

All Saints Church Thornton Hough

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A Biblical Word Search

Words associated with Jesus can be found below written across, down diagonal and even backwards. See how many of the 26 words you can find.

About Jesus

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• TRUTH
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• RIGHTEOUSNESS

• KING
• FORGIVENESS
• LORD
• TEACHER
• GATE
• LAST
• LIFE
• LEADER

*Front Cover picture by Cots2Tots
as displayed in Parish Hall*

A letter from the Churchwardens

Welcome to this magazine. As you are reading this the church, and the parish, of All Saints' is entering a period of vacancy. Whilst the weather outside may be gloriously sunny and warm many of you may be feeling a little more unsettled inside.

As your Churchwardens we are here to help in any way we can during this period. Much consideration has been put into the plans which are in place and will continue to evolve as we search for our new Vicar. The most important aspect of this is that we all work together to use our strengths to help each other during this time. We are drawn to the letter to the Romans chapter 12. In this familiar passage of Paul's letter he refers to the church as a body, a theme which is repeated in his letters to the Corinthians.

Romans 12 v 4-5 reads "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (NIV). As we consider this we would encourage each of you, as part of the body of the church to consider what part you play in that church. Just as your body needs each part to do the task for which it has been designed we need you to do the task for which you were designed within All Saints'. Moreover, we do not do things each to benefit only ourselves. Each and every one of us plays our part for the good of the whole body.

We are here to help you in what is needed for the church to survive and to thrive. But the body will only thrive if all of its functions are fulfilled and for that we look to you and support you in achieving all that is needed going forwards. If we can work together and each make all of the other parts of our body stronger then we look to grow and develop through the vacancy. We look to recruit the right person to walk, and work, with us in our onward journey in which we walk as one body, even though each of us is a different part.

Can we encourage you to look at your own skills and talents. What can you offer? How can you use what you are good at to help those around you and yourself? Let's work together to be a healthy body in Christ.



Alice Jones and Patsy Baker

Farewells...

As this magazine goes to press we are rapidly approaching Daniel's last Sunday as our vicar. Everyone at All Saints would like to express their sincere thanks to Daniel and Angela Howard for all that they have contributed to the life of the church and the leadership that they have shown over the last nine years.

One of their early initiatives was starting the cots2tots group for young children with their parents and carers. Over the years many children have attended, friendships formed, lots of cake has been eaten and support given when challenges have arisen. Some families have wanted closer links with the church and brought their children for Baptism. Sunday groups (Sparklers, Comets and Rockets) and midweek groups (Impact and Abide) have run which have helped the children and young people to understand the Bible and grow in their Christian faith.

Angela and Daniel undertook much of the initial fund raising to support cots2tots and the work amongst families. This enabled us to employ Anna Leadbetter as our Families Worker. Anna, supported by her husband Owen, has made significant contributions to the success of the work with children and families and the development of our church. At the end of July Anna is leaving All Saints to take up new role at Holy Trinity, Poulton Lancelyn. We thank God for the work that Anna and Owen have undertaken at All Saints, and ask His blessing on them and their two children as they move to Holy Trinity.



It has been good to welcome young families into the church. The all age sermons have made us all think and Daniel is to be congratulated on the way he has coped with the most unexpected responses from the young people and turned the most unlikely comments into positive Christian messages.

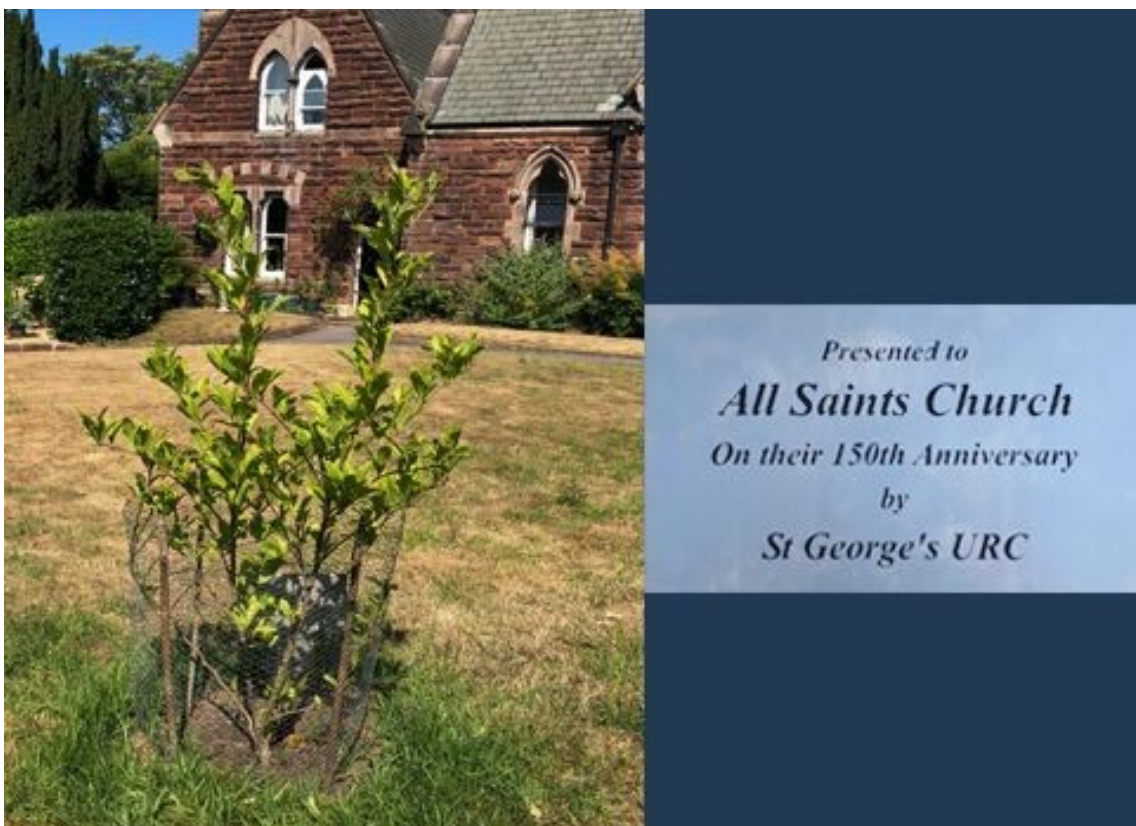
Daniel has run several Simply Christianity courses, he has worked with St Georges to run Lent and Autumn courses and both he and Angela have supported people both on a one to one basis and in Bible Study groups. Angela started the Coffee Plus group. The church celebrated when a group of young people and adults were confirmed, the first confirmation that had been held at All Saints for many years.

Daniel has visited the local care homes on a regular basis and has encouraged others to go along with him on these visits. He has also been a regular visitor to Thornton Hough primary school where he has taken assemblies. He has provided strong support to bereaved families and to the many couples that chose to get married at All Saints. He has maintained the strong ties with St George's and, more recently, *Three Churches Together*.

As a church he has led us to consider our GAP (Growth Action Plan) goals and to think about our Vision and Goals for the coming years. Service times have been changed and new service booklets produced. A beautiful but aging building and its grounds have provided their challenges.

In May we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the church's consecration and we were pleased that Daniel, dressed as Sherlock Holmes, opened the fete on the village green. It was a special time when we all came together as a community, worked together and welcomed many people from the wider community to come and celebrate with us and to visit our lovely church to see the wonderful flowers in the flower festival.

Our thanks and best wishes go to Daniel and the Howard family. We thank God for all that they have achieved here and our prayers go with them all as they move on to new challenges. We shall miss them.



Notes on the PCC meetings on 25th June 2018

With Daniel's resignation from the Parish from the end of July the first part of the evening was a Special PCC Meeting convened to transact business required by Section 11 of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986.

Alice Jones was appointed as Chairman and Reverend Beth Glover, the Rural Dean for Wirral South Deanery was welcomed to the meeting.

The meeting noted that the Diocesan Director of Human Resources as Designated Officer had given notice of the vacancy. Patsy Baker and Alice Jones were appointed as Lay Representatives for the parish.

The vacancy will be advertised within the Diocese of Chester and it was decided to ask the Simeon's Trust (our patron) to advertise it as well. A meeting had been arranged for the following week when the Bishop of Birkenhead and the Reverend Canon Helen Edwards (the trustee from the Simeon's Trust) could meet with the PCC to explain the vacancy process.

The PCC heard that a straw poll taken at the open church meeting on 23rd June had voted overwhelmingly in favour of accepting either a man or a woman - whoever was the better candidate. In relation to the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 the PCC took a vote and decided not to make a Letter of Request. *(This means that either a man or a woman could be appointed, maintaining the status quo.)*

We now need to complete the Parish Fact Sheet and write the Parish Profile. The PCC agreed that the Standing Committee should write a draft version of the Parish Profile then take it to the PCC for discussion.

Beth encouraged us all to pray for the church and for guidance in writing the parish profile and appointing a new vicar.

Daniel then joined us and we continued with the regular business of the PCC.



After comments made by a member of the congregation it was agreed that the *Membership List* should be renamed *Contact List*. Iain Stinson agreed to check the legitimacy of this with the Information Commissioner's Office and revised forms would be available for people who had still not filled them in.

The PCC are continuing to monitor the maintenance of the New Graveyard and are obtaining comparable quotes from different contractors.

Owen Leadbetter resigned from the PCC from 24th June 2018 . He was also stepping down from the Fabric and Health and Safety Team after their next meeting in July. The members of the PCC are very grateful for all that Owen has done.

There are now two vacancies on the PCC. Two former PCC members have indicated their willingness to serve again. This will be followed up at the next PCC meeting.

Daniel thanked Anna for her 5 years service as Families Worker and wished her well in her new role at Holy Trinity, Poulton Lancelyn.

It was agreed that we need to try to continue the children's work on a Sunday; the volunteers (Linda Arch, Margaret Wignall, Rhona Mayhew, Judy Cook, Cath Arnold and Lesley Morris) have agreed to continue. As numbers are small it has been decided to combine the children into one group.

It was also hoped that cots2tots could continue as there was a shortage of volunteers and a decision was needed as soon as possible. Sue Stinson agreed to help, going on the rota to help at the sessions and helping with the administration and organisation of the craft. Rachel Brothwell volunteered to take on the overall management of the group; she has qualifications and experience in working with young children. The PCC accepted her offer and thanked her for volunteering.

The PCC was very grateful that Linda Arch had offered to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer. The Diocese run training programmes for safeguarding officers.



A finance report had been circulated to the PCC in advance of the meeting. The PCC approved the use of online banking for the HSBC accounts and changes to the signatories on the bank accounts, needed due to resignations.

The Fabric Team reported that repairs have been carried out to the floor in the Parish Hall, the gates onto the patio from Church Road have been mended and the handle on the church door has been replaced. An evacuation plan is still being worked on and they are also continuing to do regular maintenance checks.

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S M Stinson (PCC Secretary)

All Saints Contact List

We are setting up a list which the PCC Officers, administrative staff and Vicar may use to contact members of the congregation about matters related to All Saints Thornton Hough and to send details of services and events and other relevant information about All Saints to those interested. Although we have various other lists of people these can only be used for the purposes set out when people joined these lists. For example, the Electoral Roll may only be used for matters related to the election of churchwardens and PCC members and not for general communications with our members.

We would like to encourage ALL those associated with All Saints to join the Contact List. We can assure you that the use of the list will be limited to those purposes set out above and on the form for joining the list. The list will only be used by the PCC officers, administrative staff and the Vicar. It will not be shared with or passed on to any third party.

Copies of the form to join the *Contact List* are at the back of church. Once completed (and signed) please return the form to Sue Stinson, the PCC Secretary. One form is needed for each person who wants to join the list. We would encourage each family member to sign up.

We hope to include a link on the church website to enable those who want to join the Contact List or update their details to be able to do this from their tablet, phone or computer (via a web browser). We'll announce via the pew sheet when this is available.

Who to contact at All Saints (from July 29th)

Rev' d Daniel Howard leaves All Saints on July 29th. It will be some months before a new vicar is appointed and so the arrangements set out below have been put in place to help those who need to contact All Saints. The support being provided is being delivered by volunteers who will provide the best support they can; your patience will be appreciated.

Contact information

Parish Office

Where the contact for your enquiry is given in the table below as the *parish office* please either send an email to office@allsaintsth.org.uk or call 0151 336 1654 and leave a message on the answer phone. There are no arrangements for *walk-in* contact.

Email messages will be checked every couple of days and a reply sent. Please be sure to include your name, reply email address and the details of your enquiry.

The telephone answer phone will be checked every two or three days and your call will be returned. Please be sure to include your name, the number to call back on and a brief reason for your call in your message on the answer phone.

Churchwardens

Patsy Baker may be contacted by sending email to patsy@allsaintsth.org.uk or by calling 0151 336 3273). Alice Jones can be contacted by sending email to alice@allsaintsth.org.uk.

“Vicar” contact details

From July 29th the email address vicar@allsaintsth.org.uk will be redirected to the parish office email address and handled by the team looking after the parish office.

Please do **not use** the vicarage telephone number (0151 336 3429) to try and make contact with All Saints; please use the parish office contact details (0151 336 1654 and office@allsaintsth.org.uk).

Please send any paper mail for All Saints to **The Parish Office, All Saints Parish Hall, Church Road, Thornton Hough Wirral. CH63 1JP**. Please do not send any mail to the vicarage.

The Howard Family may be resident in the vicarage for a few weeks after Daniel leaves his post at All Saints. Please respect their privacy and refer any matters about All Saints to the parish office or the churchwardens.

Sunday Services	<p>These will continue “as usual” with retired clergy and clergy and readers from other parishes leading the services.</p> <p>The list of forthcoming services will continue to be included in the weekly pew sheets, in The Magazine and on the website.</p> <p>Please contact the parish office if you have any enquiries about service times etc..</p>
Enquiries about the readers’ and intercessors’ rotas	Please contact the <i>parish office</i> .
Requests for prayer	<p>Please contact the prayer link coordinator, Rhona Mayhew, (on 0151 334 5637, email rhona@allsaintsth.org.uk), the churchwardens or send a request to the <i>parish office</i> who will forward your request to the prayer link coordinator and the churchwardens. To include someone in the prayer list used at services contact Alan Split (0151 336 3573) or the <i>parish office</i>.</p>
Requests for a home Communion	Please contact the churchwardens or send a request to the <i>parish office</i> who will forward your request to the churchwardens.
Enquiries about Bible study groups.	Please contact the person listed in The Magazine for the group in which you are interested. For general enquires about these groups please contact the churchwardens or the <i>parish office</i> who will forward your request to the churchwardens.
Requests for Holy Baptism	<p>Please see the details on the website http://www.allsaintsth.org.uk/baptism.htm and then contact the <i>parish office</i>.</p>
Requests for funerals or cremations	<p>There are some details on the website http://www.allsaintsth.org.uk/funeral.htm</p> <p>Rev’d. Andrew Haslam has kindly agreed to be the first contact for enquiries about funerals and cremations. Please contact Andrew on 0151 792 6201.</p> <p>If he is not available then please contact the <i>parish office</i>.</p>
Request for information about getting married at All Saints	<p>There are details on the website http://www.allsaintsth.org.uk/wedding.htm</p> <p>Please complete the online form and further information will be sent to you. If you need more information then please contact the <i>parish office</i>.</p>
Enquiries about church social events / activities	Please contact the events coordinator, Rachel Brothwell (07903 275375, email rachbrothwell43@gmail.com).
Enquiries about cots2tots (our toddler group)	Please contact the <i>parish office</i> or Rachel Brothwell (07903 275375, email rachbrothwell43@gmail.com).

Enquiries about children and young people's groups.	Please contact the churchwardens or the <i>parish office</i> who will forward your request to the churchwardens.
Enquiries about ACF (A Church Fellowship)	Please contact Eileen Roberts on 0151 336 3465.
Enquiries about music at All Saints	Please contact the Director of Music, Iain Stinson (0151 342 4800, iain@stinson.org.uk).
Articles for and enquiries about <i>The Magazine</i>	Please contact the editorial team listed in The Magazine or email editor@allsaintsth.org.uk or contact the <i>parish office</i> .
Material for and enquiries about the weekly pew sheet	Please contact the <i>parish office</i> .
Enquiries about donating money and our giving scheme	Please contact the Planned Giving Secretary, Sydney Deakin on 0151 334 6111.
Enquiries about Safeguarding	Please contact the churchwardens or the <i>parish office</i> .
Enquiries about renting the Parish Hall	Please contact Margaret Gamble on 0151 336 7540 or the <i>parish office</i> .
Enquiries about PCC business etc.	Please contact the PCC Secretary, Sue Stinson (0151 342 4800, sue@allsaintsth.org.uk).
Enquiries about church finance	Please contact the Treasurer, Iain Stinson (0151 342 4800, treasurer@allsaintsth.org.uk).
Report a problem with the church or hall building	Please contact the fabric team by sending an email to buildings@allsaintsth.org.uk or by contacting the parish office.
Anything else...	Please contact the <i>parish office</i> .



"For me, 'twas not the truth you taught
 To you so clear, to me so dim
 But when you came to me, you brought
 A sense of Him
 And from your eyes He beckons me
 And from your Heart His love is shed
 Till I loose sight of you, and see
 The Christ instead"



Finding a new vicar

Following Daniel's resignation as our vicar, the process has begun to find his successor. We thought readers of the Magazine might be interested to know what the main steps are which will take place to enable a new vicar being appointed for All Saints.

The appointment of a new vicar is made by the Bishop of Chester on the recommendation of the patron of the parish. The patron is responsible for finding a suitable candidate for the post and works with the parish (through the PCC) and representatives of the Deanery and the Diocese.

The Deanery is a group of (Church of England) churches in the same geographic area who loosely work together under the leadership of the Rural Dean. Our Deanery, known as Wirral South, has 13 parishes and our Rural Dean is Rev'd. Beth Glover, who is vicar of St Mary's Eastham. There are 18 deaneries in the Diocese of Chester and they are more manageable sub groups of the Diocese.

The patron of a parish can be an individual, a particular office holder or an organisation and some parishes have more than one patron. The patron for All Saints Thornton Hough is Simeon's Trust.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected by the members of the congregation to help run All Saints and whilst a new vicar is being sought, they, led by the two elected churchwardens, are responsible for the continued running of All Saints. They also play an important part in the search for the new vicar.

The Diocese has officially notified us that Daniel is leaving and a series of meetings of has taken place to initiate the recruitment process.

On Saturday June 23rd there was an open meeting for members of All Saints to discuss the appointment of a new vicar and to provide input to the PCC on what they thought were important points to be considered.

A special PCC meeting was held on June 25th when a number of formal agenda items were considered and voted upon. This is reported on elsewhere in this edition of The Magazine.

Another special PCC meeting was held on Thursday July 5th with the Bishop of Birkenhead, Bishop Keith, and the Rev'd. Canon Helen Edwards who is the representative of Simeon's Trust. Helen will be working with us during the processes of finding a new vicar; she described the process that would be followed and the role Simeon's Trust would have in that role.

We were reminded that the process is one governed by Canon Law but were assured that we would be guided through the process by Simeon's Trust and the Diocese. Once the interviews are complete and the interview panel unanimously agree who to appoint, then the patron, Simeon's Trust, will present the candidate to the Bishop of Chester who will then, if he is satisfied with the recommended appointment, formally make the appointment.

As you would expect, the interview and final steps in making the appointment are confidential and only at an agreed time can the outcome be announced publically. Following the public announcement of the identity of the new vicar, it is likely that it will be a further three months before they take up the post at All Saints.

We would encourage everyone to pray regularly that suitable candidates apply for the post and All Saints and that the best person for the job is appointed as our next vicar.

Bishop Keith and Helen led an interesting discussion with the PCC members present helping to draw out what was important for All Saints going forward and how this might influence the choice of a new vicar. We were encouraged to pray regularly that the right candidate would be found for All Saints. We discussed the drawing up of the parish profile and the completion of the Parish Fact Sheet.

Following this meeting the PCC Secretary, on behalf of the PCC, completed a form which has been sent to the Diocese; this is an important step which has to be completed before the search can begin.

The PCC has to produce two documents which set out what our church is like and our vision for the future. These documents are presently being drafted and will need to be agreed by the PCC before being made available to those enquiring about the post at All Saints.

One of these documents, the Parish Fact Sheet gives factual details about the state of the parish. It includes a summary of our services and other activities, the attendance at services and other events, details about the area, the financial state of the parish, our vision for the future and so on.



The other document, The Parish Profile, is a longer document which gives more details for those who may be interested in the post. It includes details about the local area (its attractions and facilities), the local community, a brief history of the church, the worshipping life of the church, church organisations, church buildings and their condition, a summary of our financial resources, our links with other parishes and ecumenical links, our involvement with home and overseas mission, details of the vicarage, some statistical information and our vision for the future which we want to share with the next vicar.

When these two documents are completed and approved by the PCC (after review by Bishop Keith and Canon Helen) the post will be advertised. Initially the adverts will appear on the Diocesan and Simeon's Trust websites and the Church of England recruitment website known as *pathways* (<https://pathways.churchofengland.org>). Both the Bishop and Simeon's Trust may also direct suitable, potential candidates they know to consider the post at All Saints.

Simeon's Trust will manage the initial stages of the recruitment process, sending out details to those interested and answering basic queries about the post. They will make the preparations for a short-listing meeting when the list of those candidates to be interviewed is drawn up. The two parish representatives, Patsy and Alice, will take part in this process.

Once a short list has been drawn up interviews will take place (at All Saints). The interview panel will be the two parish representatives, the Simeon's Trust representative, Rev'd Canon Helen Edwards, the Rural Dean, Rev'd Beth Glover, and representatives of the Diocese (Bishop Keith and the Archdeacon). Before the formal interviews the candidates invited for interview will want to see the church and the vicarage and this will be arranged. There will also be a chance for the candidates to meet and talk with some members of the congregation. The formal interview will include a presentation or discussion led by each candidate.



What is the Simeon's Trust?

Simeon's Trust and Hyndman's Trust are leading and long-standing Church of England patronage trusts, with patronage interests in nearly 200 parishes in over 40 dioceses, often as sole patron. As patrons, they work with parishes and dioceses to find the best and most appropriate person to be appointed as the vicar of one of their parishes.



Charles Simeon (1759-1836), Vicar of Holy Trinity Cambridge for 54 years, was a contemporary of John Wesley, William Wilberforce, a founder member of the Church Mission Society and an early supporter of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Simeon and a number of his contemporaries were concerned to ensure gospel ministry flourished in the Church of England. Partly as a result of Simeon's ministry and influence in Cambridge and beyond, a considerable number of men

were ordained but they then found it difficult to find livings. Many of the bishops and private patrons would not appoint them because of their emphasis on personal faith.

During most of the 19th century, vicars were mainly appointed by patrons – individuals or bodies that held the right to do so. Often the criteria and methods of appointment fell short of what we would see as spiritual and vocational essentials. Until 1898, the right of a patron to appoint a vicar was legally a piece of property which could be bought and sold.

Charles Simeon used his family wealth to buy such rights, often in strategic places such as town and city centre parishes. To continue his patronage work on gospel principles. Simeon established a Trust. Simeon and his trustees put the needs of the parish foremost when making decisions about who to appoint to livings. Unlike many other patrons of the time their motivation was spiritual, seeking to appoint men who were not only able but the most appropriate for the parish.

In 1833 Simeon gave a charge to his Trustees about appointing vicars. This continues to underpin the work of the Trustees though it has been re-interpreted somewhat as now both women and men are appointed to Simeon livings.

Important points in this charge include

appointing persons

- who are devoted, who are of God in deed and in truth;
- who combine solid judgment and an independent mind;

when appointing

- to consider nothing but the welfare of the people in the parish;
- not to be influenced by the great and powerful;
- to consider how well the person is suited to the parish.

Hyndman's Trust was brought together with Simeon's in 1990. The trusts are generally thought of as representing the evangelical tradition in the Church of England, but Simeon's Charge does not set out a 'party' position, and they have patronage interests in parishes in a range of traditions, which they respect.

Their main role is when a benefice (parish) is in vacancy, working with PCCs, Dioceses and other patrons, towards the appointment of a new minister. However, in addition to involvement at other key times, they give ongoing prayer support for their parishes and clergy.

(see <http://www.simeons.org.uk/>)

Memorial Charity Folk Concert for Alec Cooke

Alec's wife, Judith, would like to thank all who supported this concert held on 23rd June. It was very well attended with all tickets sold and the proceeds (over £2000) shared between Clatterbridge Cancer Research and the Wirral Fund for Children with Special Needs. It was a wonderful evening much enjoyed by all who attended thanks to the entertainment provided by John Finnan, Frank Welcomme and Andy Chrimes.

A little humour

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray

"take only ONE. God is watching"

Moving along the lunch line at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note

" Take all you want God is watching the apples!"



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A Church Fellowship for anyone from anywhere

At the June meeting, the fellowship leader was Helen Tankard who welcomed Les and Edith Shepherd. Les had chosen the Hymn “Lord of the years” and the Bible reading was 1st Corinthians Chapter 13

Twenty people were present to hear about his chosen subject : -

“The importance of the fork, which is not as stirring as the spoon.”

I was pleased to accept an invitation to speak to the June meeting of the ACF. Eileen asked me for a title for my talk and I offered the above, which certainly deserves an explanation. It comes from our time living in Sarasota, Florida, and from various tours throughout the USA.

Most Americans start a main meal course by cutting up the meat content and placing the knife to one side and finishing the meal with just the fork. If I had taken a little more time to choose a fitting title I should have used words that suit my age and failing memory, such as “I wish my memory was as good as my knowledge deserves.”

My talk is based on the many years we have been able and privileged to live in the United States and see more of our families who live and work there. Daughter Kathryn has worked there since the early 1990s and lives in Sarasota. We found it so easy to settle there and have come to love and respect the American people. Their churches are beacons of life and light and we became part of their fellowship, which continues today with many special contacts.

Driving on the ‘wrong’ side of the road was a quick learning process and passing a driving test was a requirement to gain cheaper insurance as a genuine resident. Observing other driving habits was a good idea, with some reservations. Meshing in was a suitable plan. The safety of school buses with their Stop signs, which stop all traffic in the vicinity, makes it safe for all children. Early impressions are fed by space. The space for bigger homes, roads, cars, schools, stores, sports stadia and National Parks.

Having secured a home there, our first quest was to find a church. There are many denominations and we found the closest, ‘The Church of the Nativity’, part of the Episcopal Church of America. This is like our Anglican church, with similar prayer and hymn books. Initially it was just a wooden building – to become their future Church Hall, once the new church was built. We fitted in quickly and became part of their fellowship which was so loving.



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We became part of their desire to see the new church built and joined in all the events that took place and witnessed the building of the church over our first two years there. It was a special time with special people to achieve such a spiritual event. The first year of occupation found us arranging an English flower festival to commemorate the new House of God. They still continue to have flower festivals every year.

The friends we made are still in contact and share various articles of faith and fun from time to time. The story of the little boy who wanted to meet God is an example. He set off with a packed case of crisps and drinks. He walked through the park and sat on a bench next to an elderly lady. He started his snack and noticed that the lady looked hungry. They smiled at each other as they shared his snack. No words were spoken. The boy realised it was getting late and started to leave. After a few steps he ran back and gave her a big hug. In return she gave him a beautiful smile. When he got home his mother asked him what was making him look so happy. He replied: "I had lunch with God today" and he added: "She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen." When the lady got home her son noticed her look of peace and she explained: "I ate crisps in the park with God today." She added: "You know, he's much younger than I expected." God does move in mysterious ways and he is in people we meet if we care to look. To look with open expectancy. To notice friendship and fellowship that we too may share something of our lives in everyday occurrences.

A regular weekly healing service in our church was followed by a small team of ladies, plus myself, meeting in the church hall. We were known as the Bandage Brigade. We collected laundered bed sheets that were no longer fit for use in the hospital, tore them into 3" strips, stitched them into 20' lengths and then rolled them as bandages. They were sent to a Haiti children's hospital with clothing. After our efforts we went to a local restaurant for lunch. One day the restaurant owner, seeing me with 11 ladies, asked me what my secret was, dining with such a lovely group of ladies. I advised him that I was their probation officer!

Thank you for listening and sharing God's time together.

Les Shepherd



ACF

A Church Fellowship for anyone from anywhere

The July meeting held on 11th July was our annual Strawberry Tea with twenty five people including 7 guests in attendance. It was a very enjoyable afternoon with good food, fellowship and chat.

“Trotters”

At our business in January it was mentioned that following the closure of “Mrs Hunnibuns” the two running clubs had nowhere to gather and enjoy each other’s company over coffee and cakes. These clubs had been to “Mrs Hunnibuns” for several years but had been squashed uncomfortably and not too safely into a corner.

Under our principles of service and giving, it was decided on a 6 month trial period to provide for “our “ runners with the title “Trotters”. The conditions were

- No waitress service
- Coffee and Tea pots,
- hot and cold milk set out on the table and
- it would be a “do it yourself” method with empty pots replenished as necessary.

This met with the agreement of the runners, a cheerful group of up to 30 .

The 6 month trial finished in July and the unanimous decision is that a further 6 month extension will take place

The advantages all round are

A much easier project, no over crowding, fewer staff required, less home baking, shorter time - we finish at 11.20 , The runners are very appreciative and clear the tables for us.

The situation will be reviewed in January 2019

Eileen Roberts





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Forthcoming Events

No events in August

September Events

Fellowship Meeting in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 12th September at 2:15pm

Speaker Mr Aydin Djemal CEO Wirral Ark Project

Chatterbox - at 64 Eton Drive

Tuesday 18th September at 2:15pm

Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 26th September at 10:30am

Cakes, Cards, Jams, Chutneys Etc

Friendly atmosphere with lots of conversation

Everybody welcome to all our activities

Eileen Roberts

Harvest Festival

This year the Harvest Festival is being held on Sunday 30th September at 10:30am. This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall. Details about the arrangements for the lunch will be published on the pew sheets nearer the time.

The Church will be decorated on the Saturday 29th September at 9:30am and all offers of help will be gratefully received.



A short Prayer

Heavenly Father, fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit
That people may watch the way I live and see, not me
But you shining through me.



POULTON HALL GARDENS GO WILD

On Saturday July 14th from 2 to 5 pm Poulton Hall Gardens were open to the public in aid of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust. The walled gardens were spectacular as ever, despite the drought. But this time the wildlife volunteers and gardeners were keen to interest visitors in birds, bees and butterflies, and how to help them.

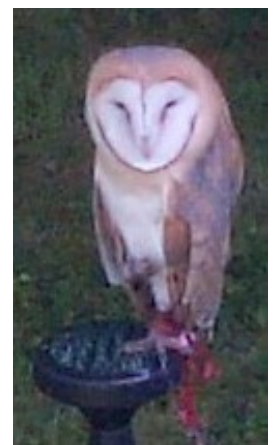


The wildflower meadow, with its four copses, is surrounded by 400 metres of nine species hedgerow - one species for each hundred years the Lancelyn Greens have lived here. Visitors were issued pictures of hawthorn, blackthorn, dog-rose, guelder rose, alder, hazel, oak, beech and holly to be able to recognise them. There were also sheets to show which wildflowers were still in bloom, and how to recognise the butterflies which were out and about in abundance.

The Wildlife volunteers worked very hard, managing the car-parking, demonstrating hedge-laying and entertaining children. When they needed refreshment, along with everyone else they were served by the Rotary Club of Neston. Nigel Brierley brought a fine display of bee-keeping, with bees in a see-through hive, honeys and wax products .



Andy from Cheshire Falconry displayed 6 birds of prey. Star of the show was a magnificent white tailed eagle, but there was also the most delightful little barn owl.



Caroline Lancelyn Green



POETRY CORNER THE GARDEN Andrew Marvell

What wondrous life is this I lead! Ripe apples drop about my head;
The luscious clusters of the vine Upon my mouth do crush their wine;
The nectarine and curious peach Into my hands themselves do reach;
Stumbling on melons as I pass, Ensnared with flowers I fall on grass.

Meanwhile the mind, from pleasure less, Withdraws into its happiness;
The mind, that ocean where each kind Does straight its own resemblance find,
Yet it creates, transcending these, Far other worlds, and other seas;
Annihilating all that's made To a green thought in a green shade.

Here at the fountain's sliding foot, Or at some fruit tree's mossy root,
Casting the body's vest aside, My soul into the boughs does glide;
There like a bird it sits and sings, Then whets, and combs its silver wings;
And, till prepared for longer flight, Waves in its plumes the various light.

Such was that happy garden-state, While man there walked without a mate;
After a place so pure and sweet, What other help could yet be meet!
But 'twas beyond a mortal's share To wander solitary there:
Two paradises 'twere in one to live in paradise alone.

These are the 5th to 8th verses of a nine verse poem. I've collapsed the lines to save space, so you need to read it rather slowly to get the full effect. The other verses suggest it was written as a compliment to the recently retired commander of Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army, Sir Thomas Fairfax, whose daughter Marvell tutored during 1650 and 1651 and whose gardens he obviously enjoyed.

They are beautifully written, rhyming, scanning, full of loveliness and longing.

Andrew Marvell (1621-1678) was something of a prodigy. He went up to Trinity College Cambridge at 12, published Greek and Latin poetry aged 16 and graduated at 18. He clearly had great facility with language, rapidly learning Italian, Spanish, French and Dutch while travelling on the continent in the 1640's, (thus avoiding most of the Civil War, which ended in 1651).

His most famous poem is probably *To His Coy Mistress* - "Had we but world enough and time This coyness, Lady, were no crime" in which he tries to seduce a virgin and there is just a slight possibility that he might succeed, but his love poetry never sounds satisfied (as Donne's does, for example). In *The Mower's Song* when his mistress comes she tramples on his feelings, she: "What I do to the grass, does to my thoughts and me" and in his *Definition of Love* his notion of true love is by definition unachievable, though he sounds rather proud of it: "My love is of a birth as rare As 'tis for object strange and high; It was begotten by Despair Upon Impossibility."

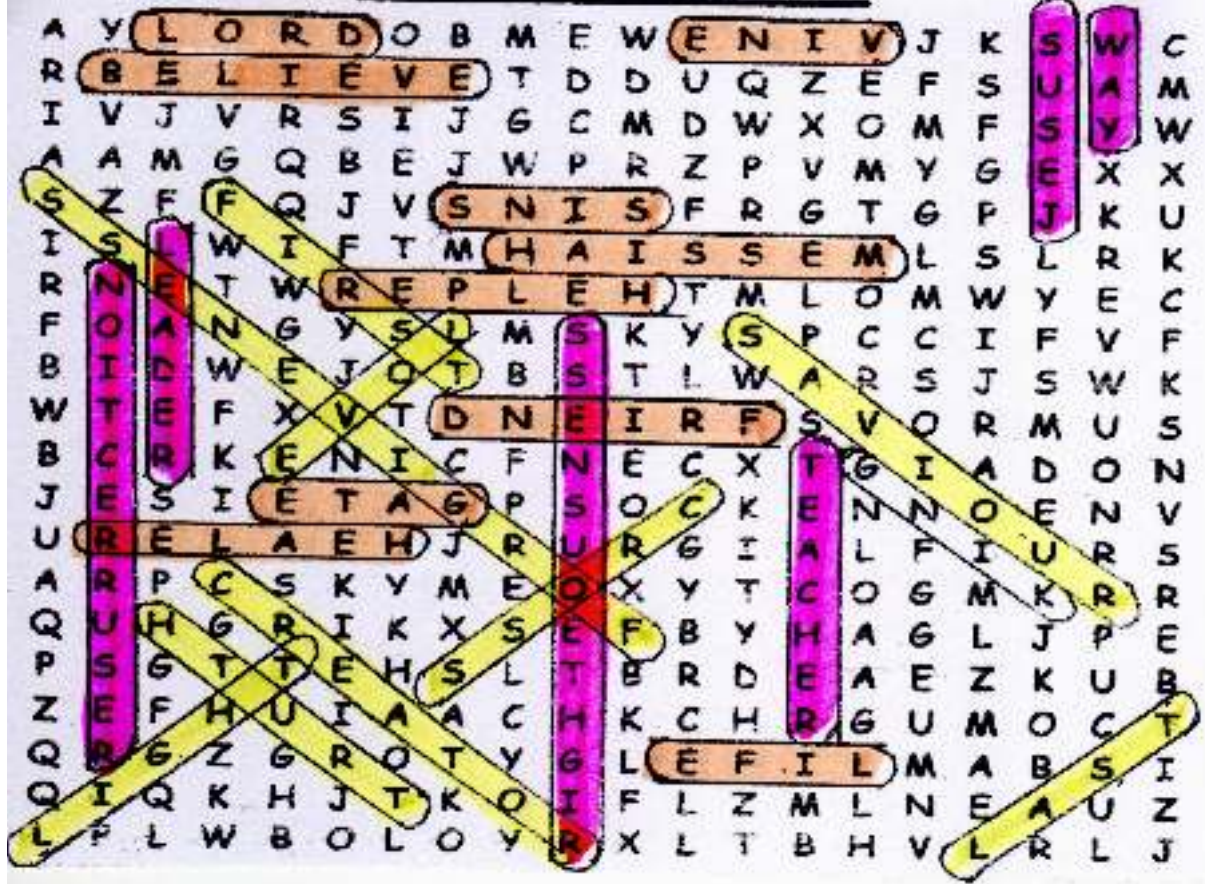
In *The Garden* we gain some insight into Marvell's failure to marry, or even have a mistress (so far as anyone knows. The known facts of his life are a bit sketchy.) There is the sensuous delight and joyful tumbling among the fruit, with the "luscious clusters of the vine" and bondage - "ensnared with flowers" - falling, but softly onto grass. This sounds splendidly worldly and indulgent, but then he starts thinking, and this is a much more enjoyable activity. Marvell's mind is an ocean (Ted Hughes's "has mountains") and it is imaginative and creative. He likes his own company.

I do find the ocean metaphor rather difficult to understand. The famous critic Sir Christopher Ricks calls this sort of comparison "short-circuited". Here the mind is compared to an ocean in which everything (presumably fishy) can immediately recognise itself in another. It can also imagine all manner of other worlds and seas, while at the same time: "Annihilating all that's made To a green thought in a green shade". Simple words but they convey a wealth of meaning.

In the *Dialogue Between the Soul and the Body* the soul imprisoned in its body complains that it "fettered stands In feet, and manacled with hands" while the body complains of "this tyrannic soul". In *The Garden* the soul simply divests itself of the body and flies off like a bird whose silver wings reflect the "various light". Marvell was a politically active poet, MP for his birthplace Hull for 18 years, and his poems weren't published till after his tragically early death because many of them were dangerously political. His best work really defies prose explanation. Read *The Garden* aloud if possible. It's quite sad in a way.

Caroline Lancelyn Green

About Jesus



Here are the answers to the word search. Did you find them all?

Thornton Hough Community Trust

Thornton Hough Community Trust Ltd is a charitable organisation established in 1999. It aims to be a vehicle for discussion and action for issues that affect the local area and environment. It has established good working relations with such stakeholders as the local police, local councillors, other organisations that operate within Thornton Hough village and third party agencies such as Age UK Wirral. Discussion topics can be wide and varied. The Trust meets on the third Wednesday in the month, with the exception of August and December. The next meeting will be on 19th September at 7:30pm in the WI. We would be delighted to welcome more residents to our meetings. More information can be obtained from :-
 the Chairman, Geoff Dale, geoff@thctrust.co.uk or
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Thornton Hough W.I.

‘From Suffragettes to Spaghetti’ - our speaker in June, Charlotte Gringras, began with a Russian/Manchester family becoming involved in the Suffragette movement, and ended with a young member today being involved with Spain and Spaghetti – a contrast in life styles!

The local Model Railway Club, who have used our WI Hall for many years, has recently received the Queen’s Award (equal to an MBE) for all their sterling work in the community. Congratulations to them!

The famous Royal Cheshire Show took place in July. Our WI had 4 entries in various classes – all won different awards, including a First for Dani Dell’Orco for a beautiful, delicate photo – a cobweb at dawn down in Neston Marshes.

At our July meeting we had such an entertaining talk, ‘Overpaid, Oversexed and Over Here’ - the story of the father of Rina Tillinger, our speaker, and his experiences as an American serviceman in Britain during World War 2 – with some great wartime photos.

On July 17th we all enjoyed a Fish and Chips Supper.

Forthcoming events:

Afternoon tea will be served on Saturday, 11 August, at 2 pm – £5 - come and join us and bring a friend!

The topic for our September meeting on Tuesday, 4 September, will be “Hand Massage” – sounds nice and soothing. See you there!

Anne McTigue

A little more humour!

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said that it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl said that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human.; it was physically impossible!

The little girl said “when I get to heaven I will ask Jonah”

The teacher asked “what if Jonah went to Hell?”

The little girl replied “ Then you ask him!”

COOKERY CORNER

SAUSAGE AND CHILLI PASTA

300 gm dried pasta, Olive oil
1 onion chopped and chopped garlic (optional)
1 lb sausage meat or skinned sausages
Small fresh chilli finely chopped and fresh chopped herbs if desired.
2 tbsps soured cream or yoghurt
200 gms baby spinach leaves



Cook the pasta as directed on pack in large pan of boiling water.
Heat the olive oil in a separate pan and cook the onion till soft, then add the chopped chilli.
Cut the sausage meat into small chunks and cook with the onion for 10 mins or until cooked.
Drain the pasta and combine with the sausage mixture.
Stir in the spinach and soured cream, heat through, season and serve.

REDCURRANT FOOL

Half pound redcurrants or soft fruit of choice
100 mls double cream
100 mls greek yoghurt
Sugar

Gently simmer fruit (in very small amount of water if necessary) till softened
Put through a sieve (or blitz to a pureé if using fruit with no seeds)
Sweeten to taste
Leave to cool
Whisk the cream till thickened ,but not too firm.
Blend with the yogurt and fold in the sweetened fruit pureé



Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages for June & July 2018

Extracts from the Church Registers

BAPTISMS -

MARRIAGES 13.7.18 Paul Michael DALE and Sharon Loraine FELL

BURIALS	Age	Date of death	Date of burial or Interment of ashes
Ithel Lloyd FRANCIS	93	9.6.18	22.6.18
Huw Alun HUGHES	80	7.2.18	23.6.18

COFFEE ROTA

August		September	
05	Barbara and David	02	Barbara and David
12	Margaret and Elaine	09	Lisa/Charlotte / Verity
19	Jane and Vi	16	Syd and Rachael
26	Shirley and June	23	Shirley and June
		30	Linda and Peter



Trade Directory

Trade	Name	Contact Telephone Numbers	
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Health & Wellness - Pilates	Peter Heath	644 9279	mob 07808 920 813
PAT testing	Joey Farrell		mob 07723 997434
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Following a suggestion from various readers, we have compiled the above list based on their recommendations. if you know of anybody else who would like to be included please inform any of the Editorial Team.

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August 2018

1	Wednesday	10:30	Holy Communion Service
2	Thursday		
3	Friday		
4	Saturday		
5	Sunday		Tenth Sunday after Trinity
		08:00	Holy Communion Service
		10:30	All Age Holy Communion Service
			<i>No evening service</i>
6	Monday		
7	Tuesday		
8	Wednesday	10:30	Holy Communion Service
9	Thursday		
10	Friday		
11	Saturday	14:30	Wedding: Andrew Tongue & Hannah Ford
12	Sunday		Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
			<i>No 8am service</i>
		10:30	All Age Morning Prayer Service
		18:30	Holy Communion Service
13	Monday	14:00	Monday Group
14	Tuesday		
15	Wednesday	10:30	Holy Communion Service
16	Thursday		
17	Friday	13:30	Wedding: Paul Gray & Samantha Helsby
18	Saturday		
19	Sunday		Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
		08:00	Holy Communion Service
		10:30	All Age Holy Communion Service
			<i>No evening service</i>
20	Monday		
21	Tuesday		
22	Wednesday	10:30	Holy Communion Service
23	Thursday		
24	Friday		
25	Saturday		
26	Sunday		Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
			<i>No 8am service</i>
		10:30	Holly Baptism Service
		18:30	Holy Communion Service

27	Monday		Bank Holiday
28	Tuesday		
29	Wednesday	10:30	Holy Communion Service
30	Thursday		
31	Friday	19:00	Choir Practice

September 2018

1	Saturday		
2	Sunday		Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
		08:00	Holy Communion Service
		10:30	United Service of Holy Communion at All Saints' Church <i>No evening service</i>
3	Monday		
4	Tuesday	10:00	Coffee Plus
		20:00	FaithTime
5	Wednesday	10:30	Holy Communion Service
6	Thursday		
7	Friday	19:00	Choir Practice
8	Saturday		
9	Sunday		Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
			<i>No 8am service</i>
		10:30	Morning Prayer Service
		18:30	Holy Communion Service
10	Monday	09:00	cots2tots (Parish Hall)
		14:00	Monday Group
11	Tuesday		
12	Wednesday	10:30	Holy Communion Service
		14:15	ACF Fellowship Meeting (Parish Hall)
13	Thursday		
14	Friday	19:00	Choir Practice
15	Saturday		
16	Sunday		Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

		08:00	Holy Communion Service
		10:30	Holy Communion Service
			<i>No evening service</i>
17	Monday	09:00	cots2tots (Parish Hall)
18	Tuesday	10:00	Coffee Plus
		14:15	ACF Chatterbox Club
		20:00	FaithTime
19	Wednesday	10:30	Holy Communion Service
20	Thursday		
21	Friday	19:00	Choir Practice
22	Saturday		
23	Sunday		Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
			<i>No 8am service</i>
		10:30	Holy Baptism Service
		18:30	Choral Evensong Service
24	Monday	09:00	cots2tots (Parish Hall)
25	Tuesday		
26	Wednesday	10:30	ACF Coffee Morning (Parish Hall)
		14:15	Bible study and prayer group, 64 Eton Drive
27	Thursday		
28	Friday	19:00	Choir Practice
29	Saturday	09:30	Decorate church for Harvest
30	Sunday		Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
			<i>No 8am service</i>
		10:30	Morning Prayer Service: Harvest Festival
		18:30	<i>No evening service</i>



Who to contact about our groups

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