

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



August—September 2026

All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough



Toybox meets in the Parish Hall from 10am to 11:30am, usually on the second Monday of the month.

Dates of meetings in Autumn 2026

Monday 14th September

Monday 12th October

Monday 9th November

Monday 14th December

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All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

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Wednesday at 10.30am
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Coffee mornings are held
on the 4th Wednesday
of the month

2026

23rd September

28th October

25th November

2027

27th January

24th February

24th March

No Coffee Mornings in August
and December

Refreshments

Raffle

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welcome

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with friends



All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 20th September
at 10:30pm

Harvest Lunch
in the Parish Hall at 12 noon

Adults £6 Children £3

Donations for the
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Design for Living

Unless the weather has broken completely by the time you read this, we are experiencing another fiercely hot summer. We are having to learn to adapt to the high temperatures: staying out of the high sun as much as possible, keeping our homes cool in the day with closed curtains, accepting that sleep at night may be brief, and perhaps adopting a more Mediterranean approach to sleeping, lighter meals and good hydration.



There's also a need to take special care of those who are vulnerable in such extremes: older people, the very young, and our pets, livestock and wildlife.

Learning to live well in these changing times can be difficult. Our world order is being challenged by all kinds of instability, with war and unrest in the Middle East, drought and disease, including the Ebola outbreak in our diocesan partner nation of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the political landscape in our own country.

Being a “non-anxious presence” in the face of uncertainty needs us to think about where we put our trust. The wisdom writer of Proverbs says: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” It also needs us to maintain a level of humour and humility: grounding ourselves in the “humous,” the earth of life. There is a lovely joke told by Jewish rabbis which conveys this well: How do you make God laugh? Tell him your plans.

And if you are looking for a wise, simple, steadying “design for living” for our times, look no further than the encouragement of John Wesley:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can.

Love and blessings

Vicky



From the churchwardens



Hello,

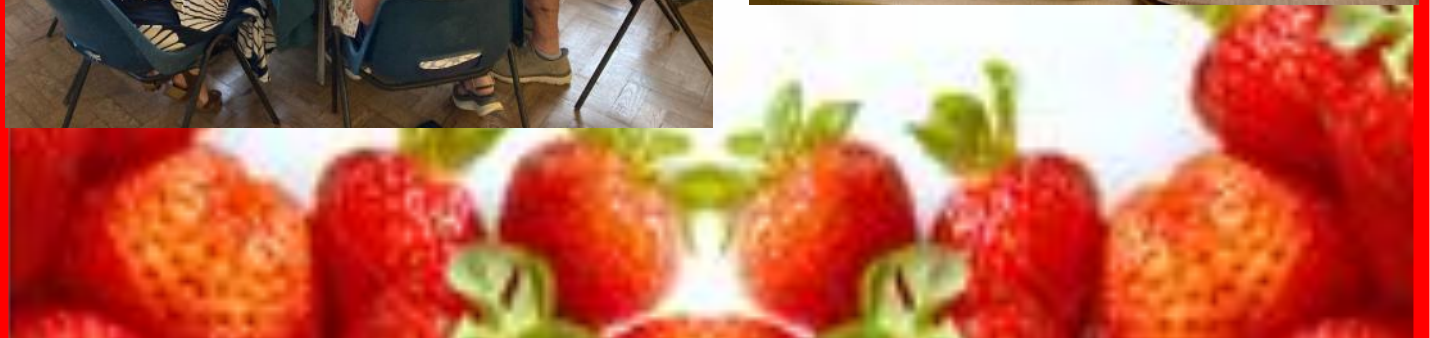
Here we are again! Patsy Baker and June Allcock were elected as Churchwardens at the AGM on 10th May 2026. Both were sworn in at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service on 1st June 2026. It was especially enjoyable this year as it was held here in All Saints' Parish Church. It was very well attended with fellow Church Wardens and supporters from across Wirral South Deanery and from further afield. Our own Revd Vicky officiated and Archdeacon Mike delivered the sermon. Thank you to Tim Allan-Price who never fails to support this annual event. Particular thanks also to Gill Charvill, Di Hughes, Lesley Morris and Linda Arch for their sterling work serving refreshments after the service and to Iain Stinson for playing the organ. Thank you too to those other parishioners who were able to attend the service. You all helped to make it a very enjoyable evening!

Our Church Architect, Jennifer Chambers, has now completed the final phase of the Quinquennial Inspection, ascending the spire to view the bell and check the condition of the spire. We now await the full report, which will detail her findings and prioritise any necessary works. We have been forewarned that the rainwater goods will need attention.

The replacement heating saga continues. Our proposal was discussed and considered at the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting on 19th June, but they were unable to reach a decision as the Diocesan Heating Adviser raised a number of new points. These have now been reviewed and addressed by our Heating Working Group and our responses submitted. Our proposal will be considered again at the DAC meeting on 17th July.

On a final note, thank you to those ladies who answered the call for flower arrangers. We hope that you enjoyed the displays from Lesley Morris, Mavis Rae and Val Peter. Welcome to the team! If you would like to get involved, do please speak to us.

Patsy Baker and June Allcock



Strawberry Tea

Notes on the PCC meetings held on 9th June and 14th July

The last two PCC meetings have been dominated by the urgent requirement to **replace the broken heating system**. This is proving to be something of a rollercoaster ride for the Heating Team (Vicky Barrett, June Allcock, Patsy Baker and Iain Stinson) and the PCC!

The General Synod voted in February 2020 for the whole of the Church of England to achieve **net zero** carbon by 2030. They also indicated that churches would have to proceed towards this target at the pace which was appropriate to them. Balancing ideals and realism has proved challenging.

A **Heating Consultant** visited All Saints and reviewed a variety of options for heating the church. He recommended replacing the gas boilers. His report was shared with the Diocesan Carbon Neutral Office and the Diocesan Lead Officer for Buildings and Environment. We were advised to investigate some of the options considered in more detail. A Heating Report Document was written by Iain Stinson evaluating possible options (infrared radiant heating (chandeliers), under pew heaters and electric heated finned pipes in the ducts below the grilles in the church, heat pumps etc). The team looked carefully at the running costs of each of the options as well as the costs of installing them in the church. There was some discussion about only heating the people and not heating the building.

After reviewing the **relative humidity and temperature data** that had been collected since November 2025 (from about three weeks before the heating totally failed), the team came to the view that we needed to heat the building to control the humidity and avoid dampness which could seriously damage the fabric of the building and the organ.

A local heating company gave indicative costs for a **replacement gas boiler**. The proposed boiler would probably reduce the carbon footprint from the heating system by around 40%.

There was a face-to-face meeting with the Diocesan Officers (at All Saints) to discuss our Faculty application report. They asked various questions and seemed satisfied with our responses. The Diocesan Heating Advisor made some complimentary remarks about the team's report; he also raised some questions which were answered. The application was submitted to the DAC.

Our **Faculty Application** to install a replacement gas boiler was discussed by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) at their June meeting. They had sympathy for our position but they did not come to a decision.

We were advised to look at how another church 'similar to ours' had managed to achieve a net zero solution. Vicky and June visited the church near

Sandbach and discovered that it was not listed and did not have a pipe organ. Their pewheaters left everyone with cold noses and the installation required great bundles of wires as thick as an arm across the walls. They used their Parish Centre (church hall) for most of their services and the church was only open for the services not held in the Parish Centre.

By July the DAC Heating Adviser had asked three sets of questions and replies had been sent. We are asking them to approve :

- ♦ A replacement gas boiler
- ♦ Two radiant heaters- one in the Vicar's Vestry and one in the Choir Vestry.

The DAC next meets in July and hopefully some progress can be made.

In June we discussed going up to the altar to **receive Holy Communion**. Opinions were divided with one or two people in the congregation feeling strongly that we should and others thinking that the current practice is more inclusive. People who are not very mobile or just shy are happier to remain in the pews. The PCC voted to retain the practice of taking Communion to the people at the 10:30 service on Sunday but invite people to go up to the altar rail at the 8am service on Sunday and the 10:30 service on Wednesday.

In both the June and July PCC meetings there were reports by the Fabric team. Work has been needed to **repair** Parish Hall and Hirst Cottage **gullies**.

The Church Architect has completed her **Quinquennial Inspection** and we now await her report. We know that the rainwater goods on the church will need attention and this could prove costly.

The **Finance reports** showed that the General Fund is showing a deficit of £5,177- in line with the projected deficit in the budget. The general income is down by 5% but the open plate is on target- higher than budgeted for. Once we have an indication of the cost of the new heating system we will need to have a campaign to raise funds and to seek external grants.

The **insurance** for the church, the Parish Hall and Hirst Cottage is due for renewal soon. In July the PCC considered the options. Insurance is a major expenditure but necessary.

In July we also looked forward to the **events in the Autumn**: a Harvest Lunch is being planned in September and an Autumn Fair in November. Look out for further details. A flyer will be delivered to homes in the parish telling people about what will be happening and inviting them to join us for Toybox, Coffee Mornings, special services and events etc.

In the meantime I hope that everyone has a good summer.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary

The Leverhulme Family Graves

The All Saints graveyard is the final resting place of many interesting and important local Thornton Hough families. Probably the most well-known, and the ones most often asked about, are those of the Leverhulme family. The largest collection of their graves lies in the south east corner behind the church, but there are a couple amongst those to the west of the church, as well as four significant ones in Port Sunlight!

When the 1st Lord Leverhulme, William Hesketh Lever, moved to Thornton Hough in 1888 his diaries show that he regularly attended services at All Saints. It was some eighteen years before he built St George's. During that time many of his family had come to live in Thornton Hough and, as St Georges has never had a graveyard, they were all buried in the parish graveyard at All Saints.

Lever's mother, Eliza, died in November 1893, aged 75, at their family home near Bolton, and was buried five days later at the local parish church in Harwood. The following year his father, James, together with William's three spinster sisters moved to Thornton Hough. They lived first at Thicket Ford and then moved to Hesketh Grange where James passed away in May 1897 aged 87. He was buried here on the west side of the church ***alongside his beloved wife!*** Examination of the church records in Bolton reveal that her grave at Harwood was later re-allocated, and family archives include a statement that Eliza was ***'afterwards removed to Thornton Hough'***! No exhumation



records have ever been found, but her name appears on this granite memorial which apparently William originally commissioned for her grave at Harwood.

Also recorded on the memorial are the names of William's three sisters who all died at Hesketh Grange after living to a ripe old age: Emily passed away in 1939 aged 91, Alice in 1944 aged 94, and Harriette in 1946 aged 90. Emily's ashes are in the columbarium at Landican, but Alice and Harriette were both buried here at Thornton Hough.

There's another Harriett Lever buried in this nearby grave. She was apparently a relative of the first Lord Leverhulme who, after working as a governess, fell on hard times and lived in Holmdale, one of the cottages adjoining Thicket Ford, where she died in 1902 aged 80.



Lever's wife Elizabeth, Lady Lever, died very suddenly in July 1913 and was buried at Christ Church in Port Sunlight. An elaborate sandstone canopy, known as a Narthex, was later built over her grave. William himself, by then Viscount Leverhulme, died twelve years later and was buried alongside her under the canopy. Massive marble plinths bearing bronze images of them both stand alongside their graves.

This is also the resting place of the 2nd Viscount Leverhulme, William Hulme Lever, and his second wife, Freda.

His first wife, Marion Beatrice, is buried in Thornton Hough. After their divorce in the 1930s she remarried, becoming Mrs Seldon Long, and finally passed away in her 102nd year. She shares a grave with her two daughters: Ruth, who died in 1972 aged 59 at her home Warren Hall in Broughton, North Wales, and Rosemary Gertrude Alexandra Whetherly, who was interred together with her husband's ashes in October 1994.



Their brother, Philip William Bryce Lever, the 3rd Lord Leverhulme, died in 2000, just three days after his 85th birthday. He is buried nearby together with his wife Margaret Ann who passed away some 27 years earlier. Alongside their grave are those of their two daughters Susan and Victoria, who only died in the last few years.



In front of their graves are these two striking memorials. The one on the left is dedicated to John and Jane Ferguson, who lived at Thornton Lodge opposite the Village Green. Jane was the first Lord Leverhulme's sister. John died in 1919 aged 75. Jane continued to live there on her own until she passed away seventeen years later in 1936 aged 90.



The one on the right is the memorial to James Darcy Lever, brother of the first Lord Leverhulme, and his family who lived in Thornton House. They were regular worshippers at All Saints' and there's a window in the church dedicated to his memory. He died in 1910 aged just 56. Annie his wife outlived him by 35 years. Their daughter was also called Annie. Her ashes were added in 1960, followed by their son Robert in 1969. Nearby under the trees is the grave of their infant daughter Bettina, who died in 1922 aged just seven. It's also the grave of their other son who, not to confuse things, was also called James Darcy, and also married an Annie!

Gavin Hunter

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The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;
And the sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea,
When the blue wave rolls nightly on deep Galilee.

Like the leaves of the forest when Summer is green,
That host with their banners at sunset were seen:
Like the leaves of the forest when Autumn hath blown,
That host on the morrow lay withered and strown.

For the Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,
And breathed in the face of the foe as he passed;
And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,
And their hearts but once heaved, and for ever grew still!

And there lay the steed with his nostril all wide,
But through it there rolled not the breath of his pride;
And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf,
And cold as the spray of the rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider distorted and pale,
With the dew on his brow, and the rust on his mail:
And the tents were all silent, the banners alone,
The lances unlifted, the trumpet unblown.

And the widows of Ashur are loud in their wail,
And the idols are broke in the temple of Baal;
And the might of the Gentile, unsmote by the sword,
Hath melted like snow in the glance of the Lord!

George Gordon, Lord Byron (1788 - 1824) was born with a deformed right foot into a chaotic life with aristocratic but impoverished relatives. Before he died aged 36 of malaria, fighting with the Greeks for their independence, he crammed several lives' worth into his time. He toured the world, published vast amounts of poetry, met and befriended many famous people and seduced so many ladies and fathered so many children he was dubbed by one of his most



Byron in Albanian dress
National Portrait Gallery



Waves on the Sea of Galilee
The Sea of Galilee is the lowest freshwater lake in the world, about 210m below sea level: it is up to 43m deep and 21km long.



Ashur, main god of the Assyrians, also main city of Assyrian Empire. Later inhabited by Christians and sacked by Tamberlane in 14th century.



scandalous conquests, Lady Caroline Lamb, as “mad, bad and dangerous to know.” He loved not only women but also animals. Trinity College Cambridge forbade students to keep dogs, so he had a pet bear. They could not object. When his friend Percy Bysshe Shelley visited him in Italy, where he had fled to avoid the debts which accompanied his becoming a Lord at the age of ten, Shelley records meeting eight dogs, ten horses, monkeys, cats and “I have just met on the grand staircase five peacocks, two guinea hens and an Egyptian crane.”

He poured out his feelings in poetry from age 17 but most publications were met with savage condemnation, some being banned for indecency. However, his command of metre and rhyme were superb, and when he turned his own adventures, as tourist and philanderer, into the four canto narrative poem Childe Harold's Pilgrimage it was an instant success, and he remarked “I awoke one morning and found myself famous.” His other famous epic work is Don Juan, an unfinished retelling of the tale of the statue that came to dinner.



God Baal, part bull, demands infant sacrifice.

This poem is a telling of Kings II: 19 vv 35 to 37 “*And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand (185,000); and when they arose early in the morning, behold they were all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned and dwelt at Nineveh.*” It is one of the 30 Hebrew Melodies, published in 1815, written to music with his friend the composer Isaac Nathan. They all demonstrate his facility with different rhyme schemes and metres.

There are five metres or rhythms commonly used in English poetry. Lambs have a weak beat followed by a strong one; trochees are the other way round; this little rhyme explains:

*Iambus comes with steady pace
Then the Trochee takes its place
Next comes the Dactyl on pattering feet
The Amphibrach next, with its stressed middle beat
And the last in the line but not least is the rare Anapaest.*



Anne Beatrix Wilmot, subject of She Walks in Beauty



Byron used hair curlers at night

The most popular of the Hebrew Melodies goes *She walks in beauty, like the night / Of cloudless climes and starry skies* ..elegant fluid iambic tetrameter. Another gem is Belshazzar's Vision: *The king was on his throne/ The Satraps throng'd the hall* excellent use of brisk iambic trimeter. Sennacherib has four anapaests to the line: anapaestic tetrameter. Very rare, difficult to manage, brilliantly executed here. So talented, so fascinating, such a tragedy he died so young.

Caroline Lancelyn Green



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1 onion thinly sliced
1 oz butter
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¼ pint single cream
1 teaspoon sugar
Salt and pepper



Melt the butter in a pan and add the carrots and onions. Fry gently for a few minutes without browning. Stir in the stock, sugar and seasoning. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for up to an hour. Puree with a blender and add the orange juice. Gradually add the cream. Cool and chill then sprinkle with chopped chives to serve.

RASPBERRY DESSERT

1 lb fresh or frozen raspberries
½ pint double cream
½ pint plain yogurt
6 oz demerara sugar



Stir the cream and yogurt together. Put the raspberries in a deep bowl (or individual bowls) and pour the cream and yogurt mixture over the fruit. Sprinkle with all the sugar. Chill in the fridge for several hours, preferably overnight.

All Saints' Church 2027 Parish Calendar

We need your photographs!

Please send in your photographs (.jpg or .png files please) of our beautiful village and surrounding area for our very popular Calendar.

Reminder: they need to be in landscape orientation and sent as an attachment to an email to Brian Morris (brimorris@sky.com) or as a last resort give a hard copy to any of the Magazine Team.

Transportation Quiz

1. The main types of which form of transport are non-rigid, semi-rigid, and rigid?
2. Which blue credit-card-sized contactless smartcard is popularly used on public transport in Greater London?
3. Which form of transport, that derives its name from the French for 'carriage with wooden benches', was once common for works outings during the early 1900s?
4. Which European port was the world's busiest from 1962 to 2004?
5. A hovercraft is sometimes known as an ACV, what does this acronym stand for?
6. Albert Gunton made headlines in 1952 when he jumped his number 78 bus across where?
7. Which taxi service in Bangkok gets its name from the sputtering sound of its engine?
8. The name of which British budget airline, based at Leeds Bradford Airport, is also its website address?
9. What name is given to the North American intercity bus carrier which began life in Hibbing, Minnesota in 1914?
10. Which Czech car manufacturer was founded in 1895 as Laurin and Klement?
11. The Stena Ferry Operator offers which three Irish destinations from UK ports?
12. Dennis Anthony Tito was the first tourist to visit where?
13. The M11 motorway is a 52-mile motorway that links which city with north east London?
14. The ferry *MS Herald of Free Enterprise* capsized moments after leaving which Belgian port in 1987?
15. Which form of personal transport was launched by inventor Dean Kamen in 2001?
16. What was designed by Harry Beck in 1931?

Answers on page 27.

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Sudoku

Fill in all the squares with the numbers 1- 9 using them only once, horizontally, vertically and in each block of 9 small squares.

Solutions on page 23.

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Transportation Word Search

Find and circle all of the types of transport that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

AEROPLANE	BICYCLE	BOAT	BUS	CANOE
CAR	FERRY	FUNICULAR	HELICOPTER	LORRY
MOPED	MOTORCYCLE	SCOOTER	SUBMARINE	TAXI
TRAIN	TRAM	UNDERGROUND	VAN	YACHT
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At our last meeting we had a fabulous talk from retired lawyer and well known crime writer Simon Michael. His books were available to purchase and we had our very own crime evening as we searched for the pen he had mislaid!

We had a lovely visit to the Lady Lever Art Gallery - May Morris Exhibition, and enjoyed stunning examples of her design imagination and needlework skills. Our party followed up with lunch at Christ Church, Port Sunlight and a leisurely chat.

We threw open the doors of the WI Hall to friends and visitors as part of our 100 Year celebrations: it was a beautiful sunny day. Scones, jam and cream were consumed heartily. THWI memorabilia was on display and eagerly pored over. Gavin Hunter, well known local historian, also chatted with visitors. Examples of current THWI group activities were also on display, together with homemade cakes, jams, chutneys and plants for sale contributed by our ladies. Also included were beautiful examples of work done by our Craft Group.

The beginning of the month saw us at the Royal Court Liverpool enjoying entertainment at the Variety Club Lunch: a fun afternoon with our ladies and friends and good value at £5.

THWI garden group visited Tattenhall Hall on what proved to be an afternoon of heavy rain showers. After gallantly following the host with large umbrellas around much of the garden, they adjourned to the lovely farmhouse kitchen for teas and homemade cakes. By the time they got home to the Wirral the weather was beautiful and sunny!

We are looking forward to our first Willow Weaving Workshop when we will make two Willow Stars. The main ambition for some of us is to get them home in one piece!

As part of our 100 Year Anniversary celebrations, on **Tuesday 25th August** we are holding an afternoon of entertainment in the WI Hall from 1.00pm - 4.00pm with the Western Approaches Swing Singers performing 1930's, 40's and 50's songs. Tickets are £20 and include a Ploughman's Lunch, Dessert, tea and coffee. This event is open to all and we look forward to welcoming you. If you would like tickets for this event please contact us by email.

OUR NEXT EVENING MEETING will be on Tuesday, 1st September at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Nick Lynch who will give a talk on 'Fraud and Scams'.

If you would like more information about Thornton Hough WI and to see some photographs of our activities and events please go to

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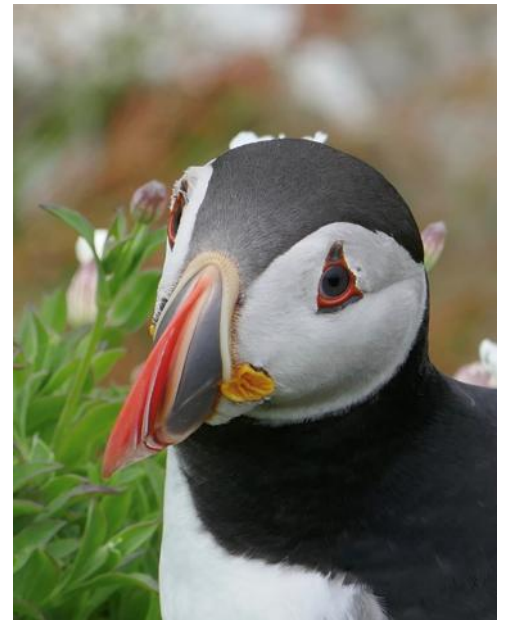
Janet Gaywood

The films stars of the sea....

This is what the pilot of a tourist boat in Mull called Puffins! He said, *"Don't worry about trying to get that perfect photo - you will have lots to choose from without even trying!"* He was right - we have a library of pictures and indeed one is used as my phone wallpaper to this day.

I was reminded of the birds when reading about penguins in the last edition - whilst the two are different there is a certain charm about both species that invites entertainment and fun.

Puffins are often called the clowns of the sea, the Germans call them the parrot diver or Papageientaucher. The beaks resemble a parrot's, are unique to every puffin, and change colour with the seasons - the



most vibrant in spring and summer and they apparently glow under UV light!

Their beaks are used to hold numerous fish - the classic photo seems to be of a puffin holding many sand eels - sadly we didn't get one of those; but did capture nesting material being collected to line a burrow. Their tongues and palates are uniquely adapted with spines and a rough texture to hold things in place. Fish tend to be collected when they dive - and they are good at it, their feet being used to propel themselves underwater along with their wings. Apparently the record for fish is 62 at once.

Their wing cadence is phenomenal - up to 400 times a minute - and whilst they

do fly distances their landings are always abrupt. They seem to drop out of the air at the last minute and land with a bump.

The main areas to see Puffins are the Scottish islands, Skomer Island (which now has a population in excess of 40,000), Bampton cliffs and the Farne Islands, amongst others. We saw them last in Orkney but before that went out to the Treshnish isles off the coast of Mull and were able to land and watch the antics with camera in hand.

The island doesn't have a landing stage, rather there is a floating 'extension' that the boat attaches to and you then walk and slide your way to the shore - the higher the tide, the less sliding! It is quite unique but seeing the birds up close was a real treat - even if you had to watch for burrows and avoid twisted or broken ankles! We were there as the breeding season was underway - the pufflings were starting to appear, although they were mostly hidden in the burrows. Once they are mature enough they are basically abandoned and left to fend for themselves.



The route to the burrows was clearly marked and involved a wander to the top of the island - the arrow clearly marked the way! Everywhere you looked there were puffins....

The hour that we had on Lungau was magical. The area is now altered as Ulva, the island that the boat sails around to access the Treshnish isles, is under different ownership - you may have seen the TV programme about renovating the hotel. I am assured that the puffins are still in residence



and no doubt starring in many more photo libraries.

If you get an opportunity to go and spend time watching the film stars of the sea it will certainly be entertaining!

Ann Slee Jones

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One of the most popular hymns we have all known from an early age is 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. The author was Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), and it first appeared in her 1848 book 'Hymns for Little Children'. 'Fanny' (as she was known) was born in Dublin, to Major John Humphreys of Norfolk who had become land agent to the Earl of Wicklow.

Fanny began writing verse in her childhood, inspired by many people, including Dr Hook, Dean of Chichester, and John Keble (author of 'New Every Morning' and 'Blest are the Pure in Heart'); Keble had edited her 'Hymns for Little Children'. Her many hymns included 'There is a Green Hill Far Away', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'Jesus calls us o'er the tumult'.

She had moved to Strabane in 1833 where she founded a deaf and dumb institution (1846) and was described as 'an indefatigable visitor to the poor and sick'. In 1850 Fanny married Rev. William Alexander, later Bishop of Derry, then Archbishop of Armagh (and Primate of all Ireland). She was 32 and he 26 and this caused some consternation. They had four children.

Some of her hymns were subject to criticism,

appearing to endorse the 'class system'. The third verse of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' was 'The rich man in his castle, the poor man at the gate, he made them high or lowly, and ordered their estate'. This verse was omitted in many later hymn books (including our own Hymns Ancient and Modern) because of this. What inspired the hymn? Possibly Psalm 104 vv 24-25. Another idea was Coleridge's 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' (1797) – "He prayeth best, who loveth best - all things great and small - for the dear God who loveth us, he made and loveth all".



A further suggestion was William Paley's 'Natural Theology' (1802) that argues for God being the designer of the natural world. The verse about 'the purple headed mountain, the river running by' may refer to several locations she visited. 'Sugar Loaf' mountains in Monmouth, or Marktree Castle (Sligo), or Dunster in Somerset.



There are two well used popular tunes. The tune 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' was composed by William Henry Monk in 1887 (who also wrote the tune for 'Abide with me'). I prefer the original tune 'Royal Oak' (we used it at my primary school) adapted from an old folk song 'The twenty ninth of May', published in 1686. It seems to have origins in the English Civil War, and an oak tree in Boscobel, Shropshire was reputed to



be where King Charles II hid in 1651. 'Royal Oak' was arranged and published by Martin Shaw in 1916 under the title 'Songs for Children'. Other tunes were written by John Stainer and Frederick Arthur Gore, and there is also a full choral setting by Sir John Rutter.

Fanny died in 1895 at the Bishop's Palace in Derry and was buried in Derry City Cemetery. William (d.1911) is beside her.

Brian Moate

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1. Airships
2. Oyster Card
3. Charabanc
4. The Port of Rotterdam
5. Air-cushion vehicle
6. The opening of Tower Bridge
7. Tuk Tuk
8. Jet2.com
9. Greyhound
10. Skoda
11. Dublin, Belfast and Rosslare.
12. Space (he was widely known as the first space tourist)
13. Cambridge
14. Zeebrugge
15. Segway PT
16. The Tube Map, or London Underground Map

Baby Ronnie update—July 2026

We are pleased to say that a donor has been found. Baby Ronnie will now begin his long and tiring journey for hopefully a full recovery. Many possible matches were forthcoming with a number being a 9/10 match, but they were not a complete match to Ronnie which was essential to give him the best chance of a full recovery. Finally a donor with a 10/10 match was found - in America!

Ronnie will start his treatment in August with chemotherapy and his transplant soon afterwards. We will try to keep you informed of Ronnie's progress as the days and weeks go by.

Please continue to pray for a successful outcome for Ronnie - thank you

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**Could you save the life of
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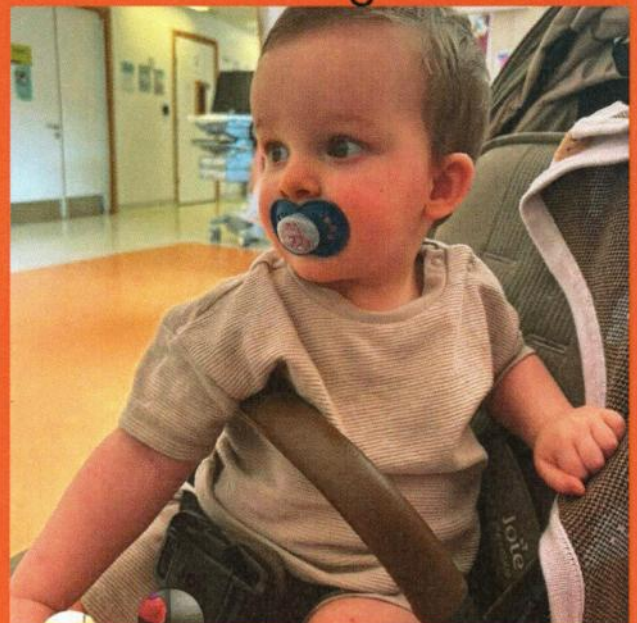
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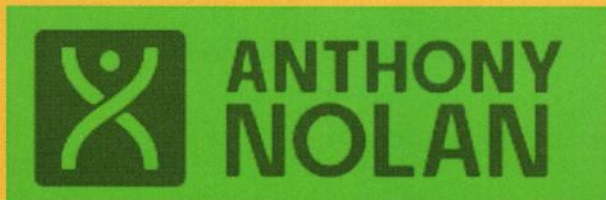
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Bible Readings

August September

August

2	Ninth Sunday after Trinity	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
9	Tenth Sunday after Trinity	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
16	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:21-28
23	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
30	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

September

6	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
13	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-25
20	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
27	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32

October

4	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33- 46
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A verse from the Bible

"Fear not for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name.
Thou art mine."

Isaiah 43 v. 1

Submitted by Eileen Roberts

Please send us your favourite Bible verse so we can share it with our readers.



Parish Diary

August—September

July

26	Sunday	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	10:30am	Holy Communion
29	Wednesday		10:30am	Holy Communion
31	Friday		7:00pm	Choir Practice

August

2	Sunday	Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8:00am	Holy Communion
			10:30am	Holy Communion
5	Wednesday		10:30am	Holy Communion
9	Sunday	Tenth Sunday after Trinity	10:30am	Holy Communion
			6:30pm	Evensong
12	Wednesday		10:30am	Holy Communion
16	Sunday	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	8:00am	Holy Communion
			10:30am	Holy Communion
19	Wednesday		10:30am	Holy Communion
23	Sunday	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	10:30am	Holy Communion
26	Wednesday		10:30am	Holy Communion
30	Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	10:30am	Holy Communion
31	Monday			Bank Holiday

September

2	Wednesday		10:30am	Holy Communion
4	Friday		7:00pm	Choir Practice
6	Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	8:00am	Holy Communion
			10:30am	Holy Communion
9	Wednesday		10:30am	Holy Communion
11	Friday		7:00pm	Choir Practice

September

13	Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Start of Harvest week.	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
		6:30pm	Choral Evensong
14	Monday	10:00am	Toybox
15	Tuesday		Parish Magazine deadline (Oct-Nov)
16	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
		7:00pm	PCC Meeting
18	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
20	Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Thanksgiving.	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
		Noon	Harvest Lunch
23	Wednesday	10:30am	Coffee Morning
25	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
27	Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
30	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion

October

2	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
4	Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion

From the Registers

Wedding:

25th June 2026 Andrew James DENNETT and Chelsea Louise DAY

Baptism

31st May 2026 Scirard Randal Lancelyn-Green

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