 1st. These psalms or songs are thought to have been sung by bands of pilgrims going up or ascending to Jerusalem for the great feasts, such as Passover. To share in the Bible Study, sign-in for free at <http://www.jesuswalk.com/ascent/>

Here are the 15 daily meditations:

1. Psalm 120. Calling on the Lord for Deliverance
2. Psalm 121. The Lord Is Your Keeper
3. Psalm 122. Let Us Go to the House of the Lord
4. Psalm 123. Pleading for God's Mercy
5. Psalm 124. God Is Our Help in Trouble
6. Psalm 125. The Lord Surrounds His People
7. Psalm 126. Reaping with Shouts of Joy
8. Psalm 127. Resting in God's Provision
9. Psalm 128. The Blessings of Trusting in the Lord
10. Psalm 129. Oppressed but Not Defeated
11. Psalm 130. Waiting Expectantly for the Lord
12. Psalm 131. Quieting Our Soul in the Lord
13. Psalm 132. God's Promise to David
14. Psalm 133. The Beauty of Unity
15. Psalm 134. Come, Bless the Lord
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It will be sent out, at no cost, via e-mail as 15 daily devotions beginning on Tuesday, September 1st, each centring on the lessons of one of these brief, beloved psalms.

You might wish to encourage a friend to sign up with you so you can study together.

Even though we may be locked down because of Covid-19, God is strong in our midst! He is touching people around the world to make them hungry for Jesus. Be sensitive to the harvest around you!

This Bible Study has been prepared by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson of Joyful Heart Renewal Ministries.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to all of you who continue to contribute to the Vicar's Discretionary Fund, via the wall safe at the back of St Augustine's. As its name suggests, the Fund is available to the Vicar, at his discretion, to meet the needs of those in need. This could be help with food or groceries; a small contribution towards energy costs for those in temporary straits; even overnight accommodation in one of our local hostels.

Many of us have found ourselves needing help - with the car or boiler, for example - when such services are shut. Many of those helped by the Fund need help when the services they need are either closed or unavailable to them.

Each person in need is also a child of God. Please help with this important but hidden aspect of the parish's work with the disadvantaged of the area by putting donations into the wall safe. Thank you.

Fr Tony

HOLY DAYS

8th September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In both eastern and western Churches, Mary has always been held as pre-eminent among all the saints. The unique, extraordinary privilege of being the mother of the One who was both God and Man, makes her worthy of special honour. Thomas Aquinas believed she was due *hyperdulia*, or a veneration that exceeds that of other saints, but is at the same time infinitely below the adoration, or *latria*, due to God alone.

The gospels of Matthew and Luke give Mary most mention. Luke even tells the story of Jesus' infancy from Mary's point of view. Her Song, or *Magnificat* appears in Luke 1:46-55.

The virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated in the gospels. But after Jesus' birth, Mary fades quietly into the background. During Jesus' public life, she is mentioned only occasionally, as at the wedding at Cana. She reappears at the foot of the Cross (John's Gospel), and is given into John's care. In the early chapters of Acts, Mary is with the Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit along with them on Whitsunday. But her role was not the active one of teaching and preaching.

Mary's significance grew with the centuries. By the fifth century she was called *Theotokos*, The Mother of God, and

from the seventh century onwards, she was given four festivals: the Presentation in the Temple (2nd February), the Annunciation (25th March), the Assumption (15th August) and her Nativity (8th September).

Marian devotion has played an enormous role in the church down the years. Mary has been the object of countless prayers, accredited with performing many miracles, and the subject of thousands of artistic endeavours. She has had hundreds of chapels or parish churches named after her. During the Reformation many images of Mary were destroyed. The Second Vatican Council 1962 made an extended statement on her, stressing her complete dependence on her Son, and regarding her as a model of the Church.

Principal Marian shrines of today include Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal), Walsingham (England), Loreto (Italy), Czesochowa (Poland) and Guadalupe (Mexico).

15th September - The Triumph of the Cross

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should

travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I

am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke - as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

21st September -St. Matthew

St Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

29th September - St. Michael and All Angels

St Michael is an archangel, whose name means ‘who is like unto God?’ He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is ‘one of the princes’ of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, St Michael’s cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael’s Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, St Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art St Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglican Psalters, or in Epstein’s famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. St Michael’s most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The ‘All Angels’ bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with St Michael.

Enter all the angels, led by Michael

by *Canon David Winter*

One of those surveys which some newspapers love to publish claimed recently that a large number of British people believe in angels - almost as many, in fact, as claimed to believe in God. They didn’t tell us what people meant by ‘angels’. I suspect quite a few were thinking of young children who die, who are often now said to be ‘angels’ ‘up there’. They’re not, of course. They are transformed human beings. Be that as it may, when Christians celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels later this month, there will be many of us, inside and outside churches, who will wonder exactly what or who we are celebrating.

Most simply, the word in the New Testament means ‘messenger. An ‘angel’ is a being who brings to us God’s message or his help. In the Bible angels are variously described. The familiar notion of wings and flight comes from a vision given to Isaiah in the Temple when he was being called as a prophet. The angel Gabriel, who told Mary that she was chosen to be the mother of the Messiah, is not described at all, but his words are recorded in detail. Angels speak to people in dreams (Joseph, the husband of Mary, for instance) and Jesus spoke of ‘angels’ who particularly care for children (‘guardian angels’).

Most people, even very devout ones, have never knowingly encountered an angel, I guess. However, the New Testament

tells us that in 'showing hospitality to strangers' some of us have 'entertained angels without knowing it'. Clearly wings and eyes of flame are not obligatory. Just human care. 'Oh, go on, be an angel and make me a cup of tea!'

What is an angel? Easy, people think: a shining figure with glorious wings, who appears from time to time to do some mighty work for God or bring a very special message from him.

Well, that's right in one sense (apart from the wings, which owe more to stained glass windows than the Bible). But the fact that not all 'angels' in the Bible are 'glorious' or 'shining' should make us hesitate to categorise them in this spectacular way. After all, the three apparently ordinary men who visited Abraham and Sarah to tell them that she would have a son even though she was long past child-bearing age had none of those outward embellishments. Nevertheless, Abraham recognised them as divine messengers.

The Bible is full of angels, from the early chapters of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation, and often they had a key role in crucial events. It seems, from just two instances, that Michael was their leader, an 'archangel'. In many stained glass windows he's seen with a sword, because in a vision in Revelation he led the angelic host who fought and defeated Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, to tell him that his elderly wife was to have a son, the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist. An angel

- Gabriel - appeared to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. An angel appeared 'in a dream' to Joseph, the village carpenter in Nazareth, to tell him to go ahead and marry his fiancée, Mary, and later - also in a dream - warned him not to go back to Bethlehem. A 'young man', whom we take to have been an angel, was sitting in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5).

Without going into every biblical reference to angels, those should be sufficient to show that the word covers an enormous diversity of experience. So, the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of those who practice hospitality as sometimes 'entertaining angels unawares'. Sometimes people recognised angels for who they were, and sometimes they didn't. Angels, quite simply, are God's agents or emissaries, messengers and ministers of His will. Sometimes they are human; sometimes they seem to be spiritual beings.

Perhaps we could even say that *anyone*, in any situation, who is at that moment God's 'messenger' to us, or serves us graciously, is an 'angel'. So, when we say, 'Oh, be an angel and pop up to the chemist for my prescription', we may be nearer the heart of the matter than we think!

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



There is still no news on when we can start holding our group meetings, so at the moment no Deanery or Branch activities are planned. We will still have our MU Mass.

Jenny Murphy has asked if anyone can donate items to The Beeches, because they, like many other charities are suffering from a lack of donations. Items that would be helpful are cleaning products and household items which the residents can use when moving into their own homes.

Midday prayers are Live on the MU Facebook page. There are more resources available on Mothers Union webpage. The Mothers union shop is also now online.

Thank You

key workers appeal



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

MU's 'Thank You Key Workers' Appeal

The Mothers' Union wants to help families of key workers by offering them a range of free day trips/experiences and short breaks. It is appealing to MU supporters to help make this possible.

As a spokeswoman for MU explains: "There has been an outpouring of compassion and care during the crisis from our hospital workers to our delivery drivers, carers to cleaners and our refuse collectors to bus drivers. But because of their personal sacrifices, quality family time has not always been possible.

"Therefore, we are extending our existing Away from it all Programme (AFIA) to say a special 'thank you' to key workers in these unprecedented times.

“Any donation will help provide a range of day trips/experiences and short breaks for families of key workers, especially for those who have been kept apart or who are on low incomes - families who would generally be unable to have experiences like this.”

If you would like to send a donation, go to:

[Say thank you to a keyworker's family today - Donate now](#)



WALSINGHAM NEWS

A Visit to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, August 2020

Now there's a title I didn't think I'd be using! Like all regular pilgrims, I hadn't anticipated being able to visit Walsingham again this year, after Elsie and I were at February's Partnership Weekend. As we all know, a decision was sadly

but essentially made to have no resident pilgrims at the Shrine in 2020. An opportunity which I didn't think would come my way appeared and I didn't hesitate to the chance of staying in the self-catering cottage belonging to the Priory of Our Lady, during the first week in August. I knew visiting Walsingham would be different - and it was. If the definition of pilgrimage is 'a visit to a holy place with a specific intention' then I was on pilgrimage but with a degree of holiday also thrown in.



The Shrine is open for private prayer from 10am to 3pm daily. The only entrance is through the west door, leading from what we know as the piazza. The first thing you see, so familiar to many of us, is the gorgeous blue and white reredos in the Chapel of the Annunciation, forever to be thought of as 'Doris' altar' by many of us. One of the staff is in the porch, requiring you to sanitise your hands and complete a 'Track and Trace' card. At this time the wearing of masks changed from being advisory to being mandatory. Then a one-way system is in operation, taking you round the south side of the Holy House and into the nave. Some benches have been removed to allow a good distance for those wishing to sit and spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Just one person or household at a time is allowed in the Holy House where candles may be lit as usual. I have to admit to an attack of the giggles as I unsuccessfully tried to blow a taper out with my mask on!



The area beyond the chancel step is roped off so no-one may go along the corridors behind the Guardians' stalls, up to the Orthodox chapel or behind the High Altar. Holy water is available in ready filled small bottles on a table near the door leading out to the

fountain garden. The Guild of All Souls chapel is open to two visitors at a time. The garden is also open between 10am and 3pm - Shane (of Norton's fame) told me of someone who nearly got locked in as they fell asleep on a bench in the warm sunshine!



On average there are between 40 and 50 visitors a day and over twice that number on Sundays and some Sundays significantly more. That is indeed excellent news, as it seemed to me that the vast majority of people I saw were probably first-time visitors. Hopefully they will return in the

future and see things as they usually are. The atmosphere is the same as always and the Holy House is just as special - probably more so in these strange times.



Norton's is now open every day in August from 10.30am - 4pm, with a more limited menu than usual but still has some familiar



favourites including lavender shortbread and Norfolk shortcake. The outside tables are being well used and the Perspex screen across the serving area offers good protection for everyone. They are also operating the 'Track and Trace' system.

The Shrine is streaming Shrine Prayers daily at 6pm, currently a 9am Sunday Mass and other celebrations and events such as for the Feast of the Assumption and the Youth Pilgrimage@Home 2020. However, there are no public services whatsoever. Some of the staff have returned to work and are in specific 'Bubbles' so housekeeping in public areas meets stringent Covid-safe requirements. Some familiar faces from the Refectory are serving in Norton's, the Hospitality team in Reception and Sacristans form the Welcoming team

and the Health & Safety/Maintenance crew are about doing essential work.

The gardens are stunning and it was good to see the lavender still in full bloom as it has usually been cut back by the time we are there at the end of August.



Emilie Vince has replaced the long serving Steve Eley as Shrine Gardener and she was hard at work every time I was in the garden during the week.



The chapel in the Priory of Our Lady continues to be closed to the public too, although Sr Angela and Sr Carol have maintained their usual pattern of the Daily Offices and aspects of their Rule of Life. The annual celebrations for St Margaret's Day in July and their Dedication Festival in May were unable to be shared with Associates and friends. Now that things are less restricted, they are out and about more in the village and Sr Carol is back with Sacristan duties at St

Peter's, Gt Walsingham and Sunday School at St Mary's. When they had their recent 'Holiday at Home' week their chapel bell was not heard ringing out at the usual times.

Writing of bells, the carillon in the Shrine bell tower is sounding out at regular times. The Angelus is heard daily at noon and 6pm in addition to two verses of a hymn tune at 1.30pm (or one verse played twice depending on how you look at it). A selection of hymns play at 7.50pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays and at 3.35pm on Sundays, prior to the normal times of the Processions of Our Lady and the Blessed Sacrament respectively. A fascinating new page on the history of the bells in the carillon has been added to the Shrine Archives on line. Thanks to the Shrine's Archivist Isabel Syed for the tip-off to this and the link, which you may like to pursue

<https://www.walsinghamanglicanarchives.org.uk/shrinebells.htm>

Needless to say, my week went very quickly. The weather was fantastic and Norfolk skies were at their best. Finally, after 27 years since I was last on it, a ride on the Wells & Walsingham Light Railway, albeit only half-way along the line to Wighton Halt, as it is still not running all the way to Walsingham. We did a 'church crawl' in the North Walsham area (not far from Cromer) where only three of the nine churches we visited were closed - pretty good in the current circumstances. We walked the Pilgrim Way but as it was quite busy at the RC National Shrine and social distancing wasn't being observed as much as we were comfortable with, we returned to the village fairly soon. We had a lovely visit to Holkham Hall grounds and Walled Garden and enjoyed the ice

cream you just have to have in Wells. We attended Mass at St Mary's on Sunday morning and again for the Feast of the Transfiguration and managed to spend time in the Shrine and gardens on four occasions. We patronised Norton's twice and the Shrine Shop more than twice! (NB - not selling diaries or calendars for 2021.) Oh yes, and got chocolate for three unnamed members of our parish, from the factory shop in Fakenham. The privilege of the week was to share Sr Carol's Monday 'day-off' walk along The Green Way just out of the village, into Great Snoring, almost to Thursford and back to Walsingham. Three of us picked 2lbs of blackberries in a very short time and having carried picnics all the way of the approx 7 miles, ended up eating them in the Shrine garden. (That's the picnics not the blackberries!) However, it proved to be an excellent pitch and a chance to have a chat with quite a few members of staff who are clearly missing us as much as we are missing them.



The strangest things about staying in the Cottage this time? Hearing Sr Carol ringing the Priory chapel bell at 6.55am and not having to dash across the courtyard at the last minute to make it on time for the Office of Readings (as we did last October). Also sitting outside the Cottage, listening to the Angelus bell ringing before Shrine Prayers but having to follow it on a tablet, despite only being across the garden!

By the time you read this, members of the Society of OLW will have had the latest edition of the Walsingham Review. If any

of you don't keep your copy once you've read it, please consider passing it on to me or Elsie, not putting it into your paper re-cycling bin. We may be able to lend it to one of our congregation and hope it inspires them to join the Society and our Cell - and be part of next year's Pilgrimage and maybe, just maybe, our 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage in 2022.

Linda Parkington

Congratulations to Josh Holmes-Patel who is to be Deputy Head Boy at St James's High School. Well done Josh and best wishes for an interesting and successful year.

Well done and congratulations to Luci Watson on gaining excellent results in her GCSE's. Best wishes Luci as you begin your A Level studies at Canon Slade School.

The Rectory
St. James The Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

I think your idea for both our Confirmation groups getting together for a weekend away - socially distanced, of course - was excellent and our meeting last week drew most of the plans together. We didn't take any minutes, so let me record the decisions I believe we made.

Since all of us have to sleep far apart at the centre, I am prepared to spend the nights at a local hotel. By chance, I have found that there is a four star one only a few miles away, so I have booked myself in.

As the dining area in the youth centre may be cramped, I am also willing to have dinner each evening at the hotel, thereby creating more space for the rest of you. An additional sadness is that, since breakfast at the hotel is not served until 8am, I will not be able to join you either for your pre-breakfast dip in the nearby stream. It would be grossly unfair to expect you to pack lunch for me, so I will arrange for the hotel to provide

me with a picnic hamper for one which I can have while you all enjoy your cheese and pickle sandwiches.

I think it will be an excellent learning experience if you prepare all the teaching sessions yourself, but be assured that I will always be on hand to give the advice of experience. That large armchair near the fire in the common room seems to be the best place for me to sit, so I can keep an eye on proceedings, while I take on the responsibilities for stoking the fire. This reminds me; do make sure that the young people are encouraged to saw enough logs each morning for me to fulfil my obligations.

Naturally, my arthritis will prevent me being able to accompany you on your afternoon hikes, but I will cheerfully park my car wherever you leave the minibus, to provide a second vehicle in case of emergencies. I do not mind in the least waiting all those long hours until you get back; I have already found an attractive tea shop in the village.

I am fully aware that not sleeping or dining at the centre, not being responsible for preparing the teaching, nor being involved on the walks will mean that my contributions will be ever so slightly limited, but these are sacrifices I gladly make in order to give you further experience in your ministerial career.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

20 things your mum said to you while you were growing up

Because I said so
Wait and see
Ask your dad
No pudding unless you finish your dinner
I've told you a thousand times
Say "pardon", not "what"
It will all end in tears
I want never gets
Close that door, you weren't born in a barn
Don't sit that close to the TV - you'll get square eyes
There is no such word as "can't"
Who's she, the cat's mother?
Carrots make you see in the dark
If you eat your crusts, you'll get curly hair
Don't make that face - if the wind changes, you'll stay like
that
Wipe that smile off your face or I'll wipe it off for you
Do as I say, not as I do
Back in my day

How many of these did your mum use?

Are politicians the oldest profession?

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," admitted the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," the politician pointed out in triumph, "somebody had to have created the chaos in the first place!"

School

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"

Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

Needed

What this country needs is fewer people who know what this country needs.

Middle class

Young son to father: "Dad, what is the middle class?"

Dad: "The middle class consists of people who are not poor enough to accept charity and not rich enough to donate anything."

Why is it that saying: "Have a nice day" sounds friendly, but saying "Enjoy your next 24 hours" sounds threatening?

Next week's COVID guidance

You can't meet with another person outside your family with an A or an R in their name, unless it's Wednesday.

Family members are OK, unless it's the third Monday after Pancake Tuesday.

People under 5ft. 11in. are not allowed to go to the pub, unless they have brown hair.

Cat owners are exempt from the above, unless the cat is ginger, obviously.

PARISH DATES

Tue 8th BIRTHDAY OF THE BVM: Mass at 7.30pm
SUN 13th 12.15pm: Holy Baptism
6.30pm: Evening Prayer & Benediction
Mon 14th TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS: Mass at 7.30pm
Tue 15th 7.00pm: PCC (via Zoom)
Wed 16th 7.30pm: Mothers' Union mass
Wed 23rd 7.00pm: Churches Together in Tonge Moor (via Zoom)
Thur 24th 7.30pm: Mass, and Walsingham Cell Devotions: NB no
6.15 mass)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

August 12th Sheila Robinson (88)

Calendar and Intentions for September 2020

Tue 1 feria: Our local tradespeople
Wed 2 feria: The work of ACS and Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood
Thu 3 S Gregory the Great: The Church in England
Fri 4 S Cuthbert: All missionaries and missionaries
Sat 5 feria: The mentally ill and those who care for them
SUN 6 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon 7 feria: Confessors and their penitents
Tue 8 **BIRTHDAY OF THE BVM: The Parish and the People of God**
Wed 9 feria: The fire, police and ambulance services
Thu 10 feria: Those areas subject to particular Covid restrictions
Fri 11 feria: Our local Councillors and Borough officials
Sat 12 feria: Those preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism
SUN 13 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon 14 **THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS: Christian Unity**
Tue 15 Our Lady of Sorrows: Our PCC and Church officers
Wed 16 Ss Cornelius and Cyprian: The work and mission of the Mother's Union
Thu 17 feria: The homeless, the unemployed and the lonely
Fri 18 feria: Those persecuted for their faith
Sat 19 feria: Religious communities and vocations to the religious life
SUN 20 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon 21 **S MATTHEW: The work of Evangelists**
Tue 22 feria: The work of Forward in Faith and The Society

Wed 23 S Pio of Pietrelcina: The Churches Together in Tonge Moor
Thu 24 Our Lady of Walsingham: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its Priests Associate
Fri 25 feria: The work of local hospitals and hospices
Sat 26 feria: The Bishop of Beverley, and all bishops of The Society
SUN 27 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon 28 feria: Walmsley Deanery, its churches and congregations
Tue 29 **SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL: The Parish and the People of God**
Wed 30 S Jerome: All theologians and Biblical translators

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