

**All Saints Church Thornton Hough**

# **The Magazine**



**February - March 2021**



## Welcome letter from the Vicar

### Thank you!

I hope that you are finding things to give you encouragement and joy in this New Year, even if the year may well be feeling rather worn at the edges and not quite so shiny and new by the time you are reading this.

I want to thank you for your kindness and good wishes through Christmas and on into our third period of lockdown. The fact that we must avoid gathering together in order to protect one another from infection is challenging. We are created to be social beings, to live in community, and we all feel the lack of human contact deeply, albeit in different ways.

Yet despite our community being stretched beyond what we would have imagined this time last year, it still exists. We are still connected. Even if we have to remain indoors, we can be part of our community in the parish and in faith together. Never underestimate the importance of a simple phone call, a wave outside the window, an offer of help or a word of encouragement. We can continue to pray for one another, and with one another.

It's also important to stay connected to our selves: to maintain or develop that which gives you joy and peace.

One way of developing that connection is to make a point of taking some time during the day to reflect on those things which have given us joy. Whether it is the sight of a bird in flight, a piece of music, a particular kind of food, some good news, a call from a friend or family member, or a particularly splashy, muddy walk, try to savour these things and thank God for them.

Give thanks for those good things around us and for those who make our lives better, especially those whose presence we can often take for granted: for those who ensure that we are able to have food readily available for us to eat: farmers, hauliers, shelf-stackers and checkout staff; for healthcare workers in hospitals, homes and communities and those responsible for the distribution of the Covid vaccine; Police, fire and ambulance staff; our armed servicemen and women keeping people safe at home and abroad; those who maintain our gas, electricity and water supplies; our postal workers; those who volunteer to assist in so many aspects of life.



I hope you can add to this list to make it your own set of “thank you’s”.

**“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17**

Take care, stay safe, and give thanks!  
With love and blessings



*Vicky*

### **Come on a journey “on the Bible’s back roads” this Lent!**

“On the Bible’s Back Roads” is a set of Bible reading notes written by Rev. Rob Green, a recently retired vicar from Chester diocese. Meet some of the less-commonly visited characters and parts of the Old and New Testament and gain a fresh focus on Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. Join in weekly discussions on Zoom as we share thoughts from our journey together. **Further details of how to access the readings and Zoom discussions will be available on the church website soon.**

### **Services at All Saints' Church paused**

Public worship at All Saints' Church has been paused because of the current very high levels of infection locally due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the comments made by the Chief Medical Adviser. We believe this is essential to protect our congregations. There will be no services for the time being, but the church will remain open for private prayer and meditation.

We hope to make a service available online each Sunday at 10:30am until we can again meet in church. These can be watched on YouTube and the links are published each week on the website and via our contact email list. The services are made available at 10:30am each Sunday (and actually start a couple of minutes after this because of the way YouTube Premiers work). It is hoped that people will try to view them at this time so that we are worshipping together though physically apart (forming a virtual congregation). The services are also available at any time after 10:30am on the Sunday. The Parish Diary includes the dates and times of the online services.

For those without Internet access we are continuing to post printed copies of Revd Vicky's Reflections. We will be reviewing the situation at the beginning of March. Please check on the website for details.

## Notes on the PCC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December

Having emerged from the November lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic we held a hybrid meeting in December with some members meeting (socially distanced, with ventilation) in the Parish Hall and others participating via Zoom.

**Pam Machin and Alice Jones** were welcomed as our **churchwardens** for 2020 to 2021, having taken part in the Archdeacon's Visitation Service via Zoom on 23rd November.

Vicky had been following up on the **appointment of a new Independent Examiner**. She had contacted one individual who had indicated that they were prepared to take on the role and had one other person to approach before a decision could be made. A decision was needed before the next PCC meeting because the accounts for 2020 need to go to the Independent Examiner after the meeting in February.

Vicky said it was **great to be back in church** again after the November lockdown and she was looking forward to the services over the coming weeks. She thanked Margaret Gamble for doing the cleaning in preparation for our return and putting up the Christmas decorations.

**Services** Some concern had been raised about losing the Book of Common Prayer services but there is no intention to do this. The 8am BCP Holy Communion services will continue and there was no intention to stop having Sunday evening services. VB hoped to resume these after Christmas if we were not in lockdown. At the moment our priority is to ensure that the main services are running in a sustainable way; extra cleaning is needed and operating in a mixed mode, with some online and some in church, requires more preparation. Health and wellbeing are priorities.

**Congregational singing** was not being allowed over the Christmas period, only singing by the choir. Bookings were needed for the Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas and because of the restricted numbers two services were being held, one at 4:30pm and a repeat at 6:30pm. It was agreed that no services would be held on Sunday 27th December after a dispensation from the Bishops.

**Charitable Giving** After an update on the charities that we should donate to in 2020, it was confirmed that we should give £200 to each of the following charities

- St John's Hospice
- The Church Urban Fund
- The Royal British Legion
- The Church Missionary Society
- Charles Thompson's Mission



The next item on the agenda concerned **remuneration** and the two employees, Margaret Gamble and Iain Stinson withdrew from the meeting. Sue Stinson also withdrew. The remaining members of the PCC agreed to increase the Verger's salary to the 2021 Real Living Wage and the Director of Music's salary in line with the RSCM rates for the minimum level for a town church, including two evening services a month.

**Finance papers** had been circulated in advance of the meeting and included estimates to the end of the year. We have received a grant of £2,000 from the Leverhulme Trust which is a great help. The dance classes and Weight Watchers had returned to the Parish Hall (income from these was anticipated in the figures). In spite of the challenges of this year income had been sustained reasonably well. The estimates predicted that the balance in the General Fund would be reduced by about £1,500 by the end of 2020.

**Budget for 2021.** This needed to cover an increase in Parish Share of 1%, less than had originally been anticipated. Nominal amounts had been included for maintenance such as refitting roof tiles, boiler maintenance, clock maintenance and minor emergency repairs but for anything more major additional resources, not included in the budget, would be required.

**Mission and outreach** have cost more this year. We are sending mailshots with the reflections to about 40 people who cannot be contacted by email and a second-class stamp costs 65p. This is an important way of keeping in touch at the moment.

The **planned deficit** on the General Fund can be met for another year but not for much longer. We have a reserves policy but to fulfil this we will need to reduce our costs, increase our income or both.

The **Fabric, Health and Safety** Committee had met via Zoom and had been discussing the risk assessments for getting back into the buildings. Graham Seagrave and Vicky were thanked for all their work on this.

**Projects in progress** still include a post-box for the Parish Hall, a replacement handrail for the steps up from Raby Road to the church and a replacement noticeboard. The Quinquennial report on the fabric of the church is expected in January; this could highlight some essential maintenance work on our church building.

**Electoral Roll** There were 98 on the electoral roll in December.

### **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from the government asking us if we were ready for Brexit!

Vicky had received **a letter from Revd Nick Jones** saying that the elders of **St George's** have come to the sad decision to close St George's in July next year 2021.



The PCC were sorry to hear the news; we will continue to welcome people from St George's to our services, however the nature of future united services is as yet unclear.

Our prayers and best wishes for the future go out to the congregation of St George's.

Best wishes for 2021 to everyone. We pray that God will be with us as we begin a new year and that 2021 can be a time of hope, recovery from the challenges of 2020 and of moving forward with Christ. Stay safe.

*Sue Stinson  
PCC Secretary*

## Thoughts for the Month of February

February starts with the Feast of Candlemas, bringing the Christmas season to a close. (See also main article on page 7) This is a Feast with its blessings of candles and procession of light into Church – Let us go in peace to meet the Lord Jesus, the light of the world. The whole world, when you take into consideration the darkness brought by Covid19, is certainly in need of his light.



## News from the Diocese

The Diocese of Chester has been given permission to appoint to the Sees of Birkenhead and Stockport. The See of Stockport has remained vacant since Libby moved to Derby in 2019, and Bishop Keith plans to retire on 8th March, 14 years to the day after he was consecrated. An advisory panel has been appointed to assist with the search for new bishops and to support the appointment process. Keep an eye on the Diocese of Chester website at [www.chester.anglican.org](http://www.chester.anglican.org) for more information as it becomes available and pray that with God's help the right people will be appointed to these important roles in our Diocese.



## Post Office Van

We have been informed that this facility will continue to be in the Village Hall Car Park on Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 - 11.30am until further notice

## From Christmas to Candlemas

The feast of Candlemas marks the passing of 40 days after the birth of Jesus. Luke 2: 21-40 tells us how the new parents, Joseph and Mary, brought their first-born baby son Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem as part of the Jewish purification ritual and “to present him to the Lord” with a sacrifice of “a pair of doves or two young pigeons” in keeping with the Law for those who could not afford the cost of a lamb.

Our beautiful stained-glass window in the church porch shows us the two pigeons in a cage and the overwhelming joy of the faithful, elderly man Simeon, who held the baby Jesus in his arms and, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaimed him as the “light for revelation to the Gentiles and – glory to your people Israel.”

The image of Jesus as the light of the world turns our thoughts from the infant who was worshipped at Bethlehem by shepherds, Eastern sages and Simeon and the prophetess Anna in the Temple, to Jesus’ adult ministry and the journey which will lead to the cross.



We move for a short time – just fifteen days – from the golden celebratory colours of Christmas to the quieter green of Ordinary Time, before you will see the purple colours of Lent emerge.

## Where’s the Candle?

This fortieth day after Christmas is also the one when traditionally all the candles to be used in church throughout the coming year are blessed. Some people place a lighted candle in their window at home on the night of Candlemas to welcome the new light into their homes.

It is a reminder that the year is gently turning: our days are lengthening, and spring, and Easter, will soon be here. Even when we may feel that times are dark and oppressive, we are encouraged that Jesus is “the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:5 NRSVA)

Now that we have met with the wise men as they journey back to the East as we have heard the Christmas story again, it is time for us to follow Jesus, the light of the world, and to share his love with everyone.

## MEMORIES OF A VILLAGE CHILDHOOD

I was born and brought up in Thornton Hough until my marriage in August 1955 when I left to live in Lower Heswall and subsequently Neston. I and my husband continued to attend All Saints as often as possible until our move to Hampshire. Our children were both christened at All Saints.

I attended the village school, All Saints, and subsequently sang in the choir until my marriage. Mr Wood, our inspirational choirmaster, instilled in me a love of choral music and we children enjoyed many wonderful experiences such as singing at Chester Cathedral, being featured on BBC Radio one Sunday evening (I still have my prayer book autographed by the Rev. Eric Saxon, BBC clergyman) and our choir enjoyed many happy times as members of the Royal School of English Church Music.



One of the delights of being a child in the village was the village smithy where the blacksmith, Mr Tom Williams, painstakingly shod the numerous horses owned by various farmers and the horse-riding fraternity. We children were fascinated, plus it was always warm watching from the door, and occasionally we were trusted by an owner to hold a horse's rein or walk them up Smithy Hill which was always a glorious picture in the spring when the cherry trees were in full blossom. To our disappointment the cherries were always sour! So far as I remember no child ever climbed the cherry trees which were regarded as very special. Conkers, yes on many occasions, sometimes falling or tearing our clothes, but never those beautiful cherry trees with their fragrant blossom.

Rev. Hubert Bull was truly a father figure in the village and his daughter, always called Miss Marjorie, took an active part in village life. Miss Marjorie kept very beautiful Persian cats which were a great presence in the church grounds. Although very beautiful they watched us children very warily and did not encourage stroking or familiarity. Two of my village friends, who grew up into very nice young men, told me that these cats were the spirits of the dead which made me even more apprehensive!

On occasions the choir sang at a funeral service and the boys convinced me the cats were their spirits! I tried to go to choir practice on Friday nights either with a friend or keep close to the lit areas to scuttle round to the vestry in double quick time. Church Lane was not well lit. Carol singing around all the large houses surrounding the village was always very exciting for us, with mince pies and orange juice served to us at the Manor.

Before the war Lord and Lady Leverhulme held a Christmas party for village schoolchildren which was a wonderful occasion. There was a delicious tea, a conjuror to entertain and each child received a gift from the enormous decorated tree. It was exciting to enter the manor house and grounds. I



I think the party continued in 1939 and 1940 but then Thornton Manor became a hospital for wounded servicemen. Wonderful memories of life in those wartime days.

Mrs Brassey organised concerts, country dancing and various other activities, rewarding us on many occasions with her home-made treacle toffee. Her crab apple jelly, made from the fruit at St. George's entrance, was delicious. Occasionally the vicar and choir with other village ladies organised visits to the patients in the Manor hospital where we sang and talked to them. The shows at the Women's Institute were much rehearsed and enjoyed.

On New Year's Eve there was the wonderful Watch Night Service on the village cross alongside St. George's lychgate and great excitement hearing the ships hooting in the new year. On one magical year, I was allowed to go to Woodside with Rev. Tom Clarke (who succeeded Rev. Bull) and Mr Wood and various members of the choir took us all in their cars, some of us standing on seats with heads through the car roof. It was well past our usual bedtime but a big event in our young lives. It was the one and only time I was ever out in the early hours as Olivieri's milk bar/café opposite Hamilton Square station stayed open all night although we were never there for breakfast. We didn't care as we were full of ice cream anyway!

Life was very much simpler in those long ago days and I look back with great affection at the simple pleasures of village life, the kindness and care all part of life. The excitement of passing the 11+ and going to grammar school, then even more exciting going on to college in Liverpool via the Woodside to Liverpool Pier Head ferry. For some reason many morning passengers walked anti-clockwise around the upper deck during the crossing. If I'd not overslept and looked reasonably tidy I would join them but if not took refuge in the lower deck where it was much warmer! I do not ever recall anyone daring to walk clockwise on the upper deck! Such were the little foibles and unwritten laws of life.

There was a contortionist outside James Street Station in Liverpool who fascinated me on my walk from the Pier Head to college. I never had any money to throw in his cap but I think he managed to survive somehow. To see him entangle himself in chains, ropes etc. was awe-inspiring and I remember having to sprint up to college because I couldn't bear to leave before he freed himself. Being late for lectures was regarded with great disapproval.

Daffodil Sunday was always a much enjoyed event in the spring when Thornton Manor gardens were open in aid of charity. We always loved to walk through the gardens down to the lake to watch the swans. The public lane which ran under the bridge across to the lake carried on and we often walked down to Parkgate through Leighton which was very pretty with bluebells in full bloom.

So many memories, many of which I'd forgotten or disregarded when I was young and now in the twilight of my life they resurface and make me smile. One



The Old Village School and Schoolhouse

such which always made us smile was when I was leaving for the church on my wedding day and the Birkenhead bus was coming up the road as I reached the car to take me across to All Saints. The driver blew a loud toot, the conductor and passengers waved and cheered which made the day even more exciting. So, a host of nostalgic memories some 65 years later resurfacing as fresh as ever.

***Pat Moore (née Hensby)***



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## POETRY CORNER “Daffodils” William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o’er vales and hills  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.



The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed - and gazed - but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:



For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

*Glencoyne Bay Ullswater from Wordsworth Point*

Apart from *jocund* [merry, sprightly] and *gay* [light-hearted, cheerful] this well-known poem needs little explanation. Wordsworth wanted his poetry to be simple and easy to understand. Much loved, much learnt (and also much mocked, especially by Messrs Gilbert and Sullivan) it was published in 1807 in **Poems in Two Volumes**, regarded now as the peak of Wordsworth’s poetic achievements, but dismissed by many then, including Lord Byron, as “not simple but puerile” [childish], even though the collection included such lines as: *Thanks to the human heart, by which we live Thanks to its tenderness, its joys and fears, To me the meanest flower that blows can give Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears. (Immortality Ode)*

This quintessentially Romantic poem was published in 1807, having been written sometime between 1804 and 1806. Based on his sister's 1802 account, with his new wife contributing the lines about "that inward eye" it is a joint effort: so his references to loneliness and solitude seem false. Indeed, many have objected that the whole poem is largely "untrue".

William wasn't lonely or wandering, he was on his way home with his sister. He may have been distracted by his approaching marriage (thanks to a £4,000 legacy) and his need to explain and arrange matters with his nine year old daughter and her French mother.

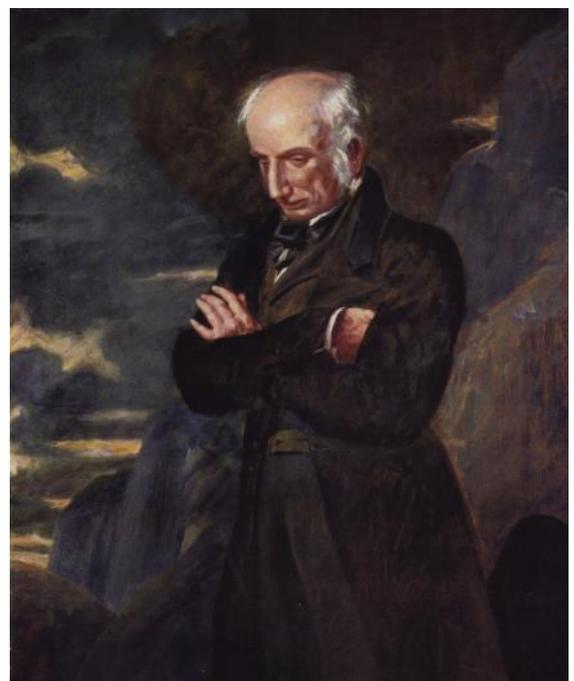
That trip to France, via London, produced the famous sonnet "Upon Westminster Bridge" a few months after Dorothy wrote about it in her journal, but it was years before Wordsworth thought of penning **Daffodils**. For me, one of the most interesting aspects of the poem is that it manages to be "true" without being factual (*ten thousand daffodils at a glance?*) Another Romantic poet, John Keats, remarked on the "negative capability" - of great poets to be undeterred by "irritable reaching after fact and reason".

Shakespeare puts it very bluntly in **As You Like It**, when the clown Touchstone, trying to seduce the country girl Audrey, says: *"Truly, I would the gods had made thee poetical."* She asks *"I do not know what poetical is. Is it honest in deed and word? Is it a true thing?"* to which he replies *"No, truly, for the truest poetry is the most feigning"* [artificial, pretending] Audrey is puzzled *"Do you wish then that the gods had made me poetical?"* To which he assures her *"I do, truly, for thou swear'st to me thou art honest [a virgin]. Now, if thou wert a poet, I might have some hope thou didst feign."*

Is Shakespeare, poet of passionate sonnets to a dark lady and a lovely boy, suggesting that his love letters are not to real people? Certainly no-one knows for sure who they were. Wordsworth was not known for his gaiety and certainly not for dancing. Three of his five children died before he did and he had plenty of problems.



**Caroline Lancelyn Green**





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## Spring Time

1. According to the UK Met Office on what day does Spring commence?
2. In which Gilbert and Sullivan work can you find the song entitled “The flowers that bloom in the Spring”?
3. Who is the Roman Goddess of Spring?
4. What do we in the UK call the vegetables known as scallions in the USA?
5. What name is given to the spring day when night and day are the same length?
6. Who painted the large tempera painting known as “Primavera” ( Spring)?
7. What do we call a filled pastry appetiser of meat or vegetables, popular in SE Asia?
8. What type of animal is a Spring Peeper?
9. In which Rodgers and Hammerstein musical does the song “Younger than Springtime” feature?
10. In which Shakespeare’s play is the poem “Spring” performed in the closing scene?
11. Who wrote the music for the ballet “The Rite of Spring” ?
12. Who is the Greek Goddess of Springtime, Flowers and Vegetation?
13. In British horse racing which 2 races make up the Spring Double?
14. Which town in Australia is named after the wife of an ex-Postmaster General of South Australia?

*Answers on Page 30*



## UPDATE FROM THORNTON HOUGH COMMUNITY TRUST

The trust has been very active since the last parish magazine 2 months ago. A Planning application has been submitted once again by The Leverhulme Estate for a Close Care Village at Hilltop Farm. The Community Trust is vigorously opposing this development as it is on Green Belt Land, it is a Site of Special Landscape Value and in the Thornton Hough Conservation Area. The main reasons for objection are:-

- 1. Inappropriate development in the Green Belt for which no adequate "very special circumstances" have been proved.*
- 2. Significant detrimental impact on the character and form of the Conservation Area and Thornton Hough in general.*
- 3. Encroachment of development into open countryside contrary to relevant policy and damage to the openness of the Green Belt.*
- 4. Detrimental impact on heritage assets, listed buildings – over 40 within the immediate area etc.*
- 5. Inappropriate development of best and most versatile agricultural land.*
- 6. Inappropriate location for a residential development, with poor relationship to significant urban areas and a consequent inappropriate, unsustainable, reliance on the use of the private car.*
- 7. Detrimental impact to the environment of the adjacent, OFSTED accredited outstanding, primary school with negative impact for the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community.*
- 8. Lack of effective public transport system in providing good accessibility to the area for the nature of the development. Therefore, increasing the isolation of elderly/frail members of the population.*
- 9. No mention is made of the financial obligations that would exist for residents, or affordability of residency.*
- 10. The original total site is still indicated to be the subject of the new application even though the new building is on a smaller part of the site. Does this mean the long-term intention is to develop the whole site? This is further noted by the communal facilities of the care home looking to be the same size as in the previous application, indicating capacity for a larger number of residents.*

Letters have been circulated to the residents of Thornton Hough explaining the Trust's stance on this new development and given their thoughts on why it should be refused by the council. The WBC deadline for receiving objections was 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 but comments can still be submitted after this date.

The trust has also drawn to the attention of the Leverhulme Estate the condition of the ditch opposite to the village green, requesting that it is cleared to allow a better flow of water. The estate informed us that they had contacted somebody who will carry out a clearance of the undergrowth and he would do this on a regular basis. Unfortunately, this is yet to be done.

Please get in touch if there is anything we can help with [info@thctrust.co.uk](mailto:info@thctrust.co.uk)

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## Poulton Hall Winter Wonderland Walk

Unable to hold our usual garden openings and weddings, we accepted Events Organiser Lindsey Devlin's suggestion to have illuminated evening walks.



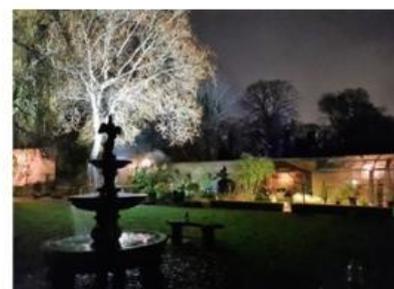
We set off each afternoon to light candles and flares and turn on lamps and fairy lights and disc players.



We lit up the **meadow oak**, **Singing Rose** and **flower mosaic**.



Harry Potter's **Hedwig** greeted visitors to **Santa's Grotto**. The **Witch's** and **Nursey Rhyme Gardens** were very effective and colourful, as was the **Conservatory Display**



The **Fountain Lawn** and gardeners' **Covid caff** (the white tent) were eerily effective. We hope to do something similar in the summer.



# January in Ness Botanic Gardens

		
<p>Cyclamen</p>	<p>Rhododendron</p>	<p>Daphne</p>
		
<p>Hellebores</p>	<p>The Rock Garden</p>	<p>Witch hazel</p>
		
<p>Witch hazel</p>	<p>Snowdrops</p>	<p>Holly</p>

As members of Ness Gardens Iain and I have been enjoying exercising in our local, wonderful haven of peace and tranquillity. Each time we go there is something new to see. Look carefully and there are signs of new life everywhere, promising that spring is not too far away.

In the woodland areas the snowdrops are pushing through the fallen leaves and their nodding, white flowers are gradually opening. A little further on the heady scent of the daphne fills the air and the pretty pink flowers can be spotted growing amid the waxy, evergreen leaves.

As we walk on, we find the vivid pink flowers of an early rhododendron breaking from the tight buds and later the contorted flowers of yellow and then rust-coloured witch hazels and bright red berries on a holly bush, still untouched by the birds.

The powerful perfume of the winter honeysuckle, *Lonicera fragrantissima*, stops us in our tracks and makes us search for the small, delicate, white flowers on the nearby bushes.

The rock gardens look bare and dormant compared to the other seasons but look carefully and you can see the delicate flowers of cyclamen pushing up above the pretty, patterned, heart shaped leaves.

As we make our way towards the exit, we come across the glorious, emerging flowers of pink and white hellebores, promising the glories of the spring that is just around the corner.

*Sue Stinson*



Looking across the Woodhenge at  
Ness Gardens towards Wales



Richard Burnett,  
Partner, Hillyer  
McKeown

# Hello Everyone!

It strikes me that, as our population is living longer, it is more important than ever to think about our mental and physical health and wellbeing. Below, I have put together some practical steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones.

**Making a Will can be a difficult thing to think and talk about, but putting in place well thought out plans can offer peace of mind, knowing your wishes will be carried out in the way you want them to be.**

My advice is to not wait until things change, but to plan ahead. Welcoming a grandchild, downsizing your home or thinking about care home fees are life events that can typically remind people to update or make a Will. We also help people through difficult moments in their lives, following the death of loved ones.

## Trust & Estate Planning

**Seeking advice on planning for the future for you and your loved ones?**

We regularly support people who are seeking advice about inheritance and succession planning, or who are unsure what to do if a family member has become ill or can no longer make their own decisions.

You might also want to consider a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) legal document. An LPA allows you to choose one or more people to make decisions for you including about property of finances, or act on your behalf if you cannot deal with matters yourself.

## Business Wills

**If you have a Will, does it protect both your personal and business assets?**

If you (or a family member) own a business our unique Business Will service can set out detailed plans for you and your business.



Speak to us about protecting yourself, your loved ones and your business should something unexpected happen.



## What to do next?

Contact us for a free, no obligation discussion with a member of our Wills and Probate team in Birkenhead, Chester or if you prefer, in your own home.



[rhb@law.uk.com](mailto:rhb@law.uk.com)



01244 318 131

2019-20 started well. Thornton Hough Women's Institute continued to enjoy monthly meetings, the Afternoon Social and the Arts and Crafts group were still popular. Then COVID 19 struck! The country went into total lockdown; everything was cancelled; no social gatherings and the WI went 'virtual'.

Thornton Hough WI Hall is a COVID 19 secure centre, hand sanitiser is available and the wearing of masks and social distancing is required. This has enabled use of the Hall for non-social gatherings, as permitted by local guidelines.

The Committee has taken the opportunity of reduced use of the Hall to deep clean and undertake general maintenance work. We are planning a new and exciting programme of events in 2021 and are looking forward to welcoming members and visitors as soon as guidelines permit. We normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month and meetings start at 7.30 pm. Look out for updates on the WI notice board outside the Hall. You will be made very welcome!



For the moment take care and stay safe. Sending holiday cheer, despite the year! Hope we can meet in 2021

***Janet Gaywood, President***

## **Thought for the Month of March**

March is a time of change with new life bursting into the world. After the gloom and early nights it is wonderful to see colour and brightness arriving with the promise of Springtime. As we travel through Lent we look forward to the joy of Easter to come. On the way we will celebrate St David's Day and St Patrick's Day as well as Mothering Sunday.





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## Cookery Corner

### CURRIED CELERY SOUP

1 medium onion  
3 tablespoons sunflower oil  
1 teaspoon curry powder  
1 apple, cored and roughly chopped  
Half head of celery, chopped finely  
500 ml chicken stock  
2 tablespoons creme fraiche  
A little milk



#### Method

Cook the onion gently in the oil in a large pan adding a pinch of salt. Medium heat for 5mins until soft.  
Add the curry powder and apple pieces and cook for another 2 mins. Add the celery and cook for another 4 mins.  
Add the stock and bring to the boil. Simmer for 8 mins or until celery is soft.  
Blitz in blender until smooth. Pour back into pan and add the creme fraiche and a little milk if needed and blend until smooth.  
Season to taste.

### LEMON CRUMB PUDDING

8 oz white breadcrumbs                      4 oz butter  
4 oz sugar                                        Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon  
Apricot jam or jam of choice

#### Method

Mix together the crumbs, softened butter, sugar, lemon juice and rind.  
Spread the jam liberally on the bottom of an oven proof dish or foil pie dish.  
Put on mixture and bake at 180C, 350F, gas mark 4, for 30 mins  
Serve with custard or cream

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## June Smith: 16/6/1932 – 13/12/2020

### A Tribute

What can you say about June?

A lady who liked to shop, especially at Marks and Spencer and John Lewis,

A lady who liked to lunch with friends,

A lady who was quiet, unruffled, knew her own mind, was kind, loyal and very independent

A lady always smartly dressed, even matching her handbag to her outfit

Not a lady to be rushed, who hated early morning appointments, who loved to relax until late morning before starting her day.



June was born on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1932 to Emma and James Lee Smith at 23, The Folds. Four years later Emma and James had a sister for June, who they called Doreen. Unfortunately, at 10 months Doreen developed pneumonia and died, so Emma and James devoted their time and love on June, which in their old age she repaid by looking after them and making sure they had everything they needed. During their time at The Folds they had a Dachshund dog called Maximillian, another part of their family.



June went to the Village School, which is now the Parish Hall, and often talked about her teachers: Miss Ward, Miss Bishop and her favourite, Miss Hopley, and then moved on to New Ferry Secondary School, after which she studied typing and shorthand at night school.

Her first job was at Vernon's Pools, then after about a year she applied to Clatterbridge Hospital and joined the Pathology lab as secretary, eventually becoming Senior Secretary, working with Dr. Patterson and Norma Beaumont and Dr. Manny Zakhour at both Clatterbridge and Arrowe Park.

June retired to help her mother look after her father, who had Alzheimer's, and after he died in December 1993 she looked after her mother until she died in January 2005.



I remember Aunty Emma, Uncle Jim and June getting their first television and being allowed to go across the green to watch Muffin the Mule, Andy Pandy and The Woodentops.



The family liked their cars, starting with a Ford Anglia, a Mini Clubman and eventually a Honda Jazz, which June loved to drive, even when she was honked at and given rude gestures by other drivers. The only other driving June did since lockdown was to go to Sainsbury's for her groceries. I once suggested that she should take a taxi to shop. She told me in no uncertain terms that she had never taken a taxi in her life and wasn't going to start now, then she proceeded to name people older than her who were still driving. I am so glad that she didn't have her heart attack while in her car.

June loved her holidays, many spent with her mother and father in the Isle of Man and Anglesey. When she was younger, she would go Youth Hostelling with a group of friends both in England and Europe. Can you imagine June with a rucksack on her back and walking boots on her feet? Yugoslavia, Italy, Malta and Greece were some of the places she visited, and also special holidays in Canada and North America with Jean, a friend she had grown up with when they lived next door to each other in The Folds, and Jean's daughter, Martha. We even persuaded her to come to the Canary Islands with me, James and Jennie.

As June was growing up, she loved to sunbathe. On many a lovely sunny day she would get the deckchair out and sit for hours in the sun. This may have been the cause of her skin cancer on her face, which had been treated last year.

A move to Oxford Drive came 11 years ago, bringing independence and a home of her own. She always chose the best and did nothing on impulse, asking friends and family what they thought and then doing her own thing.

Her hobbies were baking: cakes for coffee mornings, concerts, and my family loved her mince pies and Eccles cakes, knitting: during lockdown she had made scarves and hats for the Shoebox Appeal. When her eyesight was better she loved to do cross-stitch, some of which are hanging on the walls at Oxford Drive. She loved to do crosswords: sometimes she struggled with the cryptic ones, but always solved them with a phone call to Ken and Emma.



Singing was her joy, meeting with friends and performing at concerts: as a young lady, taking part in this church choir, singing with the Peggy McKnight singers, then with Accord, singing in St George's church at weddings and at concerts, also at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, and eventually joining the Wirral Singers. I am sure she is singing with the angels now. Not being able to sing since March affected her very much.



June was a member of the WI, selling raffle tickets with Shirley at the meetings, joining the line dancing class, the choir under Mrs Job, helping at fund-raising events, enjoying the days out and overnight stays.



***All Saints Church Choir in 1968. How many of them can you name? A full list can be found on page 30***

She was a good member of this church, helping at coffee mornings, helping at the Christmas Fayre with Carol on the jewellery stall, church activities, Chatterbox and Church Fellowship. She was sad that she hadn't been able to come to church because of Covid.

This was a life well-lived. You shall be missed so much by family and friends. This has been my first Christmas without you for 70 years; you will always be in our hearts.

***Margaret Gamble***

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## Accessing our worship services online

All Saints' Church is producing "online services" whilst public worship in the church building is paused. These are presented as YouTube videos and may be viewed on almost all computers, tablets and phones without installing any additional software. If you can browse the web with your device, then you can watch these services.

To find the most recent service go to the All Saints website [www.allsaintsth.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsth.org.uk) then scroll down the page to below the picture and click on the link to the service you want to view. That's it! The service will begin to play on your device. You may need to adjust the volume of your device's audio.

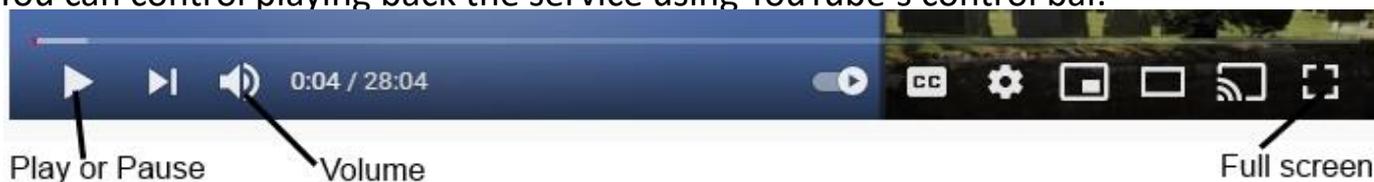
**Welcome to our website and thank you for taking the time to visit us.**

Because of the current very high levels of infection locally due to the Covid-19 pandemic, public worship at All Saints' Church has been paused and there will be no services for the time being. We believe this is essential to protect our congregations. The church will remain open for private prayer and meditation

**Service of Morning Prayer for the second Sunday after the Epiphany (video and service booklet)**

**Service of Morning Prayer for the Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1) (video and service booklet)**  
**Epiphany – The Mystery Revealed!** (Ephesians 3: 1-12, Matthew 2: 1-12)

You can control playing back the service using YouTube's control bar.



If you want to print the service booklet or read it online, just click on the words "service booklet".

## Using Zoom

We are going to try to use Zoom for the Lent Course this year. If you've not tried using Zoom, these brief notes may help you get started.

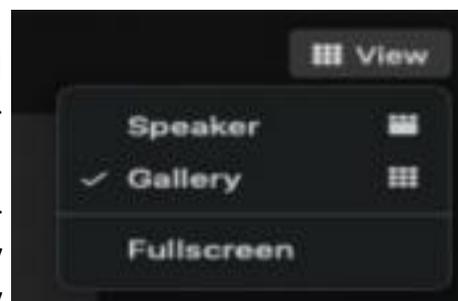
To use Zoom you will need a computer, laptop, a "smart" phone or a "tablet" (ipad or Android) with an Internet connection. Your device should have a microphone and camera but if you don't have a camera you can use Zoom in "audio" only mode. Zoom uses the speaker in your device or headphones for the audio part of the meeting. [Hint: If you have used Skype or FaceTime or Teams on your device, you can use Zoom on it.]

You need to download the Zoom app from [www.zoom.us/download](http://www.zoom.us/download) or install it from the app store for your device. There is no charge for this app. You only need to do this if you've not used Zoom before.

You may receive an invitation to take part in a Zoom event by email and the invitation will include a link (url) which you click on to join the meeting. The link to join a meeting may also be published on the website (rather like the link to view an online service).

To join the Zoom event, just click on the link. This will start the Zoom App and connect you to the Zoom system.

If you are asked about joining with Computer Audio reply “yes”. If you have a camera on your device, you may also be asked if you want to join with video, again reply “yes”. You will then be placed in a *waiting room* until the meeting/event convenor starts the event.

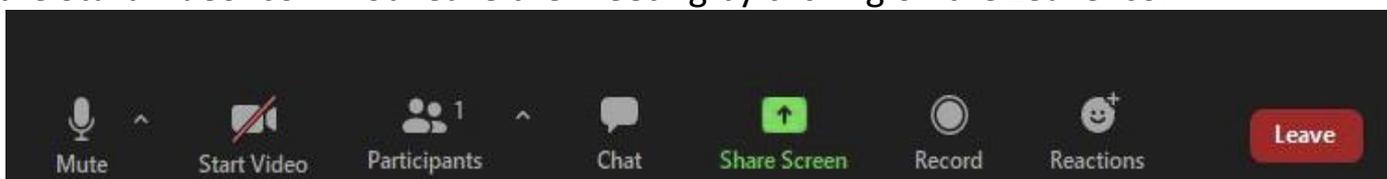


When you join the meeting, you will either see a screen with a grid showing (some of) the other participants who have joined the meeting or just the meeting convenor.

When you speak through your microphone, all the other meeting participants will hear what you say. Zoom works best if only one person speaks at once!

During the meeting the person who is speaking will be on the screen. If you would like to see everyone on the screen click the View icon at the top of your screen, then click *Gallery*. To go back to the screen with just the person speaking, click the View button again, then click *Speaker*.

At the bottom of the Zoom screen, you will see a set of controls as shown below (or similar). If you want to speak make sure that the *Mute* icon does not have a red line through it; just click on the icon to unmute (or mute) your microphone. If your device has a camera but you can't be seen on the video, check that the *Start Video* icon does not have a red line through it; you can turn the video on and off by clicking *the Start Video* icon. You leave the meeting by clicking on the *Leave* icon.



If you are using a desktop computer or a laptop you can test Zoom for yourself. In your web browser go to <https://zoom.us/test> and click on . This lets you join a “meeting” where you can test that your audio and video are working. (This does not work for phones or tablets.)

There are lots of documents about using Zoom on the web. A good place to start is <https://support.zoom.us/>.

For church events, we start the Zoom meeting about 10 minutes before the event starts – this allows those trying Zoom for the first time to get used to how it works and to get some help.

There is no charge for joining any Zoom meeting (including the “test meeting”).

It sounds much more complex than it really is. Give it a try if you can and enjoy our online Zoom events.



## Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages

*Extracts from the Church Registers for December 2020 and January 2021*

<b>BURIALS</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Burial of Ashes</b>
Rodney Thornton <b>BACKHOUSE</b>	10th October 2020	75	Ashes buried 20th December 2020
Frank <b>WALL</b>	6th December 2020	94	Buried 4th January 2021
June <b>SMITH</b>	13th December 2020	88	Ashes buried 25th January 2021

### June Smith

Margaret Gamble and Susan Stone would like to thank you for your kind messages of sympathy also the cards and flowers they received at this difficult time. A big thank you also to Janette, June's neighbour, for her help and support, the paramedics for all they tried to do, doctors and nurses at Arrowe Park and the staff at Charles Stephens for their help and understanding. We would also like to say a special thank you to Iain Stinson and Vicky for their help and guidance especially in recording the service for friends of June's who could not attend the actual service.

### All Saints Church Choir in 1968

*Back row - l to r - Shirley Kermode, Freda Jenkins, Dr Geoffrey Wetherell, Trevor Jones, Tom Cole, Pat Cobb, June Smith and Di Hughes with Churchwardens Bill Shakeshaft and John Key.*

*Middle row - Pauline Dobb, Thelma Mosedale, Brian Jenkins, Revd Derek Fathers (Vicar), Bert Wood (organist), Nora Wood, and May Tyers.*

*Front row - Barry Kermode, Simon Fathers, Stephanie Cobb, Patricia Jenkins, Lyndsey Wetherell, Deborah Fathers, Alison Jenkins, Michael Mosedale and David Mosedale.*

### Answers to Spring Quiz

1	1 <sup>st</sup> March	6	Botticelli	11	Stravinsky
2	The Mikado	7	Spring Roll	12	Persephone
3	Flora	8	A Frog	13	Lincoln Handicap and The Grand
4	Spring Onions	9	South Pacific		National
5	Vernal Equinox	10	Love Labour's Lost	14	Alice Springs

## Trade Directory

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Painter & Decorator	A Foreshaw	327 4788	07979 233 422
Health & Wellness - <i>Pilates</i>	Peter Heath	644 9279	07808 920 813
PAT Testing	Joey Farrell		07723 997 434
Gas Service	Mike Jones	342 5805	07813 137 134
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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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## Calendar 2021

We are pleased to inform you that our calendars were very well received and they made a handsome profit for the church. At the time of going to press the grand total (after expenses) of **£1250** raised much needed funds for All Saints. The final figure will be ready for the next magazine. Thank you to everybody who purchased the calendars and to all the sponsors who supported us.

We hope that people will now take photographs during the year ready for the 2022 Calendar !



*The January floods on the Village Green and Neston Rd.*

*All Saints Church & Village Green as never seen before !*



# Sunday Bible Readings

## February-March 2021

### February

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

John 1: 1-4

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Mark 9: 2-9

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51 1-18

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

First Sunday of Lent

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday of Lent

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

### March

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Third Sunday of Lent

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Mothering Sunday

[Fourth Sunday of Lent]

Exodus 2: 1-10

John 19: 25-27

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Passion Sunday

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> h

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-28

Mark 11: 1-11

### April

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

Maundy Thursday

Ex 12: 1-4, 11-14

John 13: 1-7, 31<sup>b</sup>-35

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

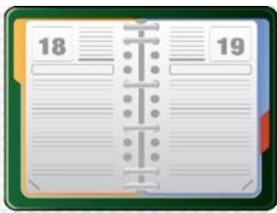
John 18:1-19:42

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43

Mark 16: 1-18



# Parish Diary

Please note that because of the present situation, all dates are subject to change at short notice. Any changes will be announced on the website and on the weekly service sheets. In the event of public worship in the church building being paused beyond March 1<sup>st</sup>, services will not take place in church but instead an online service will be made available at 10:30am on Sundays.

## January

**Sunday 31** **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
**[Candlemas]**  
 10:30am Online service of Morning Prayer

## February

**Sunday 7** **Second Sunday before Lent**  
 10:30am Online service of Morning Prayer  
 Tuesday 9 7:30pm PCC Meeting  
 [only on Zoom]

**Sunday 14** **Sunday before Lent**  
 10:30am Online service of Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 17** **Ash Wednesday**  
 7:00pm Online Evening Meditation

**Sunday 21** **First Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30am Online service of Morning Prayer  
 Tuesday 23 7:30pm Lent Course I  
 [using Zoom]

**Sunday 28** **Second Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30am Online service of Morning Prayer

## March

Tuesday 2 7:30pm Lent Course II  
 [using Zoom]  
 Wednesday 3 10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
 Friday 5 7:00pm Choir Practice  
**Sunday 7** **Third Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
 Tuesday 9 7:30pm Lent Course III  
 [using Zoom]

## March

Wednesday	10	10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	12	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)</b>
		10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Monday	15	7:30pm	PCC Meeting [in the Parish Hall and on Zoom].
Tuesday	16	7:30pm	Lent Course IV [using Zoom]
Wednesday	17	10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	19	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>Passion Sunday</b>
		8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30am	Service of Music and Readings for Passiontide
Tuesday	23	7:30pm	Lent Course V [using Zoom]
Wednesday	23	10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Friday	26	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>
		8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)

## April

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
		7:00pm	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>Good Friday</b>
		10:30am	Good Friday Meditation
		7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
		8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10:30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship).

### Forward Planning - Annual Meetings .

We hope to hold our Annual Parochial Church Meetings after the morning service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Further details will be given on our Website and in the next edition of "The Magazine".



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**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is**

**Thursday 18th March 2021**

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