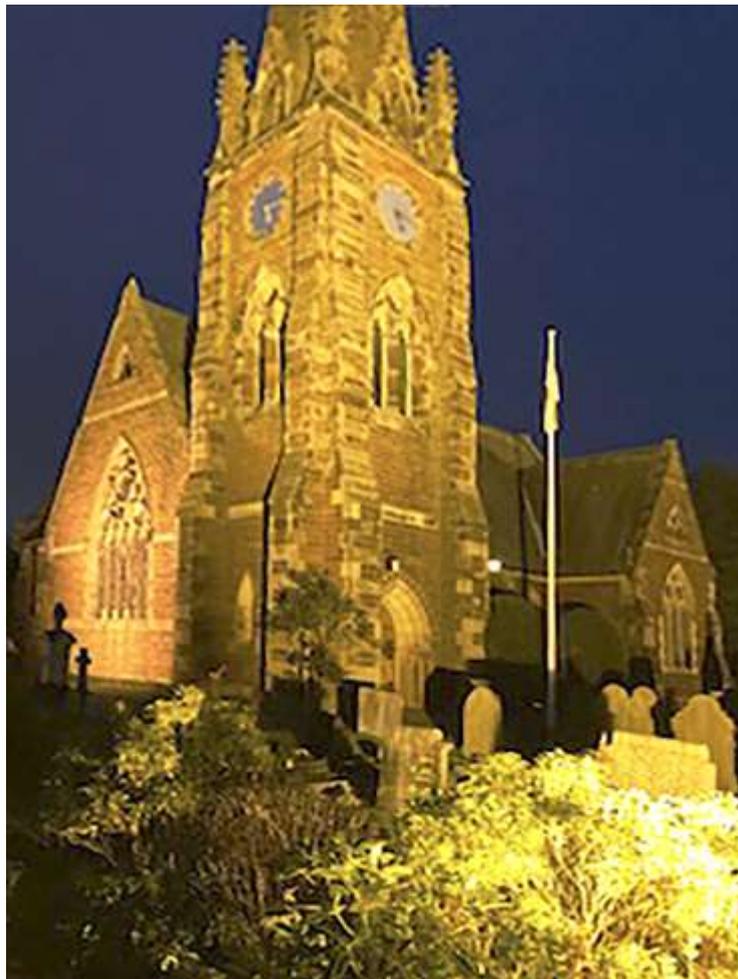


All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



February—March 2022



Welcome letter from the Vicar

Play and Recreation meet Prayer and Re-creation!

There is something deeply joyous about seeing and hearing children at play, whether it is in organised games or imaginative play in groups or alone. Play has a very important part to play in their emotional, social and intellectual development, too.



But do we ever stop playing? From a gentle stroll through games of football on the village green to extreme sports, singing together, whether in choirs or in the bathroom to an audience of none, planting seeds and making new garden designs, crafting, reading a book.. all these are playful activities, in which we allow our bodies and minds to experiment with the possible, to explore our physical and imaginative limits in different ways.

These acts of recreation literally re-create us: they help us to step out of the bounds of our routines, living and thinking a little differently, even if only for a short while. They permit us to ask, “What if..?” in different ways. Not having some form of play can damage us: the proverb “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” is very true. We return to our world of routine living from playtime refreshed and re-created.

Prayer is also a form of play. Sometimes it is very active and noisy – it can be full of our chatter about all kinds of things. Yet we can also slow down and be very still, listening attentively, waiting. We connect with the timeless, inexpressible presence of God. Prayer is playful: we experiment with the possible in these encounters with God, joining in the experiment of asking “What if?”: what if a situation were different? What might that different look and feel like? How can I join in? No one form or kind of prayer is “right” – just taking time to have a go is the important thing. You can always use the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord’s Prayer, as your starting point.

Prayer also leads to re-creation. It can change us, and it can be the driver that changes our world. The new life of springtime joins with the invitation of Lent to invite us “Come out to pray” as well as “Come out to play”.

With love and blessings,



Vicky

Notes on the PCC meeting held on 7th December

Bishops' visit to the deanery. On 30th November there was a meeting of the Deanery Chapter followed by lunch at All Saints'. This was attended by Bishop Julie (Bishop of Birkenhead) and Bishop Sam (Bishop of Stockport), and other clergy from the Deanery. Vicky reported that the visit had gone well and she expressed her enormous thanks to Margaret Gamble, Pam Machin and Alan Splitt for their hard work in making the visit such a success. The bishops and visiting clergy commented on how nice the church looked and how welcome they felt. The two bishops had toured the parish by car and visited the local school.

The main item on the agenda for the December meeting was **Finance**.

Remuneration. The PCC started by considering the proposals from the Remuneration Committee. Margaret Gamble, Iain Stinson and Sue Stinson withdrew for this part of the meeting. The PCC agreed to increase the Verger's salary to reflect the Real Living Wage for 2022, and also that the charges for Verging at Weddings and Funerals should be increased; these are costs which are met by the families. They also agreed to adjust the contract of the Director of Music to reflect the new service pattern (one weekly morning service, one evening service per month and one choir practice per week, plus extra Feast Day services). The rate of pay was also increased to be in line with RSCM rates and the fees for playing at weddings were increased.

The end of year report for 2021 and the proposed budget had been circulated to the PCC before the meeting. Iain Stinson, the Treasurer, thanked the Finance Committee for looking over these; their feedback had been incorporated. In December the estimated deficit on the General Fund at the end of the year was £2,700- better than the £10,000 to £12,000 estimated at the beginning of the year. Although this was an encouraging figure much of the work planned for 2021 had been put on hold during the pandemic and was still needed.

The PCC passed the proposed budget for 2022. The Parish Share was set to rise by 2%, fuel prices were rising and council tax would probably increase. On the positive side a new phone service should be significantly cheaper and at least we fixed the energy tariffs in advance of the latest increases! Charitable giving has remained at £1,000 for some years and an increase to £1,200 was included in the budget. The deficit on the proposed General Fund budget would be about £4,200. The Treasurer suggested that the costs of some of the outstanding projects such as new noticeboards should be covered from unrestricted funds rather than the General Fund.

Next on the agenda was **Safeguarding** and the PCC considered a report from the Safeguarding Officer, Linda Arch. Changes in the timing of DBS checks mean that renewals are required every three years rather than five. The **Parish Safeguarding Training** follows the material from the Church of England Safeguarding Learning Pathway, delivered by Chester diocese.

Fabric, Health and Safety. Graham Tongue has said that he is happy to chair the Fabric Group. He has a wealth of expertise and the PCC expressed their gratitude to him for taking this on. A written quote had been received from Brian Ebbrell for the wall repair and Vicky agreed to set up a meeting with Mark Pearce (the Church Architect), Brian Ebbrell, Graham Tongue, Godfrey Allan-Price and the tree contractor to discuss the wall project and hopefully progress it.

Graham Seagrave, the **Health and Safety** Officer had made some observations about safety when we had a lot of people in church. The PCC agreed that the Covid guidance from the Church of England seems about right. The wearing of masks is mandatory in church except for singing and when leading the service or reading a lesson. The congregation is advised to keep them on to sing, the choir should remain masked except when singing.

The **Deanery Synod** had not met but possible dates for meetings in 2022 had been circulated.

The **Electoral Roll** still stood at 92 in December.

Vicky had received an email from Trevor Stiles saying that the **Hope Course** (for cancer patients) had gone well and that the Small Hall had been an ideal size and an ideal location. The PCC agreed to offer the Small Hall for the next twelve weeks of the Hope Course starting on 12th January 2022.

Details of **the Lay Conference** had been circulated to members of the PCC. We had been asked to encourage someone from the Parish to attend and take up the free room allocated to the parish. If anyone is interested in going please speak to Sue Stinson.

At the end of the meeting Vicky thanked everyone for their hard work and encouraged us all to think how we can use our resources to make our church more secure and more outgoing.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary



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A Church Fellowship for Everybody

Happy New Year to all members and friends.

For our December meeting fifteen members and friends joined together on a wet and blustery afternoon for a festive sing song. We sang several of our favourite Christmas Carols followed by mince pies and home-made cake with plenty of tea/coffee and chatter.

Due to increasing numbers of Covid cases on the Wirral it was decided after much prayer and discussion to cancel our meeting in January. This should have been a review of 2021 and a look ahead to meetings in 2022. Margaret Crawford has agreed to do her talk "Tales in Israel" at a later date and hopefully a review of ACF can take place at the start of the meeting in February.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps out each month with refreshments, readings and doing the vote of thanks. I am also grateful to Tim Allan-Price for keeping me on the straight and narrow, and Margaret Gamble for setting up the hall and all the additional cleaning that is necessary at the moment.

Forthcoming ACF Events

Fellowship meetings

Wednesday 9th February at 2.15pm in Parish Hall

Dr Ian Cubbin "Early Exploration of Central Africa"

Wednesday 9th March at 2.15pm in Parish Hall

Cora Shafto from Claire House Children's Hospice

Coffee mornings

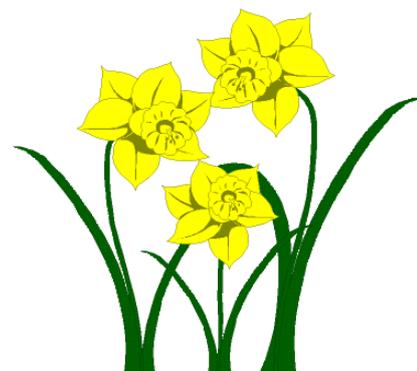
Wednesday 23rd February at 10.30 am in Parish Hall

Wednesday 23rd March at 10.30am in Parish Hall

Admission 50p.

Coffee and biscuits/ Sales Table/Raffle

Everybody welcome



Helen Tankard

Thoughts for February

February is a time for loving and caring. It is a time for being a doer and not a dreamer. Why not review your New Year Resolutions? Which are completed or being continued? Which ones should you let go? It is a short month, so make the most of this time as the warmer weather arrives. Show love and care for yourself as well as others - how might you expand your activities and explore and investigate new adventures?

Spring is in sight

At this time of the year there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wild-life waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead as well as outdoors, as the garden comes to life again.



- prune shrubs and climbers, such as *Wisteria* as well as evergreen hedges
- prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
- cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses
- prepare vegetable seed beds and plan where you are going to plant your vegetables this year and sow some vegetables under cover. Consider also how you can maintain constant supplies of your vegetables throughout the season
- sow vegetable seeds and chit potato tubers indoors allowing them to sprout shoots ready to go outside
- lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- top dress containers with fresh compost
- mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- cut back *Cornus* (dogwood) and *Salix* (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
- hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for the increasing range of gardening tasks. No doubt you can think of many other tasks to be done during these months—the above are but a selection to help you. So get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden. Good Gardening!

An enthusiastic Gardener

Breaking News!

It has been widely reported that the English Cricket Board is considering appointing the World no.1 Tennis player Novak Djokovic as their new temporary batting coach. They acknowledge that he doesn't have any experience or background in cricket but couldn't overlook that it took the Australians 2 weeks to get him out!



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.



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February / March Quiz

1. What happened in Britain on the 15th February 1971?
2. What was used in Britain for the first time by Mr Nicholas Vanacker on 16th February 1659?
3. The Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar corresponding to which date?
4. In leap years, February starts on the same day of the week as which other month?
5. What is the earliest date that Easter can occur?
6. In DC Comics, on which date in February is Superman's birthday?
7. On the 5th March 1946 what did Churchill warn was falling across Europe?
8. On the 12th February 1554, who was beheaded at the tower of London?
9. Which annual health awareness day takes place on the second Wednesday in March?
10. Which country's leader once said "I have 2 generals who will not fail me : General January and February"?
11. The lives of four March sisters feature in which famous novel?
12. What is the full name of the actor that won Academy Awards for Best Actor in both 1932 and 1946?
13. Complete the saying " March comes in like a lion and goes out as a"
14. In British tradition, what quarter day falls on March 25th?
15. In the sporting calendar which event usually happens on the first Sunday of February?
16. In the poem called "The Months" by Sara Coleridge, if hot July brings cooling showers what does February bring?
17. Where and when do they celebrate St Piran's Day?

Answers on Page 20



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A Poem for today

They'd done the swings and fed the ducks, and he was getting tired:

"Grandad, what's an OAP?" the little girl inquired.

"Well dear, it's someone who remembers a long, long time ago

When life was very different and the pace was rather slow.

The baker came with a horse and van, the milkman pushed his float,

The coalman had his horse and cart and leather hat and coat.

The onion man from France would always push his bike

But "Wallsie" with his ices would pedal on his trike.



We paid for goods with shillings and pence, or sometimes with a note for a pound,

A penny would buy a sticky bun or a ride on a merry go round,

Even a farthing was worth a lot, it would get a liquorice strip,

and a fiver would take a man and his wife away on a holiday trip.

No ordinary folk had motor cars, most travelled on a train,

or on a noisy tramcar with no roof to stop the rain.

The drivers and conductors all wore uniforms and ties,

There were porters on the stations and meat in railway pies.

Some things you take for granted, hadn't been invented,

Like Sellotape and ballpoint pens and aerosols all scented,

Our toilet was outside the house without electric light,

and the kitchen was our bathroom every Friday night.

We didn't have computers then, or craft in outer space,

the microchips we wanted came with our cod and plaice.

We didn't have fish fingers or beer that was all froth,

We had some lovely spotted dick Mum cooked in her best cloth.



Mum never had a washing machine, she always had to cope,
With our clothes in the sink, and a rub and a scrub with a bar of
Fairy soap.

To dry she had the washing line or a clotheshorse round the fire,
She never had the luxury of a hot air tumble dryer.

We had no television, nor radio cassettes,
no video recorders and no jumbo jets.

We used to have the wireless as the radio was known
And played one-sided records on a wind-up gramophone.



Policemen used to walk the streets and no one went in fear
But if a child should pinch a fruit he'd get a clip about his ear.
No lager louts or ticket touts, no muggers prowled the town
But if a burglar robbed a house the judge would send him down.
You see, my dear," the old man said, "We didn't have a lot,
We had to work long hours for the wages that we got
But what we had and what we have is worth a pot of gold
It's all the happy memories to remind us that we're old."



Thornton Hough WI

We enjoyed a pre-Christmas get-together on the afternoon of
Tuesday 14 December (postponed from the previous week because of bad
weather). Members brought 'a plate of food' and we did, indeed, celebrate in
the traditional way – the tables were decorated festively; we tucked into a
variety of delicious food; and we enjoyed traditional games of bingo and a quiz.
Thank you to all involved.

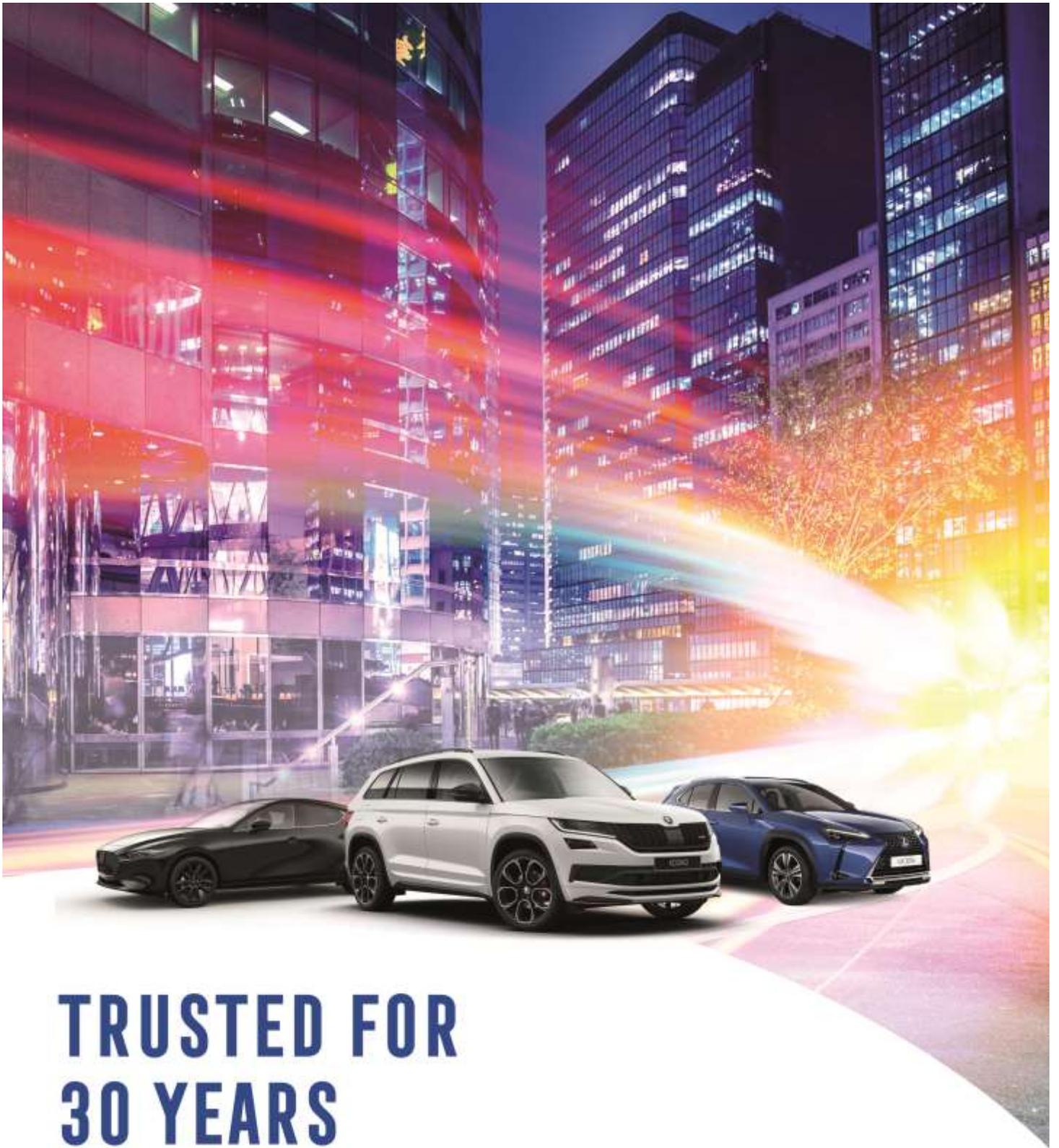
Our New Year events started well. At our January meeting, on 11 January, our
speaker, Brian Anderson, gave a most enlightening and entertaining
talk about 'Easter Island' with wonderful slides.

Future events will be circulated when available.



A little humour!

The Doctor told me to watch my drinking so now I drink in front of the mirror.



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POETRY CORNER The Darkling Thrush Thomas Hardy

I leant upon a coppice gate
When Frost was spectre-grey,
And Winter's dregs made desolate
The weakening eye of day.
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky
Like strings of broken lyres,
And all mankind that haunted nigh
Had sought their household fires.



Woodbine Honeysuckle

The land's sharp features seemed to be
The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind his death-lament.
The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry,
And every spirit upon earth
Seemed fervourless as I.



Woodbine Convolvulus

At once a voice arose among
The bleak twigs overhead
In a full-hearted evensong
Of joy illimited;
An aged thrush, frail, gaunt, and small,
In blast-beruffled plume,
Had chosen thus to fling his soul
Upon the growing gloom.



Orpheus playing his lyre

So little cause for carolings
Of such ecstatic sound
Was written on terrestrial things
Afar or nigh around,
That I could think there trembled through
His happy good-night air
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew
And I was unaware.



Song Thrush

Darkling can mean ***in the dark*** or ***growing darker***.
Poetry is intentionally ambiguous.

Thomas Hardy (1840 - 1928) published 947 poems, and this is one of the few which are still read. He is best known for his fourteen novels, most of which immortalise the rural life he saw grow depressingly industrialised, as the 19th century became the 20th, in his imaginary County of Wessex. This poem is about New Year 1900.



Here he compares the strands of honeysuckle and bindweed waving in the wind to broken lyre strings. They symbolise the breakdown of the harmony, wisdom and connection to the earth's "ancient pulse" of the old order. The great novels, *Far from the Madding Crowd*, *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, *The Mayor of Casterbridge* and above all *Jude the Obscure* make the same observations and pleas, which annoyed many, while his less vehement novels earned him a living.

He felt he could express himself more truthfully, fervently, in verse than prose, but no-one liked his views. "Jude the Obscene" was particularly detested. John Gould Fletcher, who reviewed some of his poetry in 1918, tried to explain his "unpopularity as a poet" by calling him "a fatalist, a determinist, a pessimist" and "a voice crying in the wilderness", who avoided "poetic" language.

The *Darkling Thrush* does use "poetic" language, which may account for its popularity. Hardy uses composite coinages, like those of the Romantic poets he loved. He found the title in Keats's *Ode to a Nightingale* ("Darkling I listen") and the Thrush's "full-hearted evensong" echoes the Nightingale's "full-throated ease", singing its "plaintive anthem" and "high requiem". Shelley's Skylark pours out its "full heart" in "hymns unbidden". For a notorious atheist Hardy makes use of plenty of religious references. The corpse of the 19th Century, which he sees in the landscape, is laid out semi-recumbent (outleant) as in a Pieta.



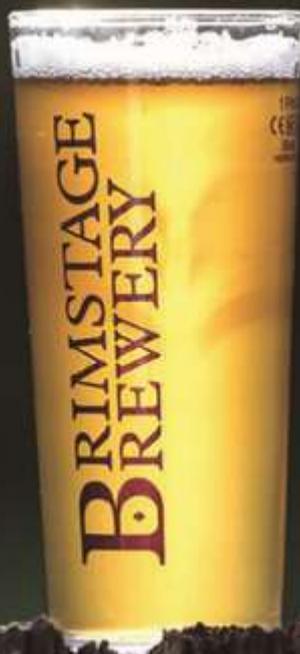
Thomas Hardy God's undertaker. Cartoon from *The New Yorker*

A haunt is a place you frequent, but here even the living seem as ghostly as the personified Frost. Most gloriously poetic of all Hardy's coinages must be "blast-beruffled plume". Keats and Shelley only hear their birds but Hardy sees, and not merely its windswept plumage. He conveys a bird so buffeted by the wind that its feathers are not just ruffled but turned backwards into a ruff, an ornamental collar, further dignified as a plume.

Ironically, most people find this poem optimistic, despite Hardy's use of "Darkling" to describe himself and the mourners in his shocking 1910 poem *God's Funeral*, not to mention Matthew Arnold's "darkling plain" in *Dover Beach*.

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Cookery Corner

Cranberry and White Chocolate Chip Cake

5oz. softened butter	5oz. cranberries, zest of 1 Orange
2oz. white choc chips	5oz. self raising flour
5oz. golden caster sugar	3 beaten medium eggs
3oz. ground almonds	½ teaspoon almond essence



Topping Ingredients

150oz. cranberries	75gms. caster sugar
Juice of 1 large orange	2 tablespoon icing sugar

Method

Preheat oven to Gas 5 (160°C). Grease and line 900gms. (2lb) loaf tin .

Cream together butter and sugar and add well-beaten egg.

Fold in ground almonds, flour, orange zest, almond essence, cranberries and choc chips.

Transfer to prepared tin and bake for approx. 50 mins.

Rest in tin for 10mins. before turning onto wire baking tray to cool.

For Topping

Mix icing sugar with enough water to a smooth pouring consistency.

Put cranberries, sugar, orange juice into a small saucepan cook over a medium heat for 6-8 mins. until jam-like. Then leave to cool.

When cake is cold drizzle over the icing allowing it to drip down sides of cake.

Put the cooled cranberry mix along the top of the cake in a line down the middle and enjoy!

Baked Pork in Wine

Ingredients

1½ lbs pork	3 oz butter
1 tablespoon flour	1½ cups warm milk
Sliced green pepper	½ glass white wine



Method

Trim the meat and cut into 1 inch cubes.

Heat the butter in a thick frying pan and cook the meat over a moderate heat with a lid on for 20 mins. Remove the lid and increase the heat a little and cook till meat is browned all over.

Add the flour and stir well. Then gradually blend in the warm milk. Stir till thickened and smooth.

Add the green pepper, salt and pepper.

Transfer to greased casserole dish and bake in moderate oven (190°C, Gas 4) for 45 mins.

When the meat is almost cooked, stir in the wine and continue to cook until the meat is tender.



This recipe can be prepared in advance and reheated when required.



A small selection of very colourful Christmas lights that were on display in our village in December which brought much needed joy to everybody who were fortunate to see them

More origins of popular sayings

Raining cats and dogs

Origin: There are two stories that try to explain its origin. The first explanation says that this phrase originates from Norse mythology, where cats would symbolise heavy rains and dogs were associated with Odin, the God of storms. The second version says that in 16th century England, houses had thatched roofs which were one of the few places where animals were able to curl up and get warm and undisturbed. Sometimes, when it rains heavily, roofs would get slippery and cats and dogs would fall off, making it look like it's raining cats and dogs!

Butter someone up

The people in ancient India used to throw balls of clarified butter at the statues of gods in order to seek a favour.

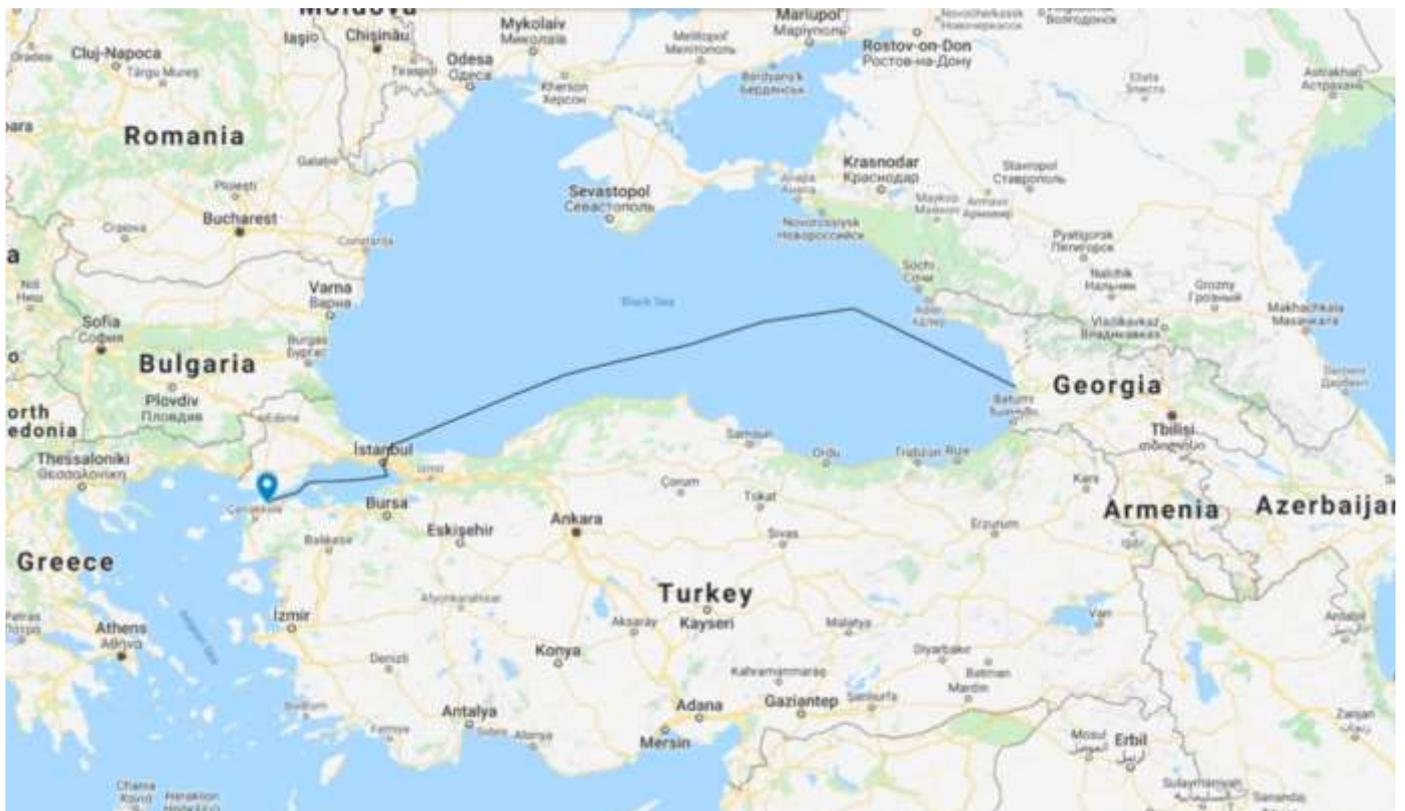


Shoebboxes 2021

Once again it is my pleasure to thank everyone involved for their support of our Shoebox campaign.

At rather short notice in October, we organised a fund-raising coffee morning in the Women's Institute, and thanks to your generosity, we raised £600 towards the cost of transport of the shoebboxes. Teams4U ask that we contribute £2.50 per box for transport costs and thus we were able to make up 240 more boxes in the warehouse. Thank you, also, to everyone who donated items to be used in the boxes – this made such a big difference to how many boxes we were able to make up in the warehouse.

Last year, under very difficult circumstances, the Wirral team managed to process over 2,500 boxes. This year we completed 3,508 boxes which went to Georgia, where the Teams4U folk worked with the Red Cross to distribute them in Internally Displaced People camps. The journey was quite tortuous – across Eastern Europe to Istanbul where it was loaded on to a container ship, MSC Dorine, which went up through the Dardanelles Strait and into the Black Sea and finally into the port of Poti in Georgia.



Shoebboxes were also given to orphanages in Belarus and deprived communities in Bosnia, Romania and Moldova.

Val Peter and the Wirral Shoebox Team

The following is an extract from the Teams4U website:

Boxes to Romania

One of our first lorries to leave went from Evesham on Saturday, 27th November, carrying 9,084 precious shoeboxes, destined for Arad and Oradea, Western Romania.

Our partner Raul Gherle, accompanied by our Trustees Paul Jeanes and Steve Hewitt, started distributing these boxes to children and families in Bihor county.

We have one particular experience that will never leave us. We went to visit a homeless family living on a waste land previously occupied by an agricultural glasshouse, back in communist times.

Ioana, along with 2 of her children, Bianca and Radica, lived there in a shipping container next to another make-shift shelter housing her mother Simona, and her other daughter Narcisa and infant son, David.



Paul Jeanes



When we arrived, the children were given shoeboxes and the delight and excitement they brought was something so special!

Whilst opening the boxes Narcisa told us her dream was to one day go to school, so she could learn to read and write, and her only other wish was to have a plastic bowl so she could wash her hair!

Steve Hewitt

Thought for March

With Spring approaching, put a spring in your step, encouraging others to be cheerful and full of life. May the March wind be the wind of change so that all can experience the good times in these unusual days. Take all the opportunities that present themselves to shake off the weariness of winter.

Quiz Answers

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| 1. Decimalisation | 7. An "Iron Curtain" | 13. Lamb |
| 2. A cheque | 8. Lady Jane Grey | 14. Super Bowl (American Football) |
| 3. March 15th | 9. National No Smoking Day | 15. Lady Day—(celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation) |
| 4. August | 10. Russia's Tsar Nicholas 1st | 16. Rain |
| 5. March 22nd | 11. Little Women | 17. Cornwall on 5th March (Patron Saint of Tin-miners) |
| 6. February 29th | 12. Fredric March | |



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Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages for September-November

Weddings

11/12/21: Harry Thomas Andrew COOKE and Charlotte Mary TONGUE

16/12/21: Liam Frank WILLIAMS and Lauren Anne BYE

17/1/21: Christopher LAND and Eleanor Catherine JOHNSON

Lenten Meditations 2022: 8th, 22nd, 29th March 7.00 pm.

Food for the Journey – A Picnic of Thoughts!

This year's Lenten Meditations will be a series of three stand-alone reflections which will appeal to different senses and styles of thinking, through a work of religious art, poetry and music.

8th March: "Come to the Table" – A closer look at Rublev's Icon.

This meditation will conclude with a short service of Holy Communion.

22nd March: Reflection through poetry.

29th March: Reflection through music.

Come and share in this "picnic of thoughts" through Lent together at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.



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Palm Sunday	10th April	10.30am	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	14th April	7.00pm	Holy Communion
Good Friday	15th April	10.30am	Meditation
Easter Day	17th April	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am.	Holy Communion
First Sunday of Easter	24th April	10.30am	Holy Communion

Morning Prayer at all Saints

Why not join Vicky for a Morning Prayer service in church on

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
at 9.15am.

It is a very peaceful way of starting the day.

Calendar 2022

Many thanks to all who supported our Calendar which was very well received and made a handsome profit for the church. The final figure was **£1,250** profit from the sales and sponsorship. We are now planning for the 2023 Calendar so please take plenty of photographs of our beautiful village and surrounding areas. If you would like to sponsor a page of our calendar or know of a company who would like to support us in this way, please get in touch with Brian Morris or send an email to the Editors.



Sunday Bible Readings February—March 2022

February

6	Fourth Sunday before Lent	Isaiah 6:1-8	Luke 5:1-11
13	Third Sunday before Lent	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 6:17-26
20	Second Sunday before Lent	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25	Luke 8:22-25
27	Sunday next before Lent	Exodus 34: 29-35	Luke 9:28-36

March

2	Ash Wednesday	Isaiah 58:1-12	Matthew 6:1-6
6	First Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Luke 4:1-13
13	Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Luke 13:31-35
20	Third Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	Luke 13:1-9
27	Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of Lent	Exodus 2:1-10	John 19:25-27

April

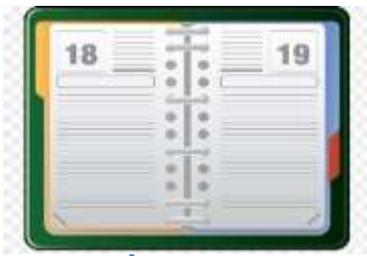
3	Passion Sunday / Fifth Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21	John 12:1-8
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A little more humour !

Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud.

R.I.P boiled water. You will be mist.

I'm not saying your perfume is too strong. I'm just saying the canary was alive before you got here.



Parish Diary February—March 2022

Please note that all dates are subject to change at short notice.

February

- 2 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 4 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 6 Sunday Fourth Sunday before Lent**
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 8 Tuesday
7:30am PCC Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 9 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
2:15pm ACF Early Exploration of Central Africa (Dr Ian Cubbin)
(Parish Hall)
- 11 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 13 Sunday Third Sunday before Lent**
10:30am Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
6:30pm Holy Communion
- 16 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 18 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 20 Sunday Second Sunday before Lent**
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 23 Wednesday
10:30am Coffee Morning in Parish Hall (No service in Church)
- 25 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 27 Sunday Sunday next before Lent**
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

March

- 2 Wednesday Ash Wednesday**
7:00pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
- 4 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice

March

- 6 Sunday First Sunday of Lent**
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 8 Tuesday
7:00pm Lent Course 1 (Parish Hall)
- 9 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
2:15pm ACF Meeting: Claire House (Cora Shafto) (Parish Hall)
- 11 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 13 Sunday Second Sunday of Lent**
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
6:30pm Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)
- 15 Tuesday
7:30pm PCC Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 16 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 18 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 20 Sunday Third Sunday of Lent**
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 22 Tuesday
7:00pm Lent Course 2 (Parish Hall)
- 23 Wednesday
10:30am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall (No service in church)
- 25 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 27 Sunday Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of Lent**
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 29 Tuesday
7:00pm Lent Course 3 (Parish Hall)
- 30 Wednesday
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

April

- 1 Friday
7:00pm Choir Practice
- 3 Sunday Passion Sunday / Fifth Sunday of Lent**
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Service of readings and music for Passiontide

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Reminder

**Clocks go forward on
Sunday 28th March at 1.00am**



Annual Meetings

It is hoped to have our Annual Meetings after the morning service on Sunday 15th May 2022. Further details will be given on our website and in the next edition of the Magazine.

The Magazine

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March 18th 2022

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