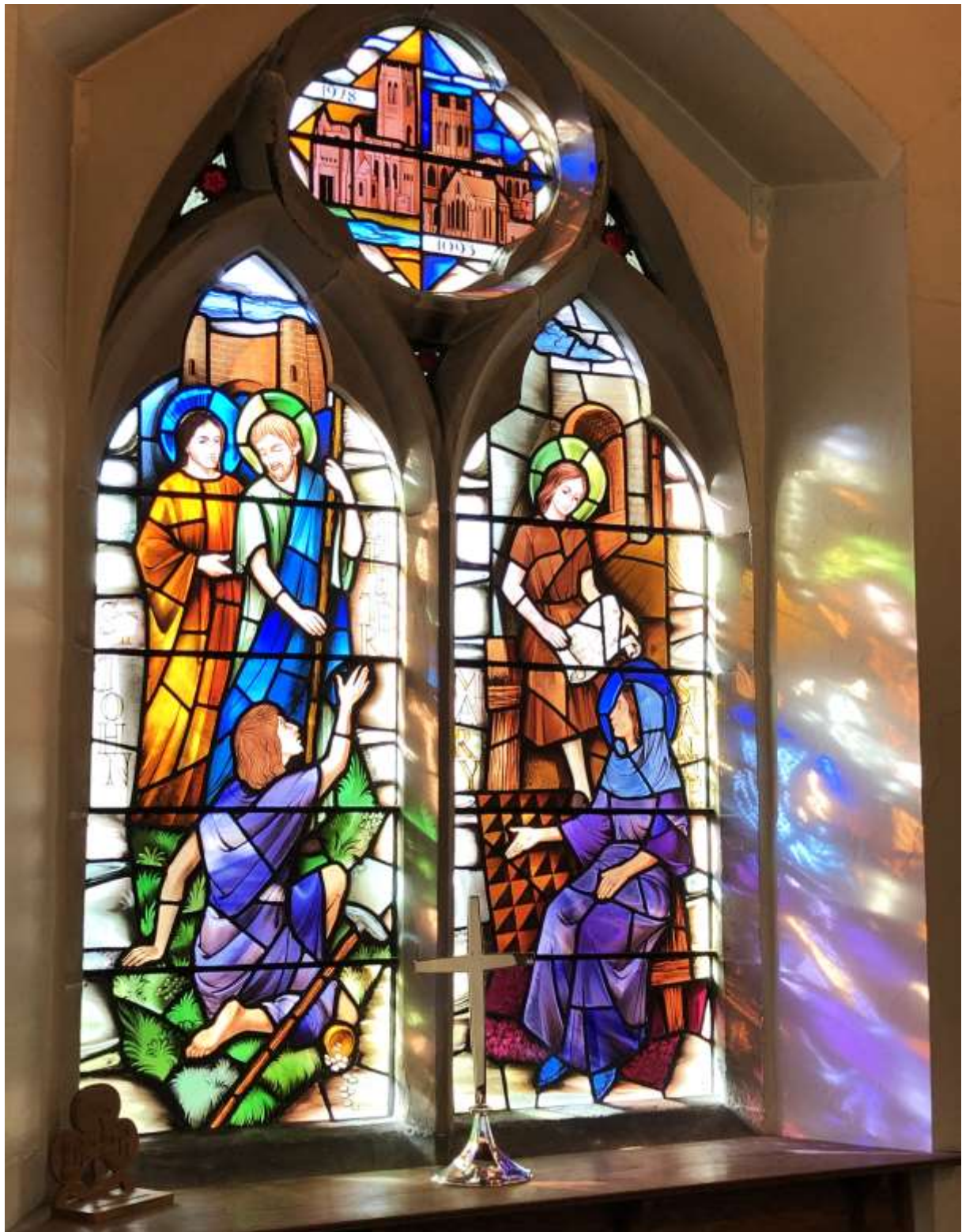


All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

# The Magazine



February—March 2024



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**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
at 7pm**

A service of  
Holy Communion  
for

**Ash Wednesday**



All Saints Thornton Hough

# **Mothering Sunday**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**10:30am Morning Prayer**

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



All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough

## **Passion Sunday**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
at 10:30am**

A service of  
readings and music  
for Passiontide

Everybody welcome



All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough

## **Holy Week**

**24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday**

10:30am Holy Communion  
with distribution of palm crosses

**28<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday**

7pm Holy Communion

**29<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday**

10:30am A Meditation for Good Friday

## **Easter**

**31<sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Holy Communion

for Easter Day

Everybody welcome



## Welcome letter from the Vicar

### Fast Forward?

I am writing this introduction whilst we are still in the latter part of the Christmas season, enjoying the company of the Wise Men of Epiphany and a decidedly snowy, cold snap outside.

This edition of The Magazine leaps into Lent, which begins on 14th February, and will only just be ready for recycling when we celebrate Easter Sunday on 31st March.

It's as if someone has pressed the remote control button to send us hurtling fast-forward to the end of the first quarter of 2024. Now there's a sobering thought!

Whether we hurry on impatiently or time appears to be moving ever more swiftly, the Jesuit priest and teacher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin reminds us to "trust in the slow work of God."

Mary, the mother of Jesus, knew of this. She saw her son grow up, but she could not fast-forward to what was going to happen to him. Her understanding of what it meant for him to be The Son of God, the Messiah, deepened over time from when the angel Gabriel first came to her with the news that she would bear the Son of the Most High, wondering what kind of greeting he brought, when she "treasured up" the shepherds coming to worship, and Simon's mysterious prophecy that, "A sword will pierce your own soul too," which must have echoed in her mind when she saw her son broken on the cross.

What of that "slow work of God" between his crucifixion and his rising from the dead? There was no fast-forward to that last point, but it is all the more glorious because of the waiting.

Society encourages us to value speed: the athlete who comes first in their event, quick-witted people and ways to learn things fast, or to get a perfect meal on the table in double-quick time.

What happens when we let go of this need for speed and put our trust in God's slow work? How can we appreciate others more, care for our environment and learn to be more reflective people?

May you have a gloriously slow, steady progress through Lent, and a very happy Easter when it comes.



*Vicky*

## Notes on the PCC meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December

Preparations were well under way for Christmas celebrations and Vicky thanked people for distributing the church Christmas card, putting up posters to organise our events, helping with the Christingle service and organising the ACF Christmas lunch. At the time of writing this we have enjoyed welcoming people in to our Christmas services. The Service of Lessons and Readings for Christmas was well attended and people were offered a drink and a mince pie afterwards. We were also pleased that so many visitors were able to join us for the 'midnight' service on Christmas Eve.

Vicky thanked all those who had attended the Vision meetings -we hope to hear more about this in the February meeting.

A small team had cleared the remaining (substantial) debris deposited by birds in the church tower. Hopefully this will not need to be done again for some years!

The Treasurer reported that all payments had been made to our chosen charities apart from the one to Refugee Action. They had failed to respond to emails and phone calls asking for their payment details. After some deliberation and consideration of the Red Cross as an alternative the PCC voted to allocate the final £200 to Help the Heroes , our next choice in the November meeting.

Vicky had been speaking to Fr. Kevin Crinks from Neston and he is keen for us to strengthen the links between the two parishes and work together on possible eco-projects.

After a report from the Remuneration Committee the PCC moved on to receive the Finance Report and to consider the budget for 2024. There was a surplus of £2,328 on the General Fund at the end of November which was better than the predictions at the beginning of the year. There were still some bills to pay but this was encouraging.

Looking forward to 2024 the Parish Share that we need to pay has increased by 5% to £75,344. If a parish has a full time priest they are expected to pay their full Parish Share. Other items in the proposed budget included contracts for the maintenance of the Churchyard and New Churchyard (these currently cost about £6,000 per annum), maintenance contracts for the church heating and the clock, licences for the finance packages and the website, insurance, the cost of Giving envelopes, remuneration for the employees (the Verger and the Director of Music) etc.. More challenging to estimate is the cost of fabric repairs and the cost of the utilities! Vicky thanked Iain Stinson for preparing the budget and it was accepted by the PCC.

The Fabric Team reported that the Flower Vestry water heater had been fixed.



A new water heater and sink for the Vicar's Vestry were proving more challenging but were still being pursued. There appears to be some crumbling masonry over the church door and some of the paving stones at the bottom of the front steps have sunk causing a potential trip hazard. The Church Architect is advising us on repairs.

A report from Linda Arch on the Cool Wirral meeting that she had participated in had been circulated in advance of the PCC meeting. She explained that she had pledged that :

**The World can't wait  
We commit to work together to care  
for our planet and all life, through  
prayer, lifestyle and action**

and had accepted a plaque on the church's behalf. As a church we are taking small steps and becoming more aware of what could do, eg recycle more. It was agreed that we should meet in the small hall for the next PCC meeting to cut down on the energy needed for heating.

At the beginning of a new year I hope that as a church we can rise to the challenge of where God is leading us in the year to come. I would like to wish everyone all the best for 2024.

**Sue Stinson  
PCC Secretary**



**Vision Planning - Ideas taking shape!**



## A Church Fellowship for Everybody

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

For our December meeting 42 members and friends met together on a mild and sunny 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 happy event enjoyed by everyone who attended.



For our first meeting of 2024 we welcomed Richard Roberts from the Wirral Foodbank. As a church we have supported the Foodbank many times and it was good to hear about what happens to that tin of soup that you donated.

The Wirral Foodbank is part of a nationwide network that is supported by the Trussell Trust, which was set up in 1997 by Carol and Paddy Henderson. They were originally supporting people in Bulgaria but following a phone call in 2000 from a Mum in Salisbury who was struggling to feed her children they found there was a great need closer to home. The Salisbury Foodbank was started in their garden shed.

The Vision of Wirral Foodbank is to end hunger and reduce poverty in the area and their objective is to assist people living on the Wirral who are in conditions of hardship by supplying food and support.

There are a number of reasons why people may need to use a Foodbank and this can include low income, redundancy, unexpected bills, lack of benefits, sickness, domestic violence or homelessness.

Food and other items such as shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste and household products such as washing up liquid can be collected via local businesses, individual donations, schools, churches and supermarkets; these can then be taken to the warehouse on the Dock Road in Birkenhead. From there it is

sorted out and distributed to 11 distribution centres across Wirral based mainly by the Mersey side of the peninsular.

### **Wirral Foodbank Statistics from September to December 2023**

5,305 people supported including 1863 children

72 tonnes of food distributed

89 tonnes of food donated by the public or businesses

15 tonnes of food purchased by the foodbank

When people are in need of help, they are provided with a voucher through referral agencies such as Wirral Council or Citizens Advice which can be taken along to one of the distribution centres in exchange for food, hygiene and household products. The Foodbank provides emergency food and support during a crisis; enough basic food is provided for 3 days. This is not a long-term solution and if people need more help, then the Foodbank can work with other agencies according to a person's needs.

Wirral Foodbank Plus is a project whereby Wirral Foodbank works in partnership with Citizens Advice Wirral to help people with food, clothes, benefits and also has a drop in café so that practical issues can be sorted out such as reducing debt, and helping with benefit and housing issues. Since 2020 they have negotiated £646,000 of financial benefits for clients.

Since our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January, I have received a thank you email from Liz Appleby at Wirral Foodbank as follows:

*Hello Helen*

*I am writing to thank everyone at ACF Thornton Hough for their very kind donations of £60 and 45.20 kgs of food after Richard's talk to you all yesterday afternoon.*

*I hope you found the talk informative.*

*I am sure Richard will have told you just how busy we are at the moment, with requests for our support being up 54% on this time last year.*

*We are also spending over £7000 a month on food. Consequently, we are very grateful for your donations yesterday.*

*Best wishes to you all and stay warm!*

*Regards*

*Liz Appleby*

**Helen Tankard**



## **Forthcoming ACF Events 2024**

### **Fellowship meetings at 2.15pm in Parish Hall**

**Wednesday 14th February:** Wirral Youth for Christ with Emily Tucker

**Wednesday 13th March:** Easter Topic with Revd Vicky Barrett

### **ACF Coffee mornings at 10.30am in Parish Hall**

**Wednesday 28th February and Wednesday 27th March**

Tea/coffee and biscuits. Raffle/ sales table. Entrance 50p.

**Everybody welcome**



### **Runaway Vicar!**

**New Year's Day Charity run from Thornton Hough to Willaston**





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## The Mysterious Niche in the Wall. What is it asked the vicar!

Walking along Manor Road from Thornton Manor towards Brimstage, passers-by can hardly fail to notice this arched recess in the sandstone wall surrounding the garden. Why is it there, what was it for, who put it there, and when ? It's a question people often ask, and it's a mystery for which nobody seems to have an answer!



In the 1800s Manor Road was just a narrow track leading from Thornton Hough to join the Brimstage Road opposite Brooklet Farm. Various road widening schemes have led to the road as it appears today, and the long straight Talbot Avenue, originally lined with magnificent elm trees, was only created in 1913.

The original Thornton Manor was built in the 1850s. Before that the land it stands on was just a field, known as Mill Hey, owned by Baron Mostyn from Flint, and probably only separated from the track by a ditch or hedge. Sold at auction in 1849; the first new owner, a Charles Potts from Chester, built the original house. The second owner, Thomas Forwood from Liverpool built the nearby Manor Cottages and may well have built the wall. The third owner, Wil-



liam Lever, undertook extensive alterations to the house and boundaries. Was that when the arched niche was created ?

Perhaps it was going to contain some sort of memorial but there's no evidence of that. Perhaps it was an opening, later blocked up, to facilitate coke deliveries used to heat the greenhouses behind the wall. Or, as one local resident referred to it, was it a 'Travellers Rest' for people making their way to and from Thornton Hough to sit on? The ledge looks too low, but the ground would have been much lower then.

Maybe it's just a coincidence that a Dr James Kendrick is credited with introducing 'Traveller's Rests' in the Warrington area, where Mr Lever had his first soap factory, or perhaps there's a simpler explanation. Who knows? Perhaps somebody else can offer an explanation!

**Gavin Hunter**

## **Lent Pilgrim Course: Church & Kingdom**

Tuesdays during Lent at 2:30pm in the Vicarage (Neston Road)

February 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Our Lent Course this year looks at some of the fundamental aspects of living a Christian life:

- Praying through life
- At home and at work
- Living generously
- In all my relationships
- Confronting the injustices of the world
- Treading lightly on the earth

We will be using the module "Church & Kingdom" from the Church of England's Pilgrim Course.

Each session stands alone, so you don't have to commit to coming to all six of them. Just come along with a healthy sense of curiosity as we share in conversation, reflect on some Bible passages and thoughts from contemporary

Christian writers, pray together and grow a little bit more in our sense of what it means to be a Christian today, both as individuals and as a gathered church.



## The origin of hymns: 'All My Hope on God is Founded'

*All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.*

'All My Hope on God is founded' has long been one of my favourite hymns, which we sang on the last occasion I played the organ at All Saints'.

Its origins go back to 17<sup>th</sup> century Germany, where it was written as 'Meine Hoffnung Stehet Feste' (my Hope stands fast), by Joachim Neander, born in Bremen in 1650. His father was a Latin teacher. The original family name was Neumann, but was changed by his grandfather to the Greco-Roman form.

He first studied Theology in Bremen, teaching initially in Heidelberg (1671) and then in Düsseldorf (1674) where the Düssel valley became an inspiration for his poems and writings. He also held gatherings and delivered sermons in the valley. He was strongly influenced by the work of the German Reformed church.

After falling out with his church administrators because of his popularity, he became pastor in St Martin's in Bremen, but died of tuberculosis the following year aged only 30. He wrote about 60 hymns, indeed also some of the tunes, including the ever popular 'Lobe den Herren, der Mächtigen König der Ehren' which we know as 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation', later translated by Catherine Winkworth. But 'All my Hope' was translated by the English poet Robert Bridges in 1899, and was published in his own 'Yattendon Hymnal' of that year. The hymn calls us to trust God rather than 'mortal pride' or 'earthly glory'. It calls us to praise one whose 'great goodness aye endureth'.



An interesting note is that, two centuries later in 1856, an ancient skeleton was found in the Düssel valley, and later became known as Neanderthal man (German 'thal' means valley). This is one of the key stages in the development of mankind as we know it.

The tune to which we now sing the hymn ('Michael') was





written in 1935 by Herbert Howells, born 1872 in Lydney, Gloucestershire, the son of a plumber who was also the organist at the local Baptist church, but who became bankrupt when Herbert was only 12. He had encouraging music lessons at Gloucester Cathedral with Herbert Brewer, where he studied alongside Ivor Novello and Ivor Gurney. He was financed by Charles Bathurst (1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Bledisloe), and this led him to studying at the Royal College of Music. He was much influenced by Vaughan Williams and Elgar, and also encouraged by Herbert Sumson back in Gloucester.

Later, in 1935 a catastrophic event was the sudden death of his son Michael of Polio (some sources say meningitis) at the age of 9. Our hymn tune was written in his memory. Indeed other works were also attributed to this tragedy, including his 'Requiem', which lay in a desk drawer until 1981, 46 years after Michael's death and only two years before his own in 1983. His output overall consisted of much organ music, anthems (such as 'Take him, earth and cherish') and even a piece for harp. He is buried in Westminster Abbey.



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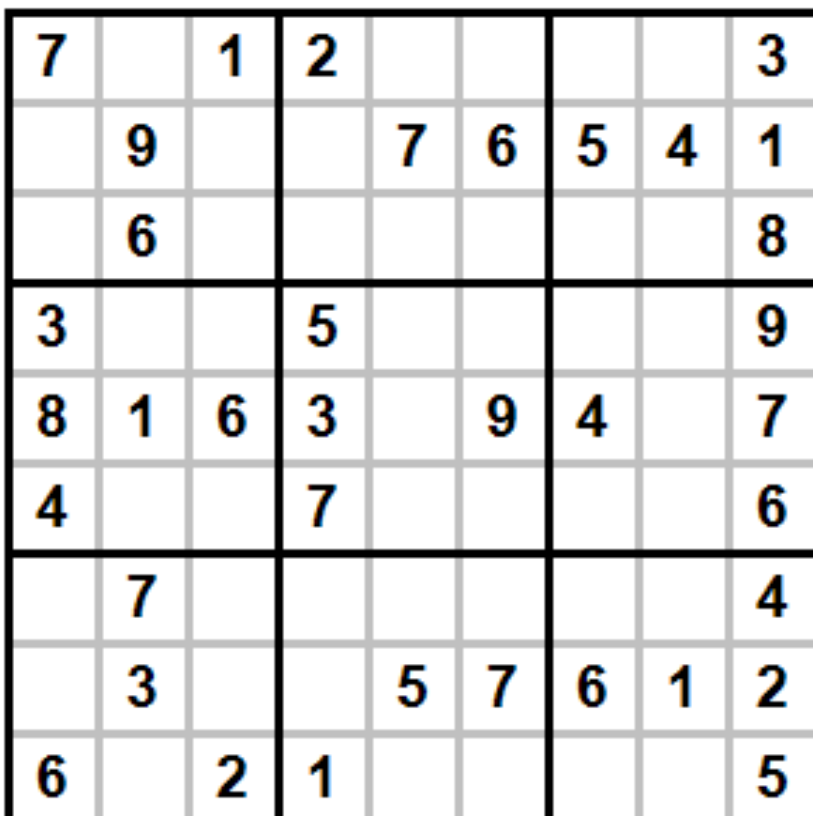


Can you find these words in the grid?

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showers	birth
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chick	rain
warmth	lamb
egg	burst
blossom	buds
tadpole	grow
bunny	easter

## Sudoku

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



## Spring word Scrabble

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## Will you join me on my 2024 eco journey?

The inclusion of All Saints' Thornton Hough's first steps towards considering our environmental impact appeared in the previous edition of the Magazine within the notes from PCC meetings. Add to this a quote from Archbishop Justin Welby -

***"Reducing the cause of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation"***

– and you might understand my motivation.

After accompanying Revd Vicky on a visit to Christ Church Bebington (which has been awarded the A Rocha Gold Award as an eco-church), I was introduced to **Cool Wirral**. This is a group funded by Wirral Borough Council that considers environmental issues in places of worship with a view to helping WBC to meet its environmental targets.

Though the Cool Wirral monthly meetings take place online, I attended one of the "in-person" meetings, where I joined representatives of other places of worship in making a pledge on behalf of All Saints' and accepted a plaque on our behalf.

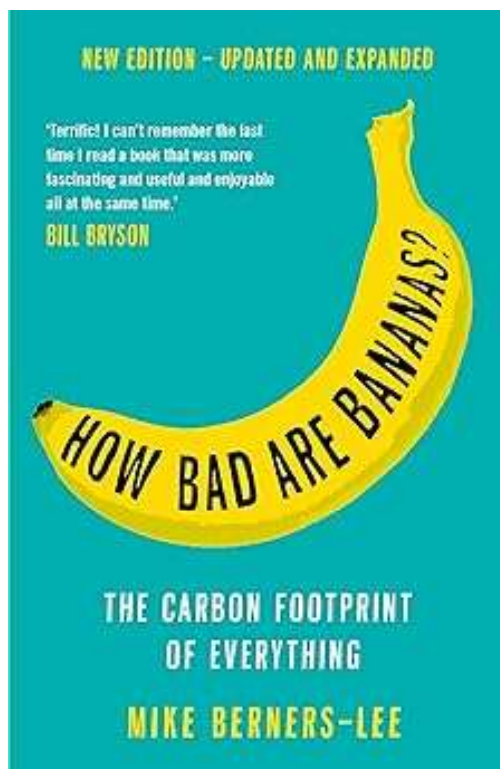
It was through Cool Wirral that I learned that WBC was funding 30 free places on



carbon literacy courses and I managed to secure a place on the two online modules. I can't pretend to be an expert after completing the small amount of pre-course reading, attending a couple of 3-hour long teaching sessions and submitting a homework project – not even if I count in the four online lectures (which I discovered via the Diocese of Chester) where the impact of global warming on small island nations was considered.

However, I can share some of the interesting themes that were covered on the Carbon Literacy Course. The ranking of countries according to carbon emissions looked quite different when they were listed by total emissions as opposed to when the size of the country or population size was factored in. Interestingly, UK would appear much worse if we accounted for all the goods that we use. Because we no longer consider ourselves primarily as a major manufacturing nation, much of the carbon emissions of our UK lifestyles appear





amongst the emissions of other countries.

The Course looked at the impact of greenhouse gases, which include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and refrigerant gases, considered the pitfalls of “greenwashing” and importantly examined the carbon footprint of various aspects of our different lifestyles. It guided us to books and websites where this information can be found and led me to buy the Mike Berners-Lee book “How bad are bananas? The carbon footprint of everything”.

We were asked to estimate our personal carbon footprint - easier than it sounds, if a rough approximation is good enough. Using one website mine was 11.7 tonnes, which is 2.5 tonnes above

the UK average. I am ashamed to say that this did not come as a total surprise, because for my entire adult life I have managed to juggle a “waste not want not” philosophy with a tendency to extravagance. Despite this, I still found myself thinking that this rough calculation put me in a worse light than I deserved!

The surprise of the course was the homework project. Along with demonstrating a general awareness of the impact of carbon emissions and global warming, I needed to plan (with a view to following through) a 1 tonne reduction in carbon footprint over 2024, in a community, workplace or place of worship setting. More than that, the deadline for submission of the first draft was less than a week away, leaving no time to negotiate with our PCC on what we could achieve as a church.

The course organiser accepted my proposal to reduce the carbon footprint of my own household by one tonne over the year, sharing this experience in such a way that others might be encouraged to join in (to a greater or lesser extent), so there might be a significant cumulative impact.

The one tonne reduction proved easier than I had initially anticipated, even without worrying about the 3 or 4 annual return flights we take to Italy, or the fact that we are not considering the imminent purchase of an electric car or reducing our (admittedly quite modest) annual mileage. Though transport is responsible for about 26% of global emissions, various sources of information suggest a similar, if not slightly higher, level linked to food, so it was here that I chose to make the biggest carbon reduction. The carbon footprint of diets increase from the lowest plant-based diets, through vegetarian, no-red-meat, mixed diets and ending in high-meat diets. By changing from our weekly mixed



diet to one with 4 days vegetarian and the 3 days mixed diet, I estimate an annual carbon reduction of 900 kg. I did consider including at least one plant-based (vegan) day but discounted it as too challenging for me to commit to.

I exceeded the outstanding kilogram by turning to my two double, over-stuffed wardrobes. Though I do keep my clothes until they are very well worn, I have several items hanging there, unworn and with labels still intact, plus so many shoes, in various conditions, styles and seasonality, that my granddaughter felt it necessary to remind me that I am “not a centipede”. Armed with my “How bad are bananas?” book, I estimated that the carbon footprint of my 2023 purchases added up to 200 kg, so by undertaking to refrain from any clothing and footwear purchases for the year, my total carbon footprint reduction for 2024 would be 1.1 tonnes. This restricted buying does not involve husband Peter. I can manage the required reduction from fashion “all by myself” and my fashion mantra for the year is “to go shopping in my wardrobe”.

Whatever you are thinking - please let me have your feedback. In the next Magazine I will invite you to join me on the journey.

**Linda M Arch**



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## It's not just about the pudding...

Cartmel in the southern Lakes largely evokes thoughts of the patron saint of puddings - St'icky' Toffee Pudding given the famed Cartmel version that is widely available. It is sold in the village shop in a number of variations including sticky ginger - which in my opinion is far nicer! The village is more than just a pudding - whilst the foodie focus has broadened considerably in recent years, the historical centre is also fascinating and well worth exploring. Simon Rogan has his base there, not a surprise given the quaint buildings that house his award-winning Michelin starred restaurant, a bistro and shop. Off the back of this there is also now a cheese shop and micro-brewery - everywhere you turn food seems to be a focus.

Yet food is a modern addition to a village that has a history going back hundreds of years. Right in the centre stands the Priory which remarkably survived partially intact after the dissolution in 1536. The Priory was founded by William Marshall (later the Earl of Pembroke, advisor to King John at the signing of the Magna Carta and Regent of England after John's death) in 1190 for the



Black Canons of St Augustine. It became a powerful monastery as is evident if you walk the area - deer parks, walls and other buildings clearly have their roots from this time.



Despite Henry VIII's best efforts, the Priory's choir was left alone and despite lead being removed from roofs of other buildings the bones of the Priory survived. Williams had ordained that the people of Carmel must have somewhere to worship, which is why what we see today is still there. Eighty years after the restoration George Preston started to restore the church and bought up much of the Priory property and made their home at Holker Hall (now owned by the Cavendish family and well worth a visit).

The Priory is a mishmash of the ancient and the more 'modern' and has a raft of fascinating features both outside and in. The tower is built at an angle - supposedly to strengthen the adjoining roof. The organ is in



the wrong place as it was 'retrofitted' due to the Priory's history. There are Coats of Arms from the Preston family as well as graves from the Cavendish family with their various titles over the years from the Earl of Burlington to the now Duke of Devonshire. And in between the Preston's and the Cavendish's were the Lowther's as well. A very rich set of history and benefactors that has seen the Priory survive and thrive. The letters patent and the great seals are hanging on the wall in the Priory harking back to a time when Charles I needed to raise some money by granting land to the local land-owners!



A wander around the inside of the Priory is fascinating. A group of villagers visited in November on a windy and wet day. A former head teacher was volunteering that day and shared a host of stories with us, getting along with our former teachers like a house on fire so much so that we were shown the local Imp. It is hidden at the side of the altar and not generally seen by visitors. We thought that we might spend a few minutes in the church but were actually there for nearly an hour, there is so much to see.



There is the slightly risqué mermaid that is carved into the choir and the various very old graves that have the requisite skull and crossbones carved into them. The hourglass on them reminds you that time flies. There are blocked doorways, damage to the choir due to removal of the lead in 1537 - but only to the top as the rest was protected by the rubble and lots of tombs, memorials, and other quirks. The Cromwell

door is supposedly pitted with holes due to the locals shooting at the Round-head soldiers who were stabling their horses in the nave.

This one building provides a view into English history across the ages - a visit to the church or the village or the races is well worth the journey to this often-bypassed part of the Lakes. The food isn't too bad either...

**Ann Slee-Jones**

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to another exciting year of speakers, activities and events at Thornton Hough WI. Our programme for 2024 is on our noticeboard outside the hall, and also on our Facebook page, and on our website.

We closed our year with a fabulous evening Christmas Party, at the hall. We enjoyed a mouthwatering buffet provided and prepared by our ladies. Individual knitted Christmas puddings were at every place setting and as an added bonus each one contained a chocolate orange! We were royally entertained by the Port Sunlight Handbell Ringers and joined in the performance by singing along with many traditional and some lesser known Christmas carols. Audience participation and accompaniment on the castanets for 'Little Donkey' were particularly entertaining and fun! Three fabulous Christmas hampers were raffled on the night and won by three lucky THWI members. To top the evening one of our ladies was presented with a bouquet of flowers from all her friends at THWI on achieving a 'significant' birthday.

At our first meeting of the year on 9<sup>th</sup> January we had a very interesting and enjoyable talk from Helen and Angie on Sunlight Bees – "All the work behind the making of honey". They brought examples of bee keeping, photographs and also jars of honey to sample and buy. We were also delighted to welcome two visitors to the meeting who we hope to see again soon.

On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January we held our regular Afternoon Social in the WI Hall, from 12.30 - 2.00pm. This event is open to members and non-members of the WI on the third Tuesday of every month and we look forward to welcoming visitors and guests. We enjoyed homemade broccoli and cauliflower soup with bread rolls followed by tea/coffee and cake. We also celebrated a 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with one of our esteemed, popular ladies. Happy birthday!

### **Dates for your Diary:**

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** 1.30pm at the WI Hall there will be homemade Pancakes - a selection of sweet and savoury pancakes freshly made for you to enjoy on Valentine's Day. Cost £3.00 payable on the door includes tea or coffee.

On **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** 2.00pm at the WI Hall: Clothes *Shwop* proceeds to St John's Hospice. All welcome! Further information to follow.

In the last two years we have enjoyed successful evening entertainment at the hall. In 2022 Port Sunlight Sea Dogs and in 2023 The Western Approaches Swing Singers. This year on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7.00pm** at the WI Hall we welcome entertainment by the Homebirds Duo. The evening will include supper, great raffle prizes and lots of fun. Bring your own booze. Cost and further details to follow.

**Our next evening meeting** will be on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm**. Jen Hunter will be our speaker for a Pamper Evening - Jen will show us how facial care and beautiful make-up is done. At our meeting on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** Greer Lacey from Jackson's Animal Rescue will tell us all about the work of the animal rescue team on Wirral.

If you would like more information about Thornton Hough WI please contact us:

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**Janet Gaywood**

## Watch your speed!

The **Thornton Hough Speed-watch Group** are still very active, and you may have seen them many times at the end of Radley Drive, encouraging vehicles to keep to the speed limit through the village. We are also campaigning to reduce the speed on the approach roads to the village. We aim to get out at least once per week but are



finding it a little more difficult this year as some current members of the team are not always available. We would also like to run another site up towards the School and the Seven Stars public house where unfortunately a fatal accident occurred last year, sadly affecting one of our villager families. So, we are looking for more volunteers, and if anybody is interested please contact Ian or Alli, through the Thornton Hough Village Trust website, <https://www.thctrust.co.uk/>.

**Ian Bywaters**





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## Puzzle solutions



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### Spring word Scrabble

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## Thornton Hough Parish Community Litter Pick Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 10am-Noon

Everyone is invited to come along and help make our parish look even more beautiful and litter-free as we take part in our third Community Litter Pick.



Come to the car park on the Village Green and join in from 10am.

Litter picking poles, bag hoops, rubbish sacks and high-viz tabards will all be available for you to use. Please wear stout shoes/boots and gloves and clothing suitable for whatever weather we may encounter on the day.



### Reminder

British Summer Time begins at 1:00am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March.  
The clocks go forward one hour.



## Cookery Corner

### Wine Baked Pork

1½lbs pork fillet  
3oz butter  
1 tablespoon flour  
1½ cups milk  
2 tablespoons sliced green pepper  
½ gill white wine or Vermouth

Trim the meat and cut into 1" cubes.

Heat the butter in a heavy frying pan, add the meat and cook covered for 20 mins over moderate heat.

Remove lid and increase the heat a little. Cook until meat is light brown.

Add the flour, stir well and gradually blend in the warm milk to give a smooth sauce.

Add the green pepper and season with salt and pepper.

Transfer to a greased casserole dish and bake at 190°C for 45 min.

Add wine towards the end of cooking time.

Baked potatoes could be cooked in the oven at the same time.



### Oatmeal Apples

1lb Bramley apples  
3oz oatmeal  
3oz. brown sugar  
2oz butter  
cinnamon  
cream

Peel core and slice apples.

Put a layer of these slices in the base of an ovenware dish.

Cover with a layer of oatmeal.

Sprinkle with cinnamon, brown sugar and nuts of butter.

Repeat with these layers until all used up.

Bake at 190°C for 40 minutes.

Serve with cream or custard.



**Patsy Baker**



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## Sunday Bible Readings

### February—March 2024

#### February

- 4 Second Sunday before Lent**  
Proverbs 8:1, 22-31      John 1:1-14
- 11 Sunday next before Lent**  
2 Kings 2:1-12      Mark 9:2-9
- 18 First Sunday of Lent**  
Genesis 9:8-19      Mark 1:9-15
- 25 Second Sunday of Lent**  
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16      Mark 8:31-38

#### March

- 3 Third Sunday of Lent**  
Exodus 20:1-17      John 2:13-22 (p.)
- 10 Mothering Sunday**  
1 Samuel 1:20-28      John 19:25-27
- 17 Passion Sunday**  
Jeremiah 31:31-34      John 12: 20-33
- 24 Palm Sunday**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29      Mark 11:1-11
- 31 Easter Day**  
Acts 10:34-43      Mark 16:1-8



All Saints' Church,  
Thornton Hough

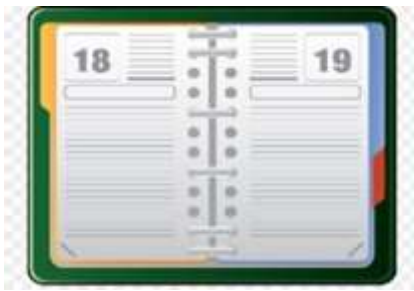
Toybox meets in the Parish Hall from 10am to 11:30am,  
usually on the second Monday of the month (but not always!)

**Dates of future meetings**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	£2 per family

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





## Parish Diary

### February—March 2024

#### January 2024

28	Sunday	Candlemas / Presentation of Christ /Epiphany 4
		10:30am Holy Communion
31	Wednesday	10:30am Holy Communion

#### February 2024

2	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
4	Sunday	Second Sunday before Lent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
6	Tuesday	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
7	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
9	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
10	Saturday	12:00pm	Soup and Sandwich lunch
11	Sunday	Sunday before Lent	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
		6:30pm	Choral Evensong
12	Monday	10:00am	Toybox
14	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
		2:15pm	ACF: Wirral Youth for Christ (Emily Tucker)
		7:00pm	Holy Communion (sung)
16	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
18	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
20	Tuesday	2:30pm	Lent Course: "Church & Kingdom" (I)
21	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
23	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
25	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
27	Tuesday	2:30pm	Lent Course: "Church & Kingdom" (II)
28	Wednesday	10:30am	Coffee Morning



## March 2024

3	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion
5	Tuesday	2:30pm	Lent Course: "Church & Kingdom" (III)
6	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
8	Friday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
10	Sunday	Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of Lent	
		10:30am	Morning Prayer
		6:30pm	Holy Communion
11	Monday	10:00am	Toybox
12	Tuesday	2:30pm	Lent Course: "Church & Kingdom" (IV)
		7:30pm	PCC Meeting
13	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
		2:15pm	ACF: Easter Topic (Vicky Barrett)
		7:00pm	Deanery Synod
15	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
17	Sunday	Passion Sunday / Fifth Sunday of Lent	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Service of readings and music for Passiontide
19	Tuesday	2:30pm	Lent Course: "Church & Kingdom" (V)
20	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
22	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
24	Sunday	Palm Sunday	
		10:30am	Holy Communion
26	Tuesday	2:30pm	Lent Course: "Church & Kingdom" (VI)
27	Wednesday	10:30am	Coffee Morning
28	Thursday	Maundy Thursday	
		7:00pm	Holy Communion
29	Friday	Good Friday	
		10:30am	Good Friday Meditation
		7:00pm	Short choir Practice
31	Sunday	Easter Day	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Holy Communion

## April 2024

1	Monday	Bank Holiday
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## 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.

### ***Margaret Gamble writes:***

I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages after my hip operation, it makes you feel so much better knowing so many people take time to send their good wishes. Thank you all so much.

### **From the Registers December 2024**

#### ***Burials***

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Brenda LITTLER

Aged 91

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

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**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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