

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



February—March 2023

All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough

You are warmly invited to a

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

in the Parish Hall on
Saturday 4th February
from 12 noon to 1:30pm

Tickets £3
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Everyone welcome

We will be collecting contributions for the Wirral Foodbank.



All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

Wednesday 22nd February
at 7pm

A service of
Holy Communion
for

Ash Wednesday



All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

Sunday 19th March
at 10:30am

A Service of Celebration for

Mothering Sunday

Everybody welcome.

Please invite your family and friends
to come along to this special service.



All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

Sunday 26th March
10:30am

Passiontide Meditation Service

The story of the Passion of Jesus
with readings, music and prayer



From the vicar

Give and Take

The days are lengthening and you may well be excited to see bulbs in the garden bursting into life and early colour.

These joyful signs of spring didn't appear there just by accident. They were planted to create a splash of brightness, or to a careful plan to fill flowerbeds using beautiful palettes and ranges of heights.

And what a gift it is to create such a scene! It takes time and patience to have a vision for what the flowerbeds will look like in full bloom: to prepare the ground, plant those bulbs, to trust that they will grow and come up according to plan and to leave them to grow.

As we enter the season of Lent on 22nd February, we have the opportunity to give ourselves to this period of patient waiting and growing in our own lives. Lent isn't about achieving instant results: it's a slow, steady period in which we reflect on our faith and relationships with other people and with God. Rather than giving up something for Lent, you may like to consider making a concerted effort to give out to others, such as donating to our local Foodbank, or giving a call or a card to someone to encourage them each week.

You may enjoy taking up the opportunity to join our Lent group which will be looking at another module from the Pilgrim course on the Beatitudes, beginning on Monday, 27th February.

I hope you will find joy in this very special season. I invite you to use the verse below to encourage you to reflect on how each of us can offer ourselves as a gift to grow and flourish.

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

Vicky



Could this be you?

Have you considered being a member of All Saints' Church Parochial Church Council? We need representatives of all ages and aspects of the congregation who are on the church's Electoral Roll to bring their insights, gifts and talents to help shape the organisation and direction of our church.

Please note that we will be compiling a new Electoral Roll prior to the Annual Meeting this year and everyone will need to complete a new form. More information on this will be announced in due course.

Our Church Annual Meeting at which we elect new members to the PCC may seem like a long way off – it will be held on 14th May 2023 – but now is the time to start thinking and speaking to current members about what the role entails and how you might be able to contribute.

We have been blessed by our committed Churchwardens and Committee members who have offered their skills in specific roles such as Secretary, Treasurer, and chairing our Fabric Team over many years. Some of those officers are intending to step down this year. I am deeply grateful for their support and wisdom.

Fresh eyes and ears and different hands and feet joining the PCC will help us continue to develop as a church and grow as “the body of Christ” here in the parish and beyond.

Could this be you?

Morning Prayer at All Saints'

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

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
at 9.15am.

Notes on the PCC meeting held on 6th December

The meeting opened with the collect for St Nicholas' Day then, under "Matters Arising", the PCC continued their discussions on the Soup and Sandwich Lunch planned for 4th February; members volunteered to help with the organisation of it. It was hoped that this would bring a bit of cheer to what can be a rather cold and dark month. In addition to the soup and sandwiches we are hoping to have one or two stalls and also collect contributions for the Wirral Foodbank.

Vicky thanked everyone who had helped to deliver the church Christmas card throughout the parish.

The next agenda item was the report of the Remuneration Committee. The Verger and the Director of Music (and his wife) withdrew for the discussions about remuneration. The PCC accepted the recommendations of the committee, including increases to the fees paid for weddings and funerals.

A paper on the End of Year Financial situation and the proposed budget for 2023 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

The Finance Committee had previously been sent the paper to review. The Treasurer described the proposed budget as a 'cautious' budget.

The predicted year-end figures were based on the actual figures to 21st November. The General Fund in-year deficit for 2022 was predicted to be £7,404. No investments have been sold yet.

The Treasurer, Iain Stinson, commented that, 'looking at the proposed budget for 2023:

- Some people have joined the giving scheme in the last couple of months; the income figure in the proposed budget has been increased by 2%.
- An inflation rate of 5% has been assumed.
- The money taken in for Hall rental has increased.
- The investment income will drop when we sell investments.
- The Parish Share has increased by 3%.
- Our energy rates have been fixed until September 2024.
- The proposed General Fund budget for 2023 would result in an in-year deficit of £12,661'.

Taking into account the balance being carried forward in the General Fund at the end of 2022, the proposed budget would only leave £1,751 in the General Fund at the end of 2023. This is likely to mean that there would be cash-flow problems with the General Fund in the second half of 2023.

The Treasurer proposed that we should go ahead and sell enough of the investments to realise £40,000 after charges have been deducted (as approved by the PCC in September 2022); this would enable us to operate in a more financially secure environment.

The years beyond 2023 are likely to be challenging; our energy costs will increase for the last quarter of 2024.

The PCC accepted the budget proposed for 2023. Vicky expressed her thanks to Iain for a careful and thoughtful budget, the result of many hours work.

The Safeguarding Officer, Linda Arch, reported that Pauline Butterfield, the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, had left and Sean Augustin, the Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, was now “acting up”. Linda said she would amend the contact details on the Safeguarding posters in the church and the Parish Hall.

Work to clean the gutters and check the roof tiles (after a tile was heard slipping during Morning Prayer) was in hand. Quotes for repairing some of the tarmac were still being pursued and the new noticeboard outside the church, on Raby Road, was still on the agenda.

Feedback from the Deanery Synod Vision Café had been received and Vicky suggested that we should be encouraged that some of the suggestions are things we are already doing or working towards.

Vicky also reported that she had had a phone call from Mark Mitchell, who advertises in The Magazine, thanking us for the lovely magazine he had been sent. He said things seemed to be going well in the church and said ‘well done’ to her. She commented that sometimes we can lose our sense of perspective and it is nice to have positive feedback.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary



All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough



**Toybox meets in the Parish Hall from 10am to 11:30am,
usually on the second Monday of the month (but not always!)**

Dates of meetings 2023

Monday 13th February

Monday 13th March

*Monday 17th April

*Monday 15th May

Monday 12th June

Monday 10th July

***Please note these dates are not the second Monday of the month**

Free play, craft, story, songs and refreshments

For further information please contact

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Sue 0151 342 4800 sue@allsaintsth.org.uk



**Toybox is a group for babies and toddlers with their
carers (mums, dads, grandparents etc). All welcome**

The Leverhulme Driveways

All sorts of myths and stories abound about what, when, and why the 'driveways' were built. Let's put the record straight. Apart from just one, they were not built as private driveways to Thornton Manor for the first Lord Leverhulme, nor were they built simply for him to ride his horse along or, as someone recently suggested, to transport stone from Storeton quarry for the building of Thornton Manor. They were created in 1913 as the infrastructure for a vast new housing estate with the intention of providing additional housing for the growing population of Wirral.



With building work in Port Sunlight largely complete, Sir William Hesketh Lever, later the first Lord Leverhulme, turned his attention to other parts of his land holdings on Wirral, particularly to the Storeton Estate which he had acquired after the death of the shipping magnate Sir Thomas Brocklebank in 1911. Brocklebank had originally bought the estate in the mid-1800s from the Stanley family and his initials can still be seen on several properties he had built in and around Storeton village.



A three-mile-long roadway to serve the new housing estate was laid out all the way from Higher Bebington to Thornton Hough across the Storeton Estate and land that Lever had bought from the Earl of Shrewsbury. Built by Charles Warren Ltd from Seacombe, the road actually started right back at the small roundabout by Victoria Park

near Rock Ferry. The first sections are now Bedford Drive and then The Wiend, which together with Hesketh Avenue comprise what became the Bedford Drive Estate. The next section is Thornton Avenue which was the central road through what was later developed as the Lever Causeway Estate.

Crossing Mount Road where the double mini-roundabout is today, the road continued down to Storeton where it turned left, passed either side of what

was intended to be another village green, and then went in almost a straight line to the east of Brimstage. After crossing the driveway to Thornton Manor, it finally arrived at the bottom of Grange Drive, turned right and went on up to meet Manor Road at Thornton Hough.

The driveway from Thornton Manor was the only 'private' driveway, and a small grass roundabout still exists where it crosses the main carriageway. Pointing directly at Port Sunlight, it led from the Manor gatehouse to an imposing gated entrance near to Clatterbridge. The gateposts are still there, but the magnificent gates themselves have long since gone, taken for scrap in 1944 to support the war effort in return for the princely sum of £27.3s 1d!



With the death of Lady Lever and the onset of the Great War all further work on any housing development came to a halt. In 1915 Lever offered the roads as a gift '*for the use and enjoyment of the public*' but his offer was declined by the Wirral Rural District Council and the drive-



ways were closed until further notice. After the end of the war Lever had switched his attention to the development of the Outer Hebrides and the driveways stayed closed until 1937 when the 2nd Lord Leverhulme gifted what is now known as Lever Causeway to the local authority. Tarmacked as far as Storeton village, the road is now in constant use as a shortcut across Wirral.

Briefly used during the 2nd World War for the storage of military vehicles prior to the D-Day landings, the rest of the tree-lined driveways remain closed to public access to this day except for special events such as the annual summer cycle ride and now simply serve as rather magnificent farm access roads.

Gavin Hunter
January 2023

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What is Ash Wednesday?

Service of Ashing at All Saints' Church on 22nd February at 7.00 pm

After the festivities of Shrove Tuesday, where tradition has it that all the rich food in the house would be used up and enjoyed before the start of the austerity of Lent, comes Ash Wednesday.

This solemn day is a chance to make a deliberate turn away from the bustle of our usual routines in order to begin a period of reflection and prayer in preparation for the time of Jesus' passion and resurrection.

At All Saints' we mark the start of Lent with a special Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion, during which people are invited to receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads. As each person receives this mark, the Vicar says to them:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."

These words are a reminder of our own mortality and also offer the hope of new life in Christ.

The ashes are made from palm crosses which have been burned and ground up to a fine powder, which is then made into a black paste using olive oil (don't try using water as this will burn the skin!).

If you've never come to an Ash Wednesday service before, why not come along and experience it this year? Come and see how it can make a difference to your journey through Lent!

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Friday

9:30am – 11:30am

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ACF:

A church Fellowship for anyone from anywhere

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

For our December meeting 39 members and friends met together on a very cold and icy lunch time to enjoy sandwiches, warm mince pies and home-made cakes. We also held a Christmas raffle followed by the singing of our favourite Carols accompanied on the keyboard by Iain Stinson. There was plenty of chatter and lots of hearty singing as most of All Saints' Choir was also in attendance! This was a very successful event and I hope we can continue doing this in the future.



**Tomorrow's
Women**

Our first event of 2023 on January 11th was a talk by Molly Johnson from **Tomorrow's Women Wirral (TWW)** on a day of sunshine and showers. The organisation is a Women's Charity run by women, for women who are over 18 and is completely free of charge. It acts as a preventative service for women in the Criminal Justice System as well as those experiencing domestic abuse, mental health issues and helps to end social isolation. The centre also works with other organisations to offer the support these women need and help them to make positive lifestyle changes.

Molly took us through their Mission Statement and values which the purple logo shows - **TWW** supports and empowers women from all backgrounds, and those facing any personal issues to live equal and fulfilled lives in a safe and welcoming environment.



TWW follows the outlines of the Corston Report produced in 2007 about vulnerable women in the Criminal Justice System. This was a review done by Baroness Corston who, after visiting a prison, noted that a high proportion of women inmates took their own life due to mental health problems, abusive relationships, and trauma during childhood. Once out of prison without any support systems many women would reoffend.

Timeline of TWW

2011 - TWW set up: CEO Angela Murphy and Chair Maureen Thompson.

2012 - Moved into new premises in Birkenhead.

2021 - Expanded into Chester and West Cheshire.

2022 - The keys for the new building in Chester were collected on 29th June 2022. It is now functioning and follows the same principles as Birkenhead to provide a safe environment for women to improve their lifestyle and offer employment in the Chester area.

Since **TWW** was launched in 2011 they have continued to grow and have achieved the following:

11,000 + referrals

650 + visits pre-Covid

195 + Specialist Partner Agencies worked with

30 + awards

They offer free courses, activities, and drop-in support for adult women of 18 plus.

TWW now also offers “**Tomorrow’s Young Women**” which is a project for 14 to 17 year olds that offers support, workshops, activities to help with mental health issues and how to build healthy relationships.

Other projects include:

ASH Project – Action on Street Health is a mobile Outreach Project which offers on-street guidance and assistance to street sex workers.

Horta Project – this is a volunteer run Community Garden Project currently in the grounds of the centre but eventually they hope to go out and work in the community.

Refocus Project – this offers Out of Court Disposals within the centre and is funded by Merseyside Police. It helps women who have committed a crime so they can be dealt with without them going through the court process.

Following a series of interesting questions, we were able to enjoy a hot drink and fellowship.

Helen Tankard

Forthcoming ACF Events 2023

Fellowship meetings at 2.15pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday 8th February

Christians against Poverty with Shirley Bowen

Wednesday 8th March

Easter Topic with Revd Vicky Barrett

ACF Coffee mornings at 10.30am in Parish Hall

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 22nd March

Admission 50p. Tea/coffee and biscuits/raffle/ sales table

Everybody welcome.

Pilgrim Course for Lent: The Beatitudes

Beginning on Monday, 27th February 2023 at 2.30 at the Vicarage

Following on from the autumn six-session series on The Lord's Prayer, we are going to embark on another six-week module from the Church of England's Pilgrim Course during Lent: The Beatitudes. Jesus' words from The Sermon on the Mount recounted in Matthew's Gospel introduce us to an apparently 'upside-down' way of living, where the "poor in spirit" gain "the kingdom of God," and Jesus calls his followers to "hunger and thirst for righteousness."



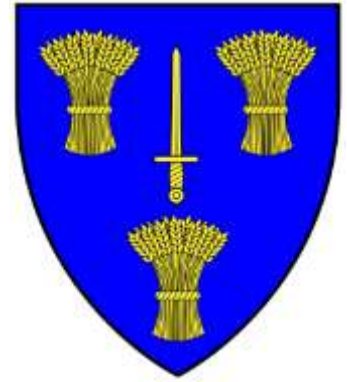
How can we build our lives on the teaching and example of Jesus? This module, journeying with *The Beatitudes*, explores the Christian vision for the world, including openness to God, thirsting for what is right, peace-making, and living as citizens of God's Kingdom.

What are the "beautiful attitudes" which Jesus describes? We will learn together through conversations, listening to reflections from speakers including the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, meditating on Bible passages and using short videos. You don't need to commit to all six sessions – come along and give it a go.

What could be better food for thought during this period of Lent?

Please ask Rev. Vicky for further information (336 2766)

A Cheshire Quiz



1. What was opened in 1931 by George Mottershead and his family at Upton by Chester?
2. Where in Cheshire would you find the UK's largest rock salt mine?
3. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson was born on January 27, 1832, in Daresbury, Cheshire - by what pen name is he better known?
4. Which town, designated a new town in 1968, is the largest in Cheshire?
5. What did the Romans name the town on the site of modern Chester?
6. Which town derives its name from the King of England who ruled from 1016 to 1035?
7. There are three Cheshire towns ending in "wich", can you name them?
8. Their historic nickname was "The Chemics" after the main industry in Widnes, but what is the modern nickname of Widnes rugby league team?
9. Which local food is first mentioned by Thomas Muffet in his nutrition book Health's Improvement published circa 1580?
10. Who was the Member of Parliament for Tatton from 2001 to 2017?
11. The walled city of Chester is on which river?
12. Which village at the base of a steep and thickly wooded sandstone escarpment is known for its affluence and expensive houses?
13. Name the singer, songwriter, record producer, actor, and television personality born on 20 January 1971 in Frodsham, Cheshire?
14. Which town has the county's largest collections of historic buildings, second only to Chester?
15. In which decade was Crewe railway station first built?
16. Which motorway, also known as the North Cheshire motorway, runs for 33-miles from Junction 4 of the M60 to Dunkirk, near Chester?
17. Macclesfield was once the world's biggest producer of which finished material?
18. Which clock in Chester is a prominent landmark in the city and is said to be the most photographed clock in England after Big Ben?
19. The Lovell Telescope is found at which observatory at Lower Withington?
20. What is known as the Roodee and is officially recognised by the Guinness World Records as the oldest still in operation?
21. In 1982, Mollington, Cheshire, saw what scheme set up for the first time in the UK?
22. Sometimes known as "The Big Ditch" what was officially opened by Queen Victoria on 21 May, 1894?
23. Which town, originally established on the River Mersey, has a number of tourist attractions including the National Waterways Museum and the Blue Planet Aquarium?
24. What in Chester is the largest so far uncovered in Britain and dates from the 1st century, before falling into disuse around the year 350?

Answers on page 22



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Ode on a Grecian Urn John Keats

Thou still unravish'd bride of quietness,
 Thou foster-child of silence and slow time,
Sylvan historian, who canst thus express
 A flowery tale more sweetly than our rhyme:
What leaf-fring'd legend haunts about thy shape
 Of deities or mortals, or of both,
 In Tempe or the dales of Arcady?
What men or gods are these? What maidens loth?
What mad pursuit? What struggle to escape?
 What pipes and timbrels? What wild ecstasy?

Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard
 Are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on;
Not to the sensual ear, but, more endear'd,
 Pipe to the spirit ditties of no tone:
Fair youth, beneath the trees, thou canst not leave
 Thy song, nor ever can those trees be bare;
 Bold Lover, never, never canst thou kiss,
Though winning near the goal yet, do not grieve;
 She cannot fade, though thou hast not thy bliss,
 For ever wilt thou love, and she be fair!

Ah, happy, happy boughs! that cannot shed
 Your leaves, nor ever bid the Spring adieu;
And, happy melodist, unwearied,
 For ever piping songs for ever new;
More happy love! more happy, happy love!
 For ever warm and still to be enjoy'd,
 For ever panting, and for ever young;
All breathing human passion far above,
 That leaves a heart high-sorrowful and cloy'd,
 A burning forehead, and a parching tongue.



Townley Vase
British Museum



Sosibos Vase Louvre Paris



Burial urn
British Museum

Who are these coming to the sacrifice?

To what green altar, O mysterious priest,
Lead'st thou that heifer lowing at the skies,
And all her silken flanks with garlands drest?
What little town by river or sea shore,
Or mountain-built with peaceful citadel,
Is emptied of this folk, this pious morn?
And, little town, thy streets for evermore
Will silent be; and not a soul to tell
Why thou art desolate, can e'er return.



Arcadian scene

O Attic shape! Fair attitude! with brede
Of marble men and maidens overwrought,
With forest branches and the trodden weed;
Thou, silent form, dost tease us out of thought
As doth eternity: Cold Pastoral!
When old age shall this generation waste,
Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe
Than ours, a friend to man, to whom thou say'st,
"Beauty is truth, truth beauty,—that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know."



Keats traced this engraving
of the Sosibos vase



Elgin Marbles detail British Museum

The British Museum's Exhibition of the Elgin Marbles in 1817 attracted vast crowds, including 21-year-old John Keats, who wrote two sonnets about them, to thank his friend the painter Benjamin Robert Haydon for accompanying him, just as he thanked Charles Cowden Clarke in October 1816 with the sonnet "On first looking into Chapman's Homer".

Classical Greece, with its myths and legends brought to life in literature and now sculpture, fascinated and inspired him. He was particularly interested in art and artistry, reality and truth. In one letter he says "I am certain of nothing but the holiness of the Heart's affections and the truth of the Imagination - What the imagination seizes as Beauty must be truth".

How is the urn like a “still-unravish’d bride” or a foster-child? Would a “ravished” bride be blissfully fulfilled or brutally raped; would a foster-child be lovingly cared for or heartlessly abandoned; does Keats pity or envy the urn? He seems to envy its story-telling talent, in that it tells its “flowery tale” better than he says he can, in 1819.



But then he asks the historian of the woods for details of the “leaf-fringed legend”. Are the carved shapes in the first scene gods or men; is the scene mythical, in the vale of Tempe, where the Greek gods liked to gather, or real, in the valley of Arcadia, the unspoiled wilderness which came to represent the simple, ideal life of shepherds in harmony

with nature? The scene is exciting, but is it real, or true?



Townley Vase

The other scenes are on urns which entered the British Museum about the same time as the Townley Vase, which shows a Bacchanalian orgy. Pan with a long set of pipes leads dancing revellers, although tambourines are not in evidence. There is no sign of a singing youth under any trees, although there is a nude, arguably bold, lover, yearning at a scantily clad lady.

Keats seems to envy the “marble men and maidens” who twine about the Classical Greek (Attic) shape like plaits (brede). Verse three suggests unheard imaginary music is better than reality, anticipation of bliss is better than its experience, trees are happy never having to shed their leaves, the musician is never tired or lacking inspiration, the lovers never grow old, they never have to suffer the misery of heart-ache and physical illness.



Keats in 1819 by Joseph Severn

And yet there is also pity: some little town is desolate, its inhabitants forever in a religious procession; the youth can never stop singing; the lovers can never kiss; the tree can never fruit. The imaginary urn represents a marriage not consummated - an ideal life which can only be lived at second hand as a foster child. The idyllic pastoral life of Arcadia is cold and enigmatic.



Caroline Lancelyn Green

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1 good tablespoon of curry powder
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon vinegar
1oz dripping
A few chopped almonds



Put the bread and milk in a bowl and leave to soak for 15 minutes. Pour off the surplus milk and keep.

Heat the fat in a frying pan, cook the onions till soft, then add the curry powder sugar, salt and vinegar.

Beat the bread and onion mixture together, add the meat, one of the eggs and chopped almonds.

Transfer to a well-greased dish.

Mix the second egg with the saved milk and pour over the meat. Bake in a hot oven, 200°C, for 30 mins then reduce heat to 180°C for further 30 minutes.

CARROT CAKE

Dry ingredients

10oz self raising flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon salt



In a large bowl mix 8oz dark brown sugar with 9 fluid oz of olive oil plus 4 eggs. Stir in 10oz grated carrots. Sift in the dry ingredients. Put into two 20cm lined tins. Bake at 180°C (350°F) for 45 minutes. Turn out and cool on wire rack.

Icing

Beat 9 oz cream cheese, 1 fluid oz olive oil, 1 oz icing sugar and the zest of an orange together. Sandwich the 2 cakes together with half the icing and spread the other half on top.



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Answers to the Cheshire Quiz

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| 1. Chester Zoo | 2. Winsford |
| 3. Lewis Carroll | 4. Warrington |
| 5. Deva | 6. Knutsford (Cunetesford
("Canute's ford") after
King Canute) |
| 7. Northwich, Middlewich and
Nantwich | 8. The Vikings |
| 9. Cheshire cheese | 10. George Osborne |
| 11. River Dee | 12. Alderley Edge |
| 13. Gary Barlow | 14. Nantwich |
| 15. 1830s (1837) | 16. M56 |
| 17. Silk | 18. Eastgate Clock |
| 19. The Jodrell Bank Observatory | 20. Chester Racecourse |
| 21. Neighbourhood Watch | 22. Manchester Ship Canal |
| 23. Ellesmere Port | 24. Roman amphitheatre |

Thornton Hough WI



From all of us at Thornton Hough WI 'Happy New Year'!

Despite the snow and freezing conditions the Christmas Bazaar at the hall was very enjoyable; a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours before Christmas and enjoy mince pies and hot chocolate mmmm... It was lovely to see everyone.

On 10th January, our first meeting of 2023, the speaker was Ellie Collins on 'the Benefits of Yoga'. She was very informative and gave us the opportunity to try some chair yoga. It was nice gentle stretching and measured breathing, and we were all very relaxed afterwards.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th February at 7.00pm with a talk on Internet Scams and Protection from expert Clive Myerscough. If you are interested please come along: you don't have to be a WI member, come as a visitor. Our programme of events for 2023 is on the notice board outside the WI Hall. Next time you're passing stop and take a look there may be something that interests you.

Dates for your Diary

We would like to invite you to come along on the third Tuesday of each month to the WI Hall and join our Soup and Social lunch from 12.30 - 2.00pm. Lovely homemade soup and roll with tea/coffee and a biscuit for £1.00. Spend time with good company and enjoy a chat. The next Soup and Social will be on Tuesday 21st February.

THWI Craft Group are currently knitting squares to make blankets for the Linus project. This project donates new, homemade washable quilts and blankets to comfort children, who are sick, disabled, disadvantaged or distressed. If you would like to help by knitting a square please contact us through Facebook www.facebook.com/ThorntonHoughW.I1926 or email:

thwi.thorntonhough@btinternet.com and we will send you knitting instructions. The squares are only 6ins x 6ins (15cms) using double knitting wool in any pastel shade.

THWI will be at Gordale Farmers' Food Market on Saturday 4th February with scrumptious homemade cakes, chutneys etc. for sale.

Janet Gaywood

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Gaia at Chester Cathedral

Gaia is a touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram.

Measuring six metres in diameter, *Gaia* features 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface. The artwork provides the opportunity to see our planet on this scale, floating in three-dimensions.



The installation creates a sense of the *Overview Effect*, which was first described by author Frank White in 1987. Common features of the experience for astronauts are a feeling of awe for the planet, a profound understanding of the interconnection of all life, and a renewed sense of responsibility for taking care of the environment.

The artwork also acts as a mirror to major events in society. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the artwork may provide the viewer with a new perspective of our place on the planet; a sense that societies of the Earth are all interconnected and that we have a responsibility toward one another. After the lockdown, there has been a renewed respect for nature.

A specially made surround sound composition by BAFTA award winning Composer Dan Jones is played alongside the sculpture.

In Greek Mythology *Gaia* is the personification of the Earth.

Gaia at Chester Cathedral opens on Tuesday 7 February to Sunday 5 March 2023. Entry to view *Gaia* is free of charge, however, donations are welcome. Further information is available at <https://chestercathedral.com/gaia/>.

Details of special events being held at the Cathedral may be found at <https://chestercathedral.com/gaia-events/>.



Parish Diary

February—March

February

1	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
3	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
4	Saturday	12:00pm	Sandwich Lunch (social activity)
5	Sunday	Third Sunday before Lent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
7	Tuesday	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
8	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
		2:15pm	ACF: Christians Against Poverty (Shirley Bowen)
10	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
12	Sunday	Second Sunday before Lent	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
		6:30pm	Choral Evensong
13	Monday	10:00am	Toybox
15	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
17	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
19	Sunday	Sunday next before Lent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
22	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
		10:30am	Coffee Morning
		7:00pm	Holy Communion
24	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
25	Saturday	1:00pm	Wedding
26	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
27	Monday	2:30pm	Lent Course 1

March

1	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
3	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
5	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
6	Monday	2:30pm	Lent Course 2

March

8	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
		2:15pm	ACF: Easter Topic (Revd. Vicky Barrett)
10	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
12	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
12	Sunday	6:30pm	Choral Evensong
13	Monday	10:00am	ToyBox
		2:30pm	Lent Course 3
14	Tuesday	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
15	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
16	Thursday		Magazine April/May deadline
17	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
19	Sunday	Mothering Sunday / Fourth of Lent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	A celebration for Mothering Sunday
20	Monday	2:30pm	Lent Course 4
22	Wednesday	10:30am	Coffee Morning
24	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
26	Sunday	Passion Sunday / Fifth Sunday of Lent	
		10:30am	Music and readings for Passiontide
27	Monday	2:30pm	Lent Course 5
29	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
31	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice

April

2	Sunday	Palm Sunday	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
3	Monday	2:30pm	Lent Course 6
6	Thursday	7:00pm	Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday
7	Friday	10:30am	Good Friday Meditation
		7:00pm	Short Choir Practice
9	Sunday	Easter Day	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
		6:30pm	Choral Evensong



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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Sunday Bible Readings February—March

February		
5th	Third Sunday before Lent	
	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
12th	Second Sunday before Lent	
	Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-34
19th	Sunday next before Lent	
	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
22nd	Ash Wednesday	
	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
26th	First Sunday of Lent	
	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
March		
5th	Second Sunday of Lent	
	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
12th	Third Sunday of Lent	
	Romans 5: 1-11	John 4:5-42
19th	Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	Exodus 2:1-10	Luke 2:33-35
26th	Passion Sunday / Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
April		
2nd	Palm Sunday	
	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-28	Matthew 21:1-11

Lenten word search

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The words are given below.

FORTY
FASTING
ATONEMENT
GRAS
ANGELS
TUESDAY
MOUNTAIN

NIGHTS
PENITENCE
SHROVE
WEDNESDAY
STONES
TEMPTATION

DESERT
ASHES
MARDI
DEVIL
TEMPLE
WORSHIP

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Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages December—January

Baptisms

27th November 2022 Edward Ashton and Hugh Ashton

Burials

21st January 2023 Charles Pelham ELPHICK aged 84 Burial of Ashes

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Margaret Gamble and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of condolence following the death, on Boxing Day of her sister Susan; Susan and her family live in Leicestershire.

The Magazine

Thank you to all those who have contributed articles, photographs and ideas for this edition of *The Magazine*. Contributions for future editions of *The Magazine* are very welcome. Please contact any member of the editorial team with your ideas and articles. Articles may be submitted in any reasonable format and should not be subject to any copyright restrictions.

**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is
Thursday 16th March**

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