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Welcome letter from the Vicar

“Nurture”

Moving on from ‘noticing,’ we move to nurturing. The two are linked, however, because it’s impossible to nurture anything or anyone if we don’t give them the regard and concern that they need to flourish.

I was given some tomato plants yesterday. They are beautiful little plants, full of potential to produce delicious fruit this summer. Yet if I don’t put them in bigger pots, or if I forget to feed and water them regularly and check on their progress, they will quickly die or become straggly in this hot weather. That would be a waste; disrespectful of the kind donor, and the gift which was entrusted to me.

Nurturing people and our relationships with one another follow a similar pattern. Our existing relationships need nurturing to keep them refreshed and deepening, and sometimes we have the gift of new contacts: a new neighbour, people we meet socially or who come to help care for us at home, for instance. How might they be nurtured? A little bit of time is needed. Time for a conversation, time to make an offer of help or to receive kindness.

Nurturing is not only about building up, but it can also be about encouraging better habits, listening to different points of view rather than assuming that we have the right answer, avoiding sarcasm. We may not always be in agreement, but we can learn to understand and grow together in a way which is much healthier for us as a community, both in our faith and the wider world.

Safeguarding is also part of that positive nurturing, building a culture throughout our church and society in which we are careful in our dealings with one another, watchful for any imbalances of power at work and being robust in reporting and weeding out any concerns of injustice, abuse or inappropriateness.

Jesus used the picture of a farmer planting a tiny mustard seed to demonstrate this nurture at work: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

God bless you as you nurture the good things in yourself and others.

Vicky





From the Churchwardens



Once every three years the Archdeacon is required to inspect each church in their area. This includes checking the church building and churchyard and also that the administration of the church is being run properly. The archdeacon will inspect things like the church registers and records, insurance policies, the terrier (not a dog but a list of fixed items within the church boundaries!) and inventory, church log book, electoral roll, altar linen and vestments etc. It is also an opportunity for the archdeacon to talk with the incumbent and churchwardens about life in the parish generally. Archdeacon Mike, who many of you will have met before, will be coming to All Saints' on Monday 2nd June to undertake our inspection and we look forward to welcoming him.

Planning for the repair to the bowed section of the boundary wall continues. Working with our Church Architect, a structural engineer is being engaged to advise on what specific works will be required. Faculty permission from the Diocese will then be sought to proceed. This will be an expensive repair, which we will have to fund.

A well known bell foundry has inspected our church bell, manual striker and bell rope and we await their report and quote for getting it working. More expense, but what a joy it would be to ring out a welcome to services again.

We know these are financially difficult times and we really want to thank you all for your kind donations and gifts which enable the church to keep going. Thank you!

We would like to thank the very small band of helpers who arrange flowers each week. We desperately need more people willing to help out with this enjoyable task. Arrangements can be as simple or impressive as you like. Flowers and greenery from your garden (or neighbour's garden!) would be lovely. Alternatively, there are funds especially for buying flowers for church. Just keep your receipt, up to £20, and attach it to a form obtainable from churchwardens or the vicar for reimbursement. Contact Magaret Gamble or churchwardens if you need advice or help with arranging.

Patsy and June

Notes on the PCC Meetings held on 8th April and 13th May

The April meeting was the last one before the Annual Meetings and Vicky expressed 'enormous thanks' to us all - in all our roles. She noted that 'our Annual Report has been agreed and our accounts are back from the Independent Examiner with time in hand. Not all churches are in this position!'

We looked at the membership of the PCC. Margaret Gamble had served for six years and was no longer eligible to be a representative of the laity. The PCC could however co-opt her for a year. Richard Singleton had served for three years and could be elected for a further three. We decided that we really need to recruit more members of the PCC. If the number on the Electoral Roll is between 50 and 100 we can have: 2 churchwardens, 9 elected members of the laity, 3 Deanery Synod representatives, 2 co-opted members and the Vicar! At the time of the meeting there were only ten members.

Finance. Following on from decisions taken in the previous meeting we agreed that the time had come to write to the Diocese about releasing money from the investments held by the Diocese on our behalf. This was needed to cover some potentially large items of expenditure (repairs to the boundary wall, replacing the church heating system etc.). It was agreed that the letter should come from the Treasurer and the Churchwardens.

The good news is that in the past few months a few parishioners have made generous gifts to All Saints' (totalling more than £6,000) and we had been able to claim back £1,401.65 from the government's Listed Places of Worship VAT recovery scheme. On the other hand regular income was lower than estimated and the income from the Trusts was down. With the current volatile situation in the financial markets this was unlikely to improve in the near future.

Linda Arch, the Parish Safeguarding Officer reported that no All Saints' safeguarding issues had been brought to her attention. We had the option to use the Safeguarding Hub software, bought by the Diocese of Chester and available at no cost to the parish. The PCC agreed that we should use it to provide an online means of storing information on the current status of training for role holders. Linda was about to do the Safer Recruitment and People Management Training and was congratulated on completing her leadership training.

Fabric. The Fabric Team had been busy once again. The repair of the boundary wall, repair of lights around the church, maintenance of the Raby Road churchyard, repair of the church bell and remedial work on the church boilers were all on the agenda in April and in May.

The meeting in May was convened to appoint PCC officers and members of some committees. The PCC and officers are now as follows:

Name	PCC status	Officers and Committees
Revd Vicky Barrett	Vicar	Chairman of the PCC, Standing Committee Ex officio member of all committees
June Allcock	Churchwarden	Vice Chairman of the PCC, Standing Committee, Finance Committee Fabric Committee Health and Safety Officer Remuneration Subcommittee
Patsy Baker	Churchwarden	Standing Committee, Remuneration Subcommittee,
Iain Stinson	Deanery Synod representative	Treasurer, Standing Committee Finance Committee Charity Commission Officer
Sue Stinson	Deanery Synod representative	PCC Secretary, Standing Committee
Linda Arch	Deanery Synod representative	Parish Safeguarding Officer Standing Committee Eco-representative
Kate Allen	Representative of the laity	
Gill Charvill	Representative of the laity	Fabric H&S Committee
Di Hughes	Representative of the laity	
Richard Singleton	Representative of the laity	Fabric H&S Committee
Margaret Gamble	Co-opted by the PCC	

The PCC also appointed Tom Mairs as the Electoral Roll Officer and Brian Morris as the Giving Secretary. We are very grateful to Tom and Brian for agreeing to take on these roles.

The PCC voted to go ahead and instruct the structural engineer and the arborist to prepare the reports which are necessary to take the repair of the boundary wall forward.

Finally the PCC decided that we should have a Strawberry Tea on Wednesday 9th July, starting at 2:30pm. Something to look forward to - put the date in your diaries!

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary

The Annual Meetings on 11th May 2025

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The Vicar, Revd Vicky Barrett, opened the meeting in prayer.

June Allcock and Patsy Baker were elected as the churchwardens for the coming year. Vicky thanked June and Patsy for all their hard work as churchwardens over the last twelve months and gave them flowers to show her gratitude. The churchwardens will officially start their term of office after attending a Visitation Service. (The service for Wirral South Deanery is on 9th June 2025 at St Berteline, Norton).

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The **Financial Report** for 2024 and the **Annual Report** for 2024 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Vicky thanked everyone who had helped to produce the Annual Report. It has been another wonderful year. Vicky expressed her hope that people had read it and looked at the pictures. Food appeared to be a recurring theme, both being eaten and taken to the Wirral Food Bank.

A lot of people had got involved in knitting the poppies which were displayed over the arch on Remembrance Day and on the brightly coloured altar cloth. Margaret Basnett was thanked for initiating the project. It drew in relatives and friends and got the wider community involved.

A new venture this year was the invitation to sing Christmas Carols at the Village Club. This had been well received, and we have been asked to go back again at the end of 2025. Again, it was good to build links with the local community.

The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens, June and Patsy, the PCC Treasurer, Iain Stinson, the PCC Secretary, Sue Stinson, the Caretaker, Margaret Gamble, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Linda Arch, Members of the PCC, The Welcomers and Tim Alan Price, the Lesson Readers, and the Coffee Makers for their part in making things run smoothly. Vicky thanked everyone who contributed to making the church a place of welcome and safety.

We have become more aware of our responsibilities in caring for the environment. Linda Arch was thanked for her part in this and for the articles that she has written for The Magazine.

The Fabric and Health and Safety Team (June Allcock, Gill Charvill, Richard Singleton and Graham Seagrave) were thanked. They were described as 'orderly, systematic and focused'. They now have a rolling programme of items that are checked, as well as managing specific projects with tight finances. It is not cheap having two Grade 2 listed buildings to maintain (the church and Hirst Cottage / Parish Hall).

Brian Morris, Iain Stinson and the editorial team of The Magazine were thanked for their hard work in producing an attractive magazine which has a wide circulation within the parish and beyond.

The production of the All Saints' calendar continues to raise the profile of the church and to raise valuable funds. It is well received and sent all over the place. Brian Morris, Iain Stinson and Sue Stinson were thanked for their work in producing the calendar.

We are an active community, looking outwards and welcoming members of the community into our activities. The monthly coffee mornings continue to be popular and Toybox continues to thrive. We are a church family and our love and respect for each other shows.

The Electoral Roll. A new Electoral Roll had been prepared this year, with everyone required to re-apply if they wished to remain on it. On the day of the meeting the new roll stood at 81, with some people still needing to submit their application forms. Anyone who had not already applied was encouraged to do so. Please encourage others to apply.

Deanery Synod. Vicky was appointed as the new Rural Dean in April 2024. In October we welcomed other churches to All Saints' to worship together and get to know each other better. Going forward most meetings will be open meetings, with anyone invited to attend.

Financial Statements for the year ending December 2024. Iain Stinson was thanked for his work as PCC Treasurer, for preparing the Financial Statement and explaining the figures. Iain expressed his gratitude to Patsy Baker, Don Harrison and Pam Machin for counting the money and banking it. This means that the money handling can be independent of the Treasurer. Iain also thanked Verity Smith for examining the accounts for 2024.

The Financial Statement for 2024 was accepted by the meeting.

Elections and Appointments. Kate Allen and Richard Singleton were elected as Parochial Representatives of the Laity on the PCC. There were still 6 vacancies for Parochial Representatives of the Laity. People were asked to consider whether this was a role that they could fill.

Verity Smith was appointed as the Independent Examiner for 2025

Finally June Allcock said thank you to Vicky for all that she does and for being there for us. The meeting endorsed this with a round of applause.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary



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POETRY CORNER As I Walked Out One Evening W H Auden

As I walked out one evening
Walking down Bristol Street
The crowds upon the pavement
Were fields of harvest wheat

And down by the brimming river
I heard a lover sing
Under an arch of the railway
"Love has no ending

I'll love you, dear, I'll love you
Till China and Africa meet
And the river jumps over the mountain
And the salmon sing in the street

I'll love you till the ocean
Is folded and hung up to dry
And the seven stars go squawking
Like geese about the sky

The years shall run like rabbits
For in my arms I hold
The Flower of the Ages
And the first love of the world."

But all the clocks in the city
Began to whirr and chime
"O let not Time deceive you
You cannot conquer Time

In the burrows of the Nightmare
Where Justice naked is
Time watches from the shadow
And coughs when you would kiss

In headaches and in worry
Vaguely life leaks away
And Time will have his fancy
Tomorrow or today.

Into many a green valley
Drifts the appalling snow
Time breaks the threaded dances
And the diver's brilliant bow.

O plunge your hands in water
Plunge them in up to the wrist
Stare, stare in the basin
And wonder what you've missed

The glacier knocks in the cupboard
The desert sighs in the bed
And the crack in the tea-cup opens
A lane to the land of the dead

Where the beggars raffle the banknotes
And the Giant is enchanting to Jack
And the Lily-white Boy is a Roarer
And Jill goes down on her back

O look, look in the mirror
O look in your distress
Life remains a blessing
Although you cannot bless

O stand, stand at the window
As the tears scald and start
You shall love your crooked neighbour
With your crooked heart"

It was late, late in the evening
The lovers they were gone
The clocks had ceased their chiming
And the deep river ran on.

Wystan Hugh Auden (1907 - 1973) wrote this in 1937. In 1936 he had written *Funeral Blues* (Stop all the Clocks) for a bitter satirical verse play about ambition and power. He wrote much about love and politics. Both poems are in ballad form. and have been set to music. Both express his anxiety, anger and disillusion on the brink of another war.

Like many another ballad it starts with the singer walking out, but surprisingly down a very specific road, Bristol Street in Birmingham. This work is full of surprising images and adjectives. The crowds are indistinguishable from corn ready to be cut down. A lover is boasting about his love with extravagant exaggeration. It will last, not merely until the ocean is



Wheat ready for the (Grim) reaper



Threaded dance. Apollo dancing with the nine muses, popular 19thc painting after 16thc Baldassare Peruzzi

poured away (as in Funeral Blues) but folded and hung up to dry. It is mildly comical, confusing the seven stars of the plough constellation with the seven star-angels of Revelation, resembling geese as they fly.

Time interrupts to point out that good things are turning sour, into Nightmare: Justice is not



Christ holds seven stars in His hand, which are the seven angels flying to the seven churches. .Rev. 1:16



The diver's brilliant bow



Jack & Jill postcard of the rhyme using Dorothy M. Wheeler's 1916 illustration

reliably assertive but coy (Naked Justice became a popular title for writings in the 2000's) romance is interrupted by minor problems, hope often springs like greenery but death comes and spoils enjoyment (dance) and sport (diving) like "appalling snow" drifting in like a horrifying shroud. More horror piles in. I take plunging the hands into water "up to the wrist" as a reference to suicide.

The beggars raffling banknotes recall inflation in Germany between the wars. Nameless terrors lurk in everyday objects, the fairytale protector is friends with the monstrous aggressor, the innocent child turns into an adolescent thug, the sweet nursery rhyme girl becomes a promiscuous slut. The traditional reliable foundations of civilisation (as in fairy tales, nursery rhymes, the Bible) are falling apart in the reality of approaching war.

Time's advice is to take stock and accept that nothing can stay perfect. Recalling another nursery rhyme, about a crooked man, the answer to the Nightmare is simply to accept life as a blessing and to love one another, as best you can



Jacket of 2013 film



German children playing with bank notes in 1923



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Can you find the Flowers printed below in our word search?

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2. What is the study of birds eggs called?
3. Which THREE coniferous trees are native to Britain?
4. What is the main diet of the Oystercatcher?
5. What is the common name for the Antirrhinum?
6. From which tree is cork obtained?
7. What are OVIPAROUS animals?
8. What is another name for the mountain ash?
9. Capers are the pickled flower buds of the Caper bush [Capparis spinosa], but which flowers can be pickled to make "Poor-man's Capers"?
10. The teak tree is native to which continent?
11. Vertebrates are split into FIVE main classes. What are they?
12. Where did the DODO live until they became extinct?
13. What kind of creature is a Sand Mason?
14. Which flowers are said to symbolise the crucifixion?
15. What kind of animal is a Chamois?
16. What type of animal would live in a HOLT?

The solution is on page 22

All Saints' Church 2026 Parish Calendar

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Sudoku

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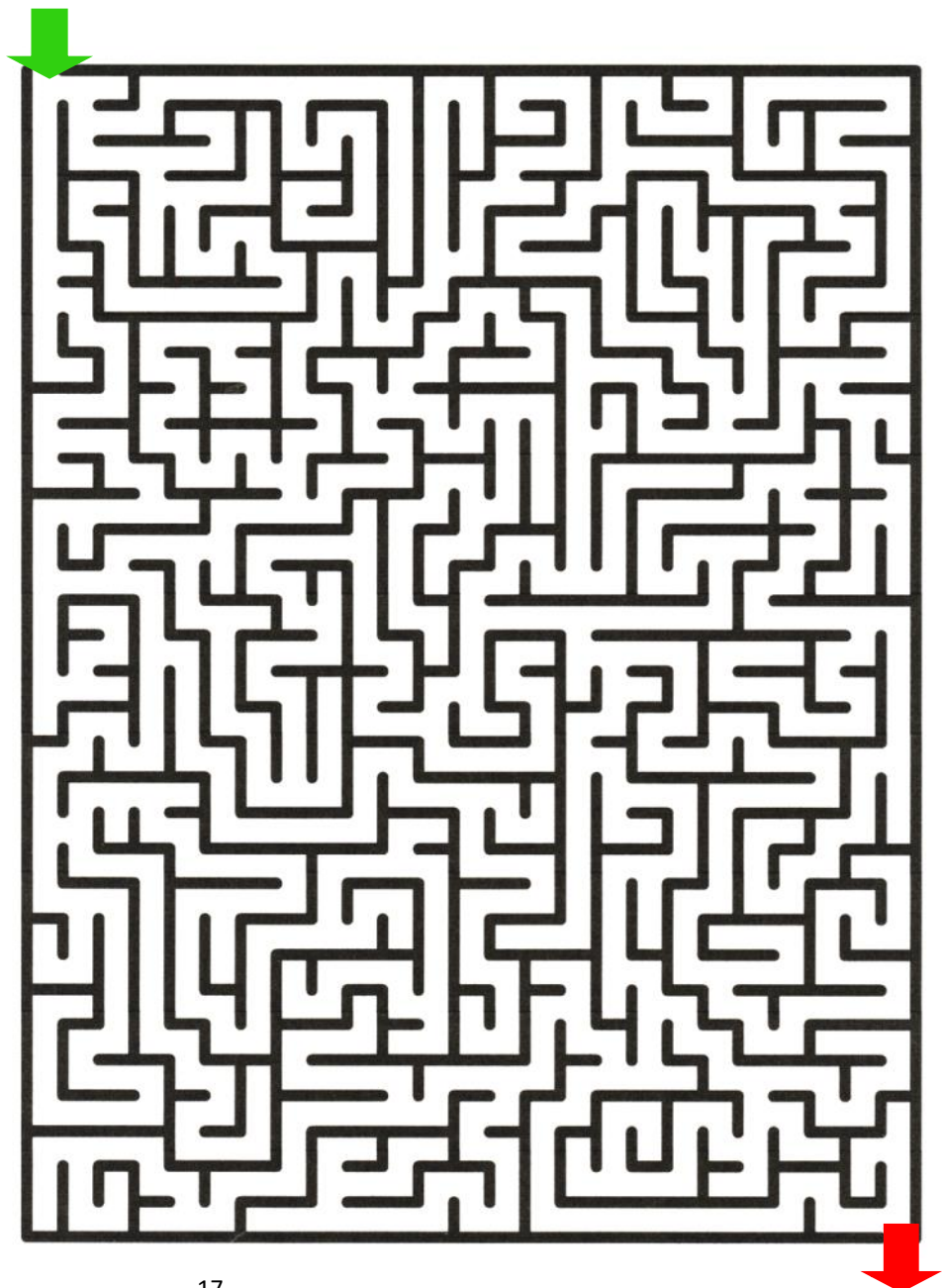
Solutions on page 26

Maze

Can you find your way through this Maze?

Notice seen in a farmers field!

The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but be aware he Bull charges!



The garden is exploding with life and it's a joy to see all the plants and birds thriving. Apart from the pigeons who are a complete nuisance! Never mind, live and let live, I'm sure they have their purpose in the great scheme of things. Maybe I'll work out what it is eventually, apart from having to clean the path and patio most days!

No speaker at our May meeting, however we had a fantastic demonstration from one of our ladies on how to make Gardener's Handscrub and moth repellent bags, as well as the opportunity to make some. We all now have very soft hands! One of our very talented ladies also sold her beautiful hand made soap to raise money for Blood Cancer Research.

We had a wonderful afternoon for our Easter Tea at the hall with fabulous food and fun.

We were all set up in May to welcome Port Sunlight Seadogs to the WI Hall. Unfortunately two of their members were taken ill at the very last moment and they were forced to cancel. They recommended a duo Colin and Morris to replace them who played late 50's and sixties music. Together with a hot supper of scouse, beetroot and crusty bread followed by scrumptious apple pie and custard, we had a fantastic evening which everyone enjoyed. It proves the old adage that things do turn out for the best sometimes!

THWI Craft Group take a very active part in providing hand knitted blankets and quilts for Project Linus. Project Linus UK is a 100% volunteer non-profit Community Interest Company.

A group of our ladies accepted an invitation from Project Linus to attend an informal meeting at St John's Church in Hoylake to celebrate the work done by Wirral supporters of the Project. At the meeting, charities who received the items gave an informal chat about how the quilts are used to support the families and we were able to see examples of the work produced.

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

www.facebook.com/ThorntonHoughWI1926

email: thwi.thorntonhough@btinternet.com

Website: <https://thorntonhoughwi.org>

Janet Gaywood

Village News

The Old Post Office has a new lease of life as it is now a Pilates Venue and Wellness Centre (run by Andrea). We wish her every success with this venture.

The “Top Shop”

The Turret building at the top of the Village which housed the hairdressers and Top Shop before that, is being reopened as a Café.



It's being run by the same people as the Bluebell Cafe on the Chester High Road, which is liked and enjoyed by many locals. We look forward to the new café being fully operational in the near future.



The 25th Anniversary **Wirral Historic Car Rally** will be held on Sunday 20th July, arriving on the Village Green from 12:30pm, which is earlier than in the past.

A wider range of refreshments organised by the Community Trust will be available all afternoon, including bacon or sausage batches etc. as well as the usual cream scones, cakes, tea and coffee. Let us hope that the sun will shine all day.

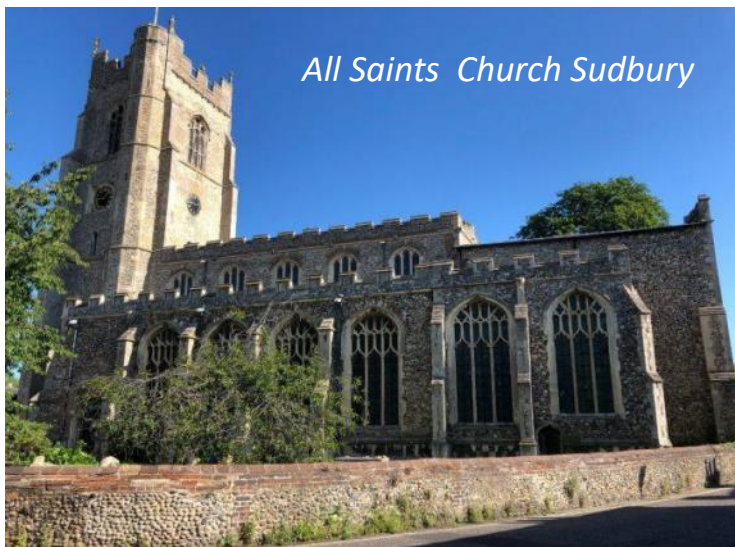


The Wirral Motor Bike “Egg” Run held in April was a big success, with hundreds of people watching the bikes roaring past on their way to deliver their Easter eggs to the Children’s Hospice at Clatterbridge. It was a lovely spring day with plenty of sunshine to encourage locals and visitors to line the road through the village and wave to the riders who returned their wave and sounded their horns on the bikes. ***A wonderful spectacle.***



Origins of Hymns No 8 – ‘My Song is Love Unknown’

On Passion Sunday we sang a hymn dating back to the 17th Century: ‘My Song is Love Unknown’. It was penned by Samuel Crossman, born in 1623 in what is now known as Bradfield St George, near Bury St. Edmunds in Suffolk. He was the son of a clergyman and was educated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, being ordained there in 1647 and awarded a Bachelor of Divinity degree. Samuel was a controversial character since he sought to serve in both the Anglican and Puritan churches. He became a rather dissenting Vicar at All Saints, Sudbury and in 1661 he attended the so-called ‘Savoy Conference’ which sought (but failed) to revise the Book of Common Prayer to include both Anglicans and Puritans.



Soon after, he (with 2000 others) was ejected from the Anglican Church and later imprisoned for continuing to preach. He subsequently agreed to conform and was re-ordained in 1665, becoming a Royal chaplain and taking positions in Bristol in 1667, eventually becoming Dean of Bristol Cathedral in 1683. He passed away soon after. The Cathedral Chancellor wrote:

"Mr Crossman, our new Dean, died this morning: a man lamented by few either of the city or neighbourhood."

‘My Song is Love Unknown’ appeared in 1664 in his book of devotional poetry

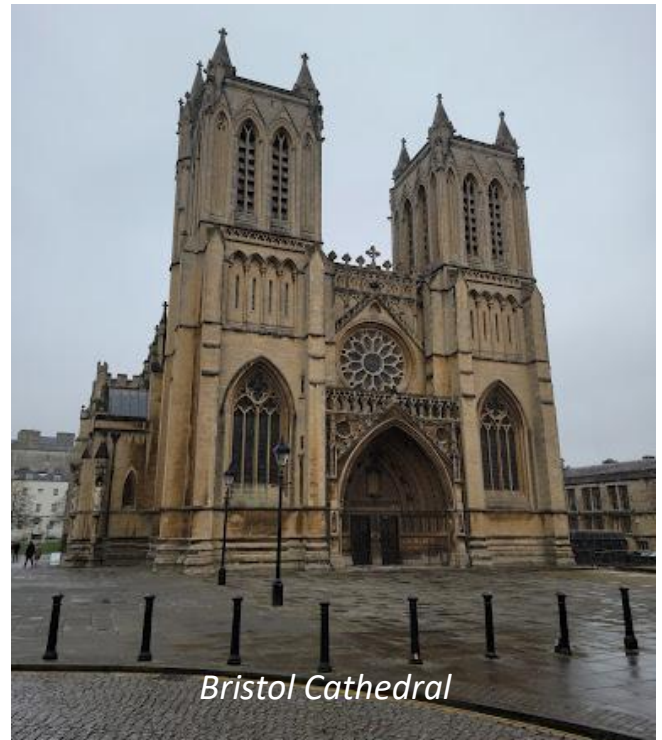


called ‘A Young Man’s Vision’, and didn’t appear in an Anglican hymn book until two years after his death. The poem takes the writer from Palm Sunday through to the Crucifixion. The theme of the hymn is the unprecedented love of Christ in his sacrifice on the cross. It re-tells the story of Jesus’ life (drawing mainly from Matthew 27) from a highly personal point of view – as if our writer was witnessing the events at first hand. But some commentators describe it as being full of ‘paradoxes’ and

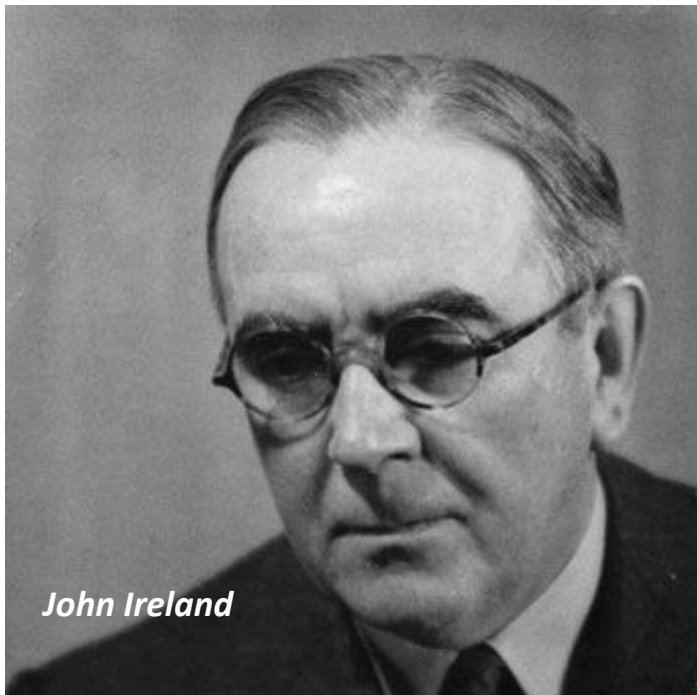
‘contradictions’. I give below a reference to a 2019 sermon on this hymn, expanding on this.

But the hymn didn't really become popular until the mid 1920's, the language of the hymn having been often edited by hymnal compilers. However, these alterations were often criticised by traditionalists who argued that some of the original meaning was lost.

It was not until 1925 that the tune 'Love Unknown' was composed by John Ireland and we still use it today. John Ireland is credited with reviving the hymn and increasing its popularity. I was brought up on the 1930's Methodist hymn book in which it appeared and I have known it from being a small child in the 50's.



John Nicholson Ireland was born at Bowdon, Cheshire in 1879 into a family of English and Scottish descent, the youngest of five children of the second wife



of a newspaper proprietor, Alexander Ireland. He entered the Royal College of Music in 1893, where among his various teachers was Charles Villiers Stanford (whose music is often sung at All Saints). After a spell as sub-organist at Holy Trinity in Sloane St, he was appointed organist and choir master at St Luke's, Chelsea. In 1926 at the age 47, he married a 17 year old pupil, Dorothy Phillips, but it is thought not to have been consummated, and they parted after only nine months. Most of his output consists of many piano

pieces, songs and a Piano Concerto. In 1953 he retired to a converted windmill at Rock in Sussex, where he died in 1962 aged 82.

Ref: <https://www.stmarysprimrosehill.com/love-unknown>

Brian Moate



All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough

Summer Strawberry Tea



Wednesday 9th July
at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall

All Welcome

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Nature Quiz Answers

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| 1. What is another name for an Ounce? | <i>A Snow Leopard.</i> |
| 2. What is the study of birds eggs called? | <i>Oology.</i> |
| 3. Which three coniferous trees are native to Britain? | <i>Yew, Scots Pine & Juniper.</i> |
| 4. What is the main diet of the Oyster catcher? | <i>Mussels.</i> |
| 5. What is the common name for the Antirrhinum? | <i>Snap-dragon.</i> |
| 6. From which tree is cork obtained? | <i>The Oak [Cork Oak].</i> |
| 7. What are OVIPAROUS animals? | <i>Ones that lay eggs.</i> |
| 8. What is another name for the Mountain ash? | <i>The Rowan.</i> |
| 9. Capers are the pickled flower buds of the Caper bush [Capparis spinosa], but what flowers can be pickled to make "Poor-man's Capers"? | <i>Nasturtium.</i> |
| 10. The teak tree is native to which continent? | <i>Asia.</i> |
| 11. Vertebrates are split into FIVE main classes, what are they? | <i>Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals.</i> |
| 12. Where did the DODO live until they became extinct? | <i>Mauritius.</i> |
| 13. What kind of creature is a Sand Mason? | <i>A Worm.</i> |
| 14. Which flowers are said to symbolise the crucifixion? | <i>The Passion Flower.</i> |
| 15. What kind of animal is a Chamois? | <i>A Goat.</i> |
| 16. What type of animal would live in a HOLT? | <i>An Otter.</i> |



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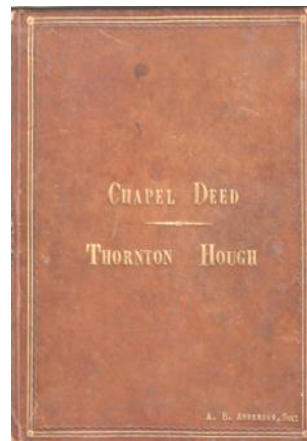
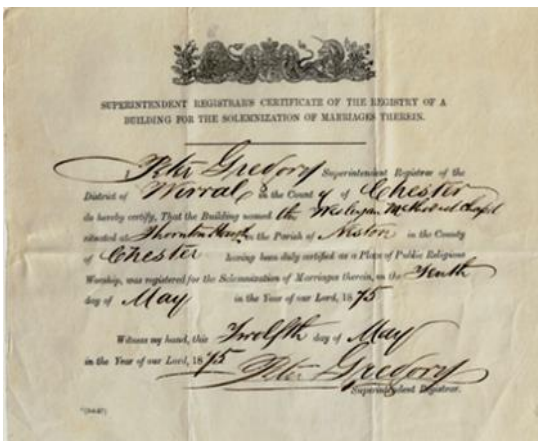
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Thornton Hough Chapel

There was a church in Thornton Hough long before All Saints' or St George's existed!

This is **Thornton Hough Wesleyan Methodist Chapel**. It stood where the Village Club is today on a piece of land bought in 1860 from local farmer James Houghton whose farm also included the land on which All Saints' was later built. It was certified as a 'Place of Meeting for Religious Worship' on July 20th 1860 and licenced for the 'Solemnization of Marriages' in May 1875.



In 1903, following the death of their minister and other 'adverse circumstances', the chapel was sold to William Lever, later the first Lord Leverhulme. He was a staunch Congregationalist, and Liberal, and not long after he bought the Chapel it became part of

the Congregational fellowship. It was Lever's plan to build the magnificent St George's Congregational Church on the opposite side of the road, but the site was already occupied by the buildings seen below: A general shop, the village smithy, and a butchers, run by William Edge. All three needed to be re-sited to



free up the area for his new church. So, a new smithy was built at the bottom of Smithy Hill, an Iron Church was erected to accommodate the congregation until his new church was finished, the Chapel was demolished, and the Village Club building was erected on the site of the former chapel.

Initially the new building had a general shop/post office on one side, Edge's butchers on the other, and the Liberal Club across the back. Apparently the butcher failed to keep his shop very well and it was taken off him, and later became the present club bar. The Liberal Club, which had previously occupied a building at the top of The Folds, was renamed The Village Club after the Great War when it was considered inappropriate for men who had served their country to have to support a particular political party.



The temporary 'Iron Church' was erected behind the village school and is still there today. The last service took place in the Old Chapel on Sunday 15th May 1904, after which services were transferred to the Iron Church until St George's was officially opened by Mrs Lever in 1907.

The Iron Church operated as a place of worship for some twelve months before it was licenced for marriages and, after St George's opened, it apparently continued to be used for wedding receptions. It is seen here as the backdrop to the wedding party after the marriage in June 1910 of Alice Tilston, to Joseph Matthews from Neston.

It then served a variety of other functions. It was used by the school for a period. During the last war it was used by troops manning the local anti-aircraft batteries. It then became the village gymnasium with climbing ropes hanging from the beams. For many years it was the Leverhulme Estate workshop, and is currently occupied by a kitchen fitter.



It's hard to credit so many changes took place to create the heart of the village as it appears today.

St George's is now to destined take on a new life yet again!

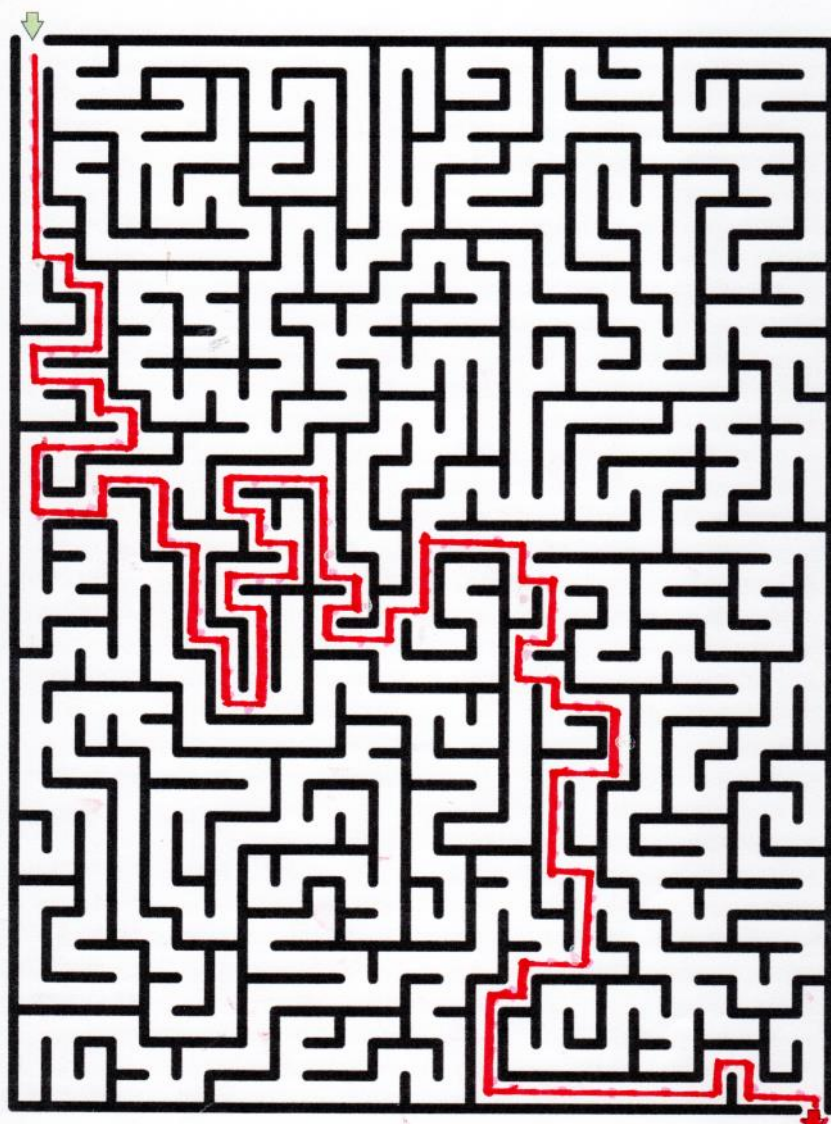
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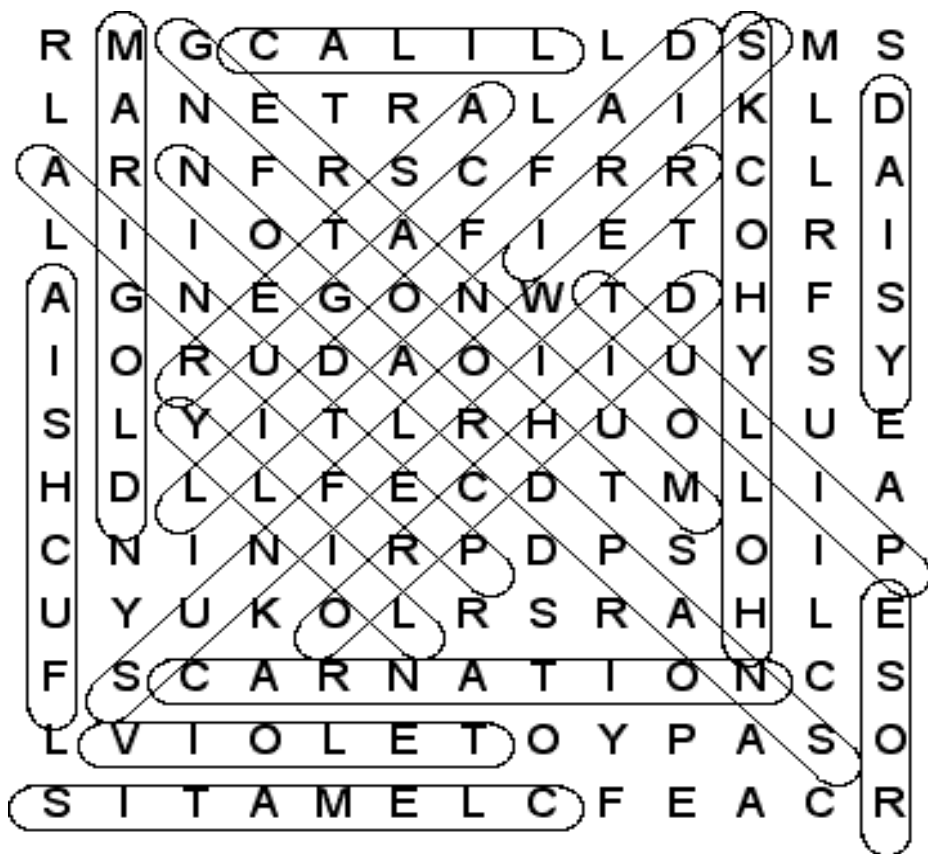
Did you find the route through the Maze?

Sudoku

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7	8	9	5	2	6	1	3	4
3	1	8	4	6	9	5	7	2
6	5	2	1	7	3	9	4	8
9	7	4	2	5	8	3	1	6
4	2	3	6	1	5	8	9	7
5	9	1	7	8	4	6	2	3
8	6	7	9	3	2	4	5	1



Did you find all the flowers in the Word Search?



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COOKERY CORNER

SALMON WITH ORANGE SAUCE

Ingredients

2 or more salmon fillets
1 fresh orange
Mayonnaise
Breadcrumbs
Olive oil, black pepper & salt

Method

Place the salmon on large piece of tinfoil on a baking tray.

Mix 3 or 4 oz of breadcrumbs, grated rind of the orange and enough olive oil to blend together.

Season the salmon with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

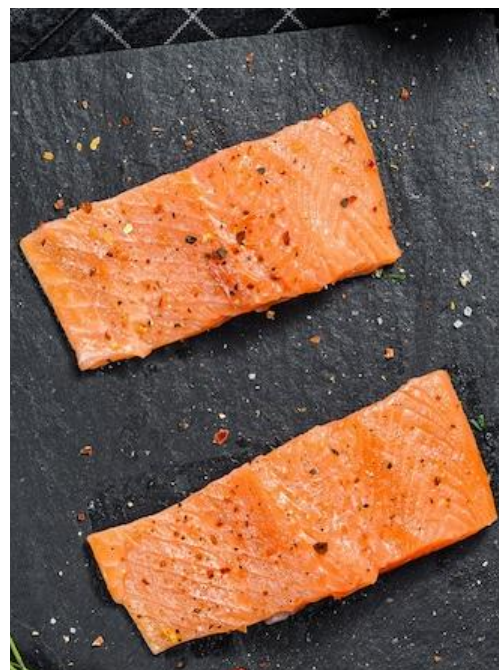
Top the salmon with the breadcrumb mix.

Loosely fold the tin foil over to form a sealed parcel .

Bake at 350°F, 180°C or gas mark 3 for 20 mins.

Blend the juice of the orange with enough mayonnaise to make a pouring sauce to serve with the salmon.

Serve with new potatoes and green vegetables.



LEMON MOUSSE

Ingredients

3 eggs,
5oz sugar,
3 lemons
Sachet of gelatine

Method

Whisk 3 egg yolks gradually adding the 5oz sugar.

Mix in grated peel of 2 lemons and juice of 3.

Add the sachet of gelatine and when beginning to set, fold in the whipped egg whites.

This mousse results in a light, tangy two-layer jelly and is a very refreshing sweet.

Serve with pouring cream if desired..

This would be best kept in the fridge until ready to be eaten.





Bible Readings

June—July

June

1	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34	John 17:20-26
8	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17
15	Trinity Sunday	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
22	First Sunday after Trinity	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
29	St Peter & St Paul, Apostles	Acts 12:1-11	Matthew 16:13-19

July

6	Third Sunday after Trinity	Galatians 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
13	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
20	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
27	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13

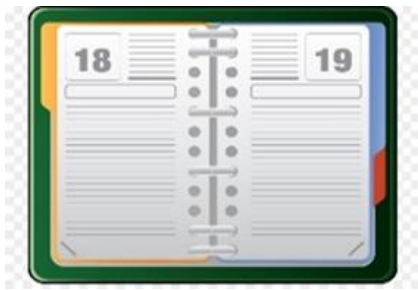
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**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is
Tuesday 15th July 2025**

From the Registers

Burials

	Died	Age	Ashes Interred
Terence Alfred ADAMS	13 December 2024	91	3 April 2025
Olga WILLIAMS	6 April 2024	93	17 April 2025



Parish Diary

June—July 2025

June

Sunday

4 Wednesday

6 Friday

8 Sunday

9 Monday

10 Tuesday

11 Wednesday

13 Friday

15 Sunday

18 Wednesday

22 Sunday

25 Wednesday

29 Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter /

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

7:00pm Choir Practice

Pentecost

10:30am Holy Communion

6:30pm Choral Evensong

10:30am Toybox

7:30pm PCC Meeting

10:30am Holy Communion

7:00pm Choir Practice

Trinity Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

First Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Coffee Morning

Second Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion

July

2 Wednesday

6 Sunday

10:30am Holy Communion

Third Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

9 Wednesday

10:30am Holy Communion

9 Wednesday

2:30pm Strawberry Tea

11 Friday

7:00pm Choir Practice

July

13	Sunday	Fourth Sunday after Trinity
		10:30am Holy Communion
		6:30pm Choral Evensong
14	Monday	10:30am Toybox
15	Tuesday	7:30pm PCC Meeting
		Deadline for Magazine contributions (August/September)
16	Wednesday	10:30am Holy Communion
18	Friday	7:00pm Choir Practice
20	Sunday	Fifth Sunday after Trinity
		8:00am Holy Communion
		10:30am Holy Communion
23	Wednesday	10:30am Coffee Morning
25	Friday	7:00pm Choir Practice
27	Sunday	Sixth Sunday after Trinity
		10:30am Holy Communion
30	Wednesday	10:30am Holy Communion

August

3	Sunday	Seventh Sunday after Trinity
		8:00am Holy Communion
		10:30am Holy Communion
6	Wednesday	10:30am Holy Communion



**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 future meetings

Monday 9th June

Monday July 14th

There is no meeting in August



Free play, craft, story, songs and refreshments
Babies and toddlers with their carers (mums, dads, grandparents etc)
All welcome.

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