

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

The Magazine



October - November 2023



Welcome letter from the Vicar

The Gift of Time

I received a rather unwelcome and uncomfortable holiday souvenir this summer: a broken fibula. The first few weeks when my leg was in plaster were particularly uncomfortable. Not only was the fracture itself aching, but I was unable to do many of the simplest tasks unaided, and there were times when the vicarage felt more like an assault course than my home. Hopping inexpertly on crutches from the lounge to the kitchen seemed to take an age.



I am therefore enormously grateful for the depth of generosity and kindness which people in the parish and church family have shown me in so many ways.

The biggest gift of all has been that of time, breaking off from busy lives to offer help and support.

My broken limb is well on the way to full recovery, but it has certainly made me appreciate something more of the challenges for those who are permanently housebound or less mobile. We can take for granted the simple act of having a shower or bath at a time of our choice. How do you nip to the shops when you have run out of milk when you can't drive yourself? Being trundled in a wheelchair through the village showed me that there are all kinds of little barriers for those who are less mobile; uneven paving stones and small kerbs which go unnoticed when you're fit, street furniture impeding access. (Wirral Borough Council have promised to move the speed sign which blocks the pavement on Manor Road, although they do not consider the paving stones dangerous.)

Our world is so fast-paced that we can forget what a gift time is. Making time to stop and wonder at life (some might call this prayer!) can build our appreciation. Spending time in conversation, whether over the phone or in person, or stopping long enough for a cuppa are so precious. How do we receive time from others? Can we be brave enough to respond to the question, "How are you?" without simply brushing it off with, "Oh, fine"? Can we take time to listen carefully in the silence, and simply share it companionably?

Love and God's blessings

Vicky

Notes on the PCC meeting held on 12th September

After further discussion and consultation it was agreed that we should continue to remain in our seats during the **distribution of Holy Communion** and receive both the bread and the wine together. This has been particularly helpful during recent weeks while Vicky has had limited mobility due to a broken leg. We hope that she will soon be fully recovered but, with two new Covid variants emerging, it was decided to err on the side of caution at the moment and not share the Common Cup; use of masks when serving will also continue.

Vicky reported that a **mail drop** to houses in the parish advertising future events and publicising our service times has been completed.

The first opening of **Toybox** for the new term was well attended; it was great to welcome back old friends and new families.

A notice has appeared on the pew sheet and VB has asked for volunteers to join a **small group to look at our vision**. If this is something that you feel you could contribute to please volunteer. There is a Deanery Chapter meeting on 28th September and Vicky hopes to hear more about the Diocesan vision then.

Those of you who use the drive into the church grounds will welcome the resurfacing of the drive and the filling in of the very large pothole.

Vicky has been in touch with Revd Mike Loach at Christ Church, Higher Bebington and has arranged a visit for anyone interested to hear what they have done to achieve Gold level **Eco Church** status and to see if we can get some ideas for All Saints'.

The hosting company for our **church website** is replacing their existing system with a new one and we have had to transfer our website to their new system. Unfortunately there are bugs in the hosting company's new system which we have had to work around; these have made it much more difficult to do the transfer. Iain Stinson completed the work a few days after the PCC meeting. On some devices the website now displays in a less satisfactory way than it did with the "old" system.

The **new photocopier** has arrived and is being used.

Events. The PCC looked forward to a busy time over the coming weeks. Harvest Week will have already started when this magazine is printed. The windows had all been allocated for decorating and the PCC was very pleased to hear that Thornton Hough Primary School had taken on responsibility for one of them and the School Council were organising it. Classes were taking on the themes of Friends and Teachers, Animals, Food, Family, Homes and the Environment.

We were looking forward to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service and the Harvest Lunch. Tickets were going well and we hoped as many as possible would join us at this joyful time.

Our **Autumn Fair** is being held on Saturday 4th November, starting at 10am. The PCC discussed some ideas for stalls, including a plant stall (if you have any cuttings of plants etc please pot them up!), a bottle tombola, items for Bonfire Night such as tiffin, parkin, toffee apples, marshmallows, a white elephant stall (unsold items returned to the donors), toys, books, refreshments etc. Please get your thinking caps on and help to make this a great success. We will be looking for volunteers!

November and December are busy months with many **special services**. We have our patronal festival on the morning of November 5th and a Service for the Faithful Departed in the afternoon. The Civic Remembrance Day Service on 12th November will start at the War Memorial at 2:45pm then continue in All Saints' Church. On December 3rd we have our Service of Music and Readings for Advent and before we know it we will be celebrating Christmas. Vicky will be choosing and ordering the All Saints' Christmas card soon!

The WUTH Charity supporting Arrowe Park & Clatterbridge Hospitals is arranging a concert entitled 'The Many Colours of Christmas' performed by Wirral Community Choir at All Saints' Church on Saturday 16th November. It was agreed to waive any charges for the use of the church and Parish Hall to help support the charity.

The **finances** continue to do better than expected. The Planned Giving and Open Plate Giving are both up, for which we are very grateful, and returns from our investments are up. The Treasurer did warn us not to get too complacent though. We still have some large bills to pay! The church heating will need to be turned on soon and the boilers may need some maintenance after a period in which they have not been used.

Linda Arch reported that there had been no **safeguarding** issues and three more people have completed the Basic Safeguarding training since the last meeting.

The **Fabric, Health and Safety** Committee is not functioning as it should at the moment. In the past Graham Tongue has given a lead but he has now moved to Oxford and, although he is still able to give some guidance, we need someone local to take this on. Members of the Fabric Team do not necessarily have to be on the PCC (and are not expected to do the work themselves). **If this is something that you could help with please let us know.** The PCC heard about items on our 'to do' list. As well as regular maintenance we need two new water heaters in church and a new sink in the Vicar's vestry.

Finally we heard that the Electoral Roll still stands at 99. We still haven't managed that elusive one more!

Sue Stinson
PCC Secretary



Harvest Festival Window Displays





A Church Fellowship for Everybody

No ACF meeting or coffee morning was held during August.

We returned in September feeling refreshed after the summer break but unfortunately as I am away enjoying the sunshine in Italy for the meeting on 13th September, I haven't been able to do a report in time for this month's magazine. Vicky, however very kindly provided the following:-

ACF 13th September: Charles Thompson Mission

We welcomed Bernie Frost from Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead who updated us on the work of the Mission.

Charles Thompson was a grocer from Hanley who came to Birkenhead to improve his health, where he could "inhale the balmy ozone and health-giving breeze." He was a man of faith, moved to action by the poverty he saw there, particularly amongst the children. He bought a chapel on Hemingford Street from the Quakers in 1892 and the Mission is still based in this building today. The first Lord Leverhulme was an early donor to its work.

The "mission" of the Mission has developed post-Covid, with a refreshed focus. There are 25 regular volunteers and Bernie is the only full-time paid worker. A warm welcome and practical support are offered to people who are living with concerns such as addiction, poor mental health, insecure housing or homelessness. People from all walks of life and of all ages can find themselves in need. One of the positive aspects of lockdown was that homeless people were given places to live, however more people are currently living on the streets again. The root causes of homelessness have yet to be tackled.

The Mission now works to offer wraparound care in many ways, such as home, hospital and prison visits, one-to-one care, acquiring furniture for people moving into new homes and helping to re-house those who are living on the streets.

The Mission's programme of events run from Monday-Friday, with a hot breakfast and help with clothing for the homeless available from 9am-1pm. People walk some distance for this. There is also the TechKnow project held every weekday, which enables homeless people to complete the online forms for benefits. With many having poor levels of basic literacy and lacking access to computers to fill in the forms, the support of the TechKnow project team is vital. Homeless people can also have their post delivered to the Mission, which can help them register with services such as a local GP surgery. The Mission runs its independent foodbank on Wednesdays, and Bernie runs a Poetry and Pizza group on a Thursday, where people can come to look at the Psalms as poems and songs and share pizza. Discussions can become quite lively.

In addition, the Mission draws on the services of healthcare professionals to support those living on the streets: a dentist, a chiropodist, an optician, a specialist drugs nurse, and a GP amongst others.

The Mission offers outings to homeless people to seaside places such as Llandudno. Some of those going on the excursions have never been far from Birkenhead and a coach ride to the seaside with ice cream and chips is a real treat. Veteran volunteer Peggy – in her 103rd year – accompanies them, and has their greatest respect.

Whereas previously there might have been 40-60 children involved in clubs through the week, the work with children now focuses on Easter and Christmas celebrations. Over 300 children recommended by local Social Services receive toys and Christmas presents, and hampers for the family. Up to 80 people come to Christmas dinner, served up by volunteers.

Life expectancy for people living on the streets is low and there is a high mortality rate. Bernie recounted the fact that six people had died in as many weeks.

Yet there is much hope. Bernie also described how some individuals had settled into accommodation, enjoyed better mental health and found employment. He has learned to trust in God's provision.

The mission of Charles Thompson Mission has developed in the last four years, but its heart remains the same. It offers genuine care, love, and the invitation to be part of a community. Bernie summed the work up through John 13:14: "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."

Our chosen charities for 2023 are: Wirral Youth for Christ, Emmaus, Wirral Hospice St John.

Fellowship meetings at 2.15pm in Parish Hall

October 11th Home Instead with speaker Emily Rimmer

November 8th Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes with speaker Angela Berry

Advance Notice December 13th Christmas Carols and Party

Coffee meetings at 10.30am in Parish Hall

October 25th and November 22nd.

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Everyone welcome

Helen Tankard

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The Royal British Legion Quiz

1. The Royal British Legion was founded to help disabled and poor veterans of which war?
2. Who wrote the poem "In Flanders Field"?
3. Which organisation made the first poppies?
4. What is the British Legion's special place in Staffordshire where people can go to remember their loved ones?
5. Who founded the Royal British Legion?
6. When did the British Legion become the Royal British Legion?
7. Who granted the British Legion a Royal Charter ?
8. Where is the Festival of Remembrance held each year?
9. When is it held?
10. In the early years of the 21st century, the Royal British Legion campaigned for a particular group of ex-servicemen to be allowed to live in the United Kingdom. Who were these men?
11. Which celebrity donated more than four and a half million pounds to the Royal British Legion from the proceeds of their newly released autobiography "A Journey"?
12. World War One officially ended with the signing of which treaty?
13. In what year were artificial poppies first sold in Britain?
14. What does "cenotaph" mean?



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Remembrance Day : Sunday 12th November

10.30am Morning Service with Act of Remembrance at All Saints' Church

2.45 pm Act of Remembrance at the village War Memorial Thornton Hough followed by a Civic Remembrance service at All Saints' Church at **3.00pm**

Remembrance Word Search

F	D	I	T	Y	V	D	C	W	O	W	Z	S	R	V	U
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Airforce

Day

November

Service

Armistice

Eleventh

Parade

Silence

Army

Flanders

Pilot

Soldier

Bugler

France

Poppy

Veteran

Cenotaph

Last Post

Reveille

War

Conflict

Navy

Sailor

Wreath

Puzzle Page

Sudoku

In Sudokus you need to fill in all the squares with the numbers 1- 9 using them only once horizontally, vertically and in each block of 9 small squares

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

How many words can you make using the letters in the word **Wreath**?
To give you an idea there is 1 word with 6 letters, 7 words with 5 letters, 14 with 4 letters, 17 with 3 letters and 8 with 2 letters, making a total of 47 words.

Scrambled Remembrance words:-

technhpao wra
tarhwe ntehleev
eraismcit..... pypop
leiscne..... ardeap,.....
rmevbeno..... mrebeerm

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Do you remember an Inn,
 Miranda?
 Do you remember an Inn?
 And the tedding and the spreading
 Of the straw for a bedding,
 And the fleas that tease in the High Pyrenees,
 And the wine that tasted of the tar?
 And the cheers and the jeers of the young muleteers
 (Under the vine of the dark verandah)?

Do you remember an Inn,
 Miranda,
 Do you remember an Inn?
 And the cheers and the jeers of the young muleteers
 Who hadn't got a penny
 And who weren't paying any
 And the hammer at the doors and the Din?
 And the Hip! Hop! Hap!
 Of the clap
 Of the hands to the twirl and the swirl
 Of the girl gone chancing,
 Glancing,
 Dancing,
 Backing and advancing
 Snapper of a clapper to the spin
 Out and in -
 And the Ting, Tong, Tang of the Guitar.

Do you remember an Inn,
 Miranda?
 Do you remember an Inn?



Spanish muleteer



Castanets hung on thumbs and clicked with fingers



Tambourines jingle, clatter and bang



Lycosa tarantula, no more poisonous than a bee but dancing vigorously was supposed to dissipate its sting



*Pyrenees in snow
(hoar) near
Canfranc, a small
village once
popular with
tourists and
smugglers.*

Never more
Miranda
Never more
Only the high peaks hoar:
And the Aragon a torrent at the door
No sound
In the walls of the Halls where falls
The tread
Of the feet of the dead to the ground
No sound
But the boom
Of the far waterfall like Doom.



*Cascada de Ip,
Canfranc, on the River
Aragon Northern Spain
at the foot of the
Pyrenees.*

Hilaire Belloc (1870-1953) was a witty, well-informed but controversial writer whose arguments offended many people. His fame now rests on light verse, such as *Cautionary Tales for Children*. He was a ferocious critic of much at the turn of the century, and the casual cruelty of his verses is not to everyone's taste. Lewis Carroll, Edward Lear and A. A. Milne manage to poke fun without being nasty. Here he wistfully recalls an exciting, energetic time, quickly gone.

Tarentella Is probably his most popular poem, with its clever rhythm and onomatopoeia. A common misconception is that it was written about Miranda Mackintosh, daughter of a friend, because he gave her an inscribed copy for New Year in 1929, when she was two. However it was published with other Verses and poems in 1923, after two visits to Canfranc in Northern Spain, the first in 1909. This Miranda was probably his male Spanish friend the Duc de Miranda.

Although it was a hotel, Belloc recalls having to shake out (ted) and arrange straw to sleep on, with the attendant wild life, so it was hardly luxurious. The mule, with a horse for a mother and a donkey for a father, is specially bred for navigating mountains like the Pyrenees, and the rowdy muleteers would have transported the Italian wine from Piedmont, whose Barolo grape gives wine a tar-like taste. The thirty-nine year old Belloc sounds like a connoisseur.

He travelled a great deal, and this poem brings a dance of southern Italy with a wine from Northern Italy to the north of Spain, where the River Aragon flows through the area of the same name. When he went back, all the lively noise and revelry of the staging post (and haunt of smugglers) between Spain and France were gone. A huge railway station was in prospect and this may explain the empty Halls and the decline of the Inn.

Caroline Lancelyn Green

The History of Thornton Hough Schools

During the last 175 years there have been four schools in the Thornton Hough Parish. All the buildings are still there, but now there's only one being used as a school – Thornton Hough Primary School.

The oldest was built in Brimstage in about 1850. It was attached to a thatched cottage which overlooked the road to Bromborough. The cottage was demolished when the houses on Green Bank were built in 1913, but the school is still there, perched on the corner of the road leading to Storeton.



At this time the villages of Brimstage and Raby both formed part of the Earl of Shrewsbury's Wirral Estate which was later bought by William Lever, the 1st Lord Leverhulme, in 1911.



In January 1866 Joseph Hirst from Wilshaw in Yorkshire bought the land on which All Saints' and the Parish Hall now stand from a local farmer. The following year, paid for by Joseph Hirst, the Church of England School, now the Parish Hall, was built, together with the adjoining schoolmaster's house.

In July that year the school was licensed for the performance of divine services until All Saints' itself was consecrated in May 1868, and in November the first school classes began.

In 1869 a school in Raby, also paid for by Joseph Hirst, was built on land donated by the Earl of Shrewsbury.



But by 1896 both the Raby and Brimstage schools had closed and the children moved to the church school in Thornton Hough. Raby School and the adjoining school mistress' house are still there. Both are now in private ownership, but the old school was used for many years as the Raby Village Hall.

In May 1904 building of the 'Lever Undenominational Day School', now the village Primary School, began and the first pupils were admitted in January 1905. Initially there were 47 children on the register of which 36 were transferred from the church school. By the following March numbers had grown to 60.

The cost of building and running this new school and its running costs were initially met by Mr Lever until 1906 when the running costs were transferred to Chester's Director of Education and its ownership conveyed to St George's Church. In July 1918 The 'Lever School' was leased by the County of Cheshire from St George's Church for a period of 21 years.

The two schools then continued to operate and provide education for the children of Thornton Hough and the surrounding area.

Apparently the Infants and



Juniors up to eleven years old were taught in the Church School and Seniors in the 'Thornton Hough Lever Council School'.

In 1939 when the lease ran out, all the children were moved back to the Church School and the Lever School was closed. From March 1940 to November 1946 it was occupied by the army, initially by some of the men manning the anti-aircraft guns at Storeton and Raby, and then by the troops who were preparing the vehicles parked on the Lever Driveways for use in the D-day landings.

After long negotiations, the former Lever School was eventually bought by the Local Authority in January 1952, repaired and refurbished, and in April 1953 the Church School was closed and the pupils transferred to their new school. Thereafter the original Church School became the Parish Hall and the former Lever School became the present 'County Primary School'.

Gavin Hunter



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September already! Thornton Hough WI have a full and exciting calendar for the rest of the year and we are looking forward to sharing events and meetings with visitors, friends old and new and of course, family.

At our last meeting Pip Probert gave a lively and entertaining talk on Landscape and Garden Design, with suggestions and advice on how to plan and what to plant to get the best out of your garden. Pip is a multi-award winning garden designer with over 16 years' experience and has appeared on TV in 'Your Garden Made Perfect'. She shared some insights into how the programme was made and produced, and the length of time it took from filming to actually appearing on television. Hard to believe it takes more than three months to get to the small screen!

On a beautiful, sunny afternoon in July we had a really interesting walk around Flaybrick Memorial Gardens. The guides were very informative and we learnt a lot about the gardens and the people who were buried there and shaped Birkenhead as a town.

In August our Ploughman's Lunch was well attended and good fun. It was good to see some of our older members who are not always able to attend the evening meetings. Many thanks to our ladies for the scrumptious food and decorations in the hall, also for their help before, during and after the lunch.

We had a lovely day out in September with a coach trip to Daresbury Church, Blakemere Craft Centre and lunch at the Spinner and Bergamot. We even managed to dodge the rain!

We hosted a Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday 20th September at the WI Hall which was very popular and raised £329 for Macmillan Cancer Research.

On Tuesday, 14th November, the Western Approaches Swing Singers will be performing 1930's, 40's and 50's songs at the WI Hall, 7.00 pm until late. Tickets are £16.00 per person and include a hot supper, dessert, tea, coffee, and raffle. Bring Your Own Booze. 1940's, 1950's dress encouraged (and uniforms!). Friends, family and visitors are all welcome. Please contact Betty Hodges 336 3572 for tickets.

On Tuesday 19th September we had our usual Soup and Social which was enjoyed by all. The next socials are on October 17th and November 21st at 12.30 - 2.00 pm: look forward to seeing you all there.

Our next evening meeting is at the WI Hall on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.30 pm when our speaker will be the Rev. Hugh Burgess, with Uganda Tales.
If you would like more information about Thornton Hough WI please contact us:

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Janet Gaywood



Prayer for Peace

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more."

(Isaiah 2:4, NRSVA)

Loving God, we pray for a time when this vision will be fulfilled.
As we remember with gratitude the sacrifices made by those whose lives
have been lost and disfigured by conflict,
we pray that you would heal all our divisions
and give your lasting peace and reconciliation to our world. Amen.

An unusual stained-glass panel

On a visit to Tilston Parish Church (near Malpas), the person showing us around pointed out the fine stained glass in the church and particularly drew our attention to a rather unusual panel in the widows on the north side of the building. Look carefully at the bottom right of the panel: you will see two brown bears.



The panel illustrates a passage from 2 Kings 2:23-24:

From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some boys came out of the town and jeered at him. "Get out of here, baldy!" they said. "Get out of here, baldy!" He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the LORD. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys. (NIV)

The panel of the window was at a low level and could easily be viewed by worshipers of all ages sitting in the adjacent pew.

Was this to remind us that God's prophets should be respected? It certainly provoked some interesting conversations during our visit to St Mary's Tilston.

Iain Stinson



All Saints' 2023: A service for remembering the faithful departed.

We remember with love those who have died during the last year. Families and friends of those who have lost a loved one during this time are invited to attend our services of remembrance in the afternoon of Sunday, 5th November, to be held at 3.00pm. We will light a candle in memory of each of those we have lost and read their names.

Advance notice: Advent and Christmas Services at All Saints'

Advent Sunday, December 3rd

8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Service of readings and music for Advent

Advent 2, Sunday December 10th

10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
4:00pm Christingle Service

Advent 3, Sunday December 17th

8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
6:00pm Service of readings and carols for Christmas

Christmas Eve / Advent 4, Sunday December 24th

10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
11:00pm "Midnight" Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Christmas Day, Monday December 25th

10:30am Holy Communion for Christmas Day
(Common Worship)

Christmas 1 / New Year's Eve, Sunday December 31st

10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Epiphany, Sunday January 7th 2024

8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)



Thank You

Our 1939 dictionary states that a magazine is a place to store explosive materials. I believe that our church magazine does exactly that in all its articles from the Vicar's letter to the answers to the puzzles. It is informative and satisfying in its content. May all its readers enjoy every page with its challenges and its gifts for us all to consider and share.

May we give thanks to all the team who produce it every two months for us to read and accept its many gifts.

Les Shepherd



The Red Fox and Little Fox

Thornton Hough



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The Red Fox is a classic country pub with open fires, wooden floors, good old furniture and lots of rugs and plants. The bar sits at the heart of the pub, with an array of cask ales on tap, a back shelf crammed with malts and gins and a decent list of over 50 lovingly chosen wines. Our team of chefs continually develop our daily menu with a spine of freshly prepared classic British dishes, complemented by a few more exotic influences here and there.

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Cookery Corner

PUMPKIN SOUP

Dice pumpkin flesh into a casserole dish.
Add 400g can of chopped tomatoes.
Add 2 chopped medium onions, 1 teaspoon of salt and 1/4 teaspoon of pepper.

Put into the oven set at 180°C for 1 hour.

Cool and blend for a short time.

Add 2 vegetable stock cubes dissolved in 4 cups of water.

Reheat, adjust seasoning. Garnish with parsley.



PEAR AND CHOCOLATE CRUMBLE

1lb peeled and chopped pears

100mls lemonade

Chocolate chips or buttons, amount to taste

Crumble mix (4 oz flour, 2 oz butter or margarine, 2 oz sugar and handful of rolled oats mixed to breadcrumb consistency)



Put the pears and lemonade into a casserole, sprinkle chocolate chips over, cover with the crumble mix and spread out evenly.

Bake for 20 mins in oven at 180°C until lightly browned.

WIRRAL SHOEBOX APPEAL— Coffee morning

Christmas comes round so quickly, doesn't it! Not that we are quite there yet, but we are looking ahead to filling our shoeboxes again for needy children in Eastern Europe. To this end I invite you to join us in a fund-raising coffee morning on **Thursday, 12th October**. This will be held, as usual, in the Thornton Hough WI Hall, Neston Road, between 10.30 am and 12 noon. Please do come along to support us.



Entrance: **£3**. Contributions of any of these items will also be most welcome.

Practical supplies: Toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, face cloth and soap, Stationery/pens/pencils/paper, Gloves/hats/scarves, Craft pack, Sewing kit, Jewellery.

A few small gifts: A soft toy, ball, game, puzzle, bubbles, musical instrument, (e.g. harmonica/recorder) – and, of course, sweets or chocolate.

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A Northern Odyssey

North Ronaldsay is the most northern of the Orkney archipelago. It is tiny and can be walked north to south in a day without undue rush. And getting there is part of the fun. The ferry calls a couple of times a week if you want to stay, or you can fly there and back for a day trip, assuming that the weather is clement - and that is not a given even in the summer months.



We assumed that flying would be prohibitively expensive and impossible to book but were proven wrong when the great weather in June pushed us to consider the trip. Flights go four times a day from Kirkwall airport and cost £30 return. We were on holiday and I love looking at lighthouses - there are two - so off we went. It was well worth the 20 minute flight and what a day we had.



Kirkwall airport is tiny and beautifully maintained. Check-in was at a 'desk' off to the side of the main hall and consisted of us telling the ground handler our names - and that was it. He didn't want booking details or ID. There was no boarding card and the luggage check consisted of a quick look at the size of our rucksack - no worry about liquids or anything else. The flight was called ten minutes before departure - we had

watched the plane being refueled while we waited. A tanker drove up, the driver exited with a ladder, climbed onto the wing with the petrol nozzle, fueled the aircraft and then departed. When ready we were called to the doorway and walked with the other 6 passengers to the plane - seats were not allocated, it was basically sit down in the order you arrived. Again no security checks etc! It was really quite refreshing. The views during the flight were fantastic - we saw most of the northern islands. The picture shows the plane returning to Kirkwall with the airport on the right - no charge for parking!

On landing you realise that facilities are basic - the runway is gravel and behind a normal stone wall or fence. It is checked by one of the locals just before landing to ensure that it is clear of animals and other obstructions. The 'fire-engine' is brought out, just in case, and any baggage is put on a trolley by the passengers. The ground staff arrive about twenty minutes before the flight is due and leave about ten minutes after it departs.



We travelled with the local fireman overseer who was making his monthly trip to the island to check that the fire equipment was up to par. He heads to all of the outer islands monthly - an interesting and apparently often challenging job when the weather turns.

There is no public transport, there are less than 200 inhabitants - you can phone for the taxi, hire a bike or walk. There is very little (no) traffic and the roads are single track. The airport is roughly halfway up the island on the west coast - if you are there for the day you either walk north or south depending on how long you have. We went north to the lighthouses. For once the constant wind had abated and the sun appeared. It really is remote but anyone you see stops to chat.

The walk was fascinating - lots and lots of birds - lapwings, red shanks, skylarks, curlews, whimbrels and all sorts of other LBB's (little brown birds) in the fields. The closer we got to the coast the more seabirds we saw - fulmars nesting and aggressive arctic terns. The island is on the migration path for birds in the spring and winter - the south of the island houses a bird observatory which nets birds to monitor movement. It is the main visitor attraction and busy all year - if you can get there! The island is also a registered international dark sky area and is apparently a good place to see the aurora! As with all the islands the place is littered with everything from dead cars to old machinery - some is re-used for parts but there is nowhere else to dispose of kit and caboodle so it is left to lie.

There are two lighthouses on the north of the island - the Stephensons had a hand in both of them. The first was built in 1789 but was not big enough and was replaced in 1854 by a more modern version - the tallest land-based lighthouse in the UK. They are both still there although the older one has been closed up and the steps removed; it looks like it is well used by the local bird life but as a scheduled monument it is maintained.

Crossing the machair (sandy meadow) to get to the old lighthouse was challenging - terns dive bomb from one side and fulmars from the other! The walls that are on the picture are small enclosures called crues that used to be used by the islanders to grow vegetables. There are also some old kelp pits as this industry came to the island for a period. This part of the island is common land outside of the wall that surrounds the rest of the island to keep the sheep on the beach....



During the 19th century the local farmers determined that cattle were more profitable so banished the sheep to the beach - where they still reside behind the 14 mile wall - on the right. The wall is a scheduled monument. Generally everyone looks after it, as they do the sheep. The sheep are classed as a rare breed and eat mostly kelp and some grass on the 'sea' side of the wall. They are an ancient breed that probably dates back to the Iron Age. Nowadays they are also found on a couple of other minuscule outer islands as insurance for the breed. They have been well studied as apparently they may hold the answer to environmentally friendly meat. They are feral - they cannot be herded by dogs as they scatter, and four times a year the whole island comes together to pound or bring them in for lambing, shearing etc. They use hurdles to corral them in to sheep pens along the wall. The meat is expensive and the islanders are applying for special status for it - technically it is eaten as mutton and is gamey due to the seaweed flavouring! The locals tell all sorts of entertaining stories of the pounding - usually outlining how the sheep win!

The new lighthouse buildings house holiday cottages, the woollen mill and a cafe/visitor centre. The lunch we had was incredible, given the remoteness; the conversation with the locals was even better. The man who served us lunch was also the fireman at the airport and the lady sorting the mill, weaving and managing the cottages was the ground agent.

We were warned not to be late back for our flight (ie they knew when we had arrived.....) but that it would wait if we were not too late!

Ann Slee-Jones



Trade Directory

Trade	Name	Contact Tel	Mob
Greenhills garden Services	Will	336 5167	07754 411693
Joiner	Paul Whitehead	353 0493	07762 637374
Painter & Decorator	A Foreshaw	327 4788	07979 233 422
Health & Wellness - <i>Pilates</i>	Peter Heath	644 9279	07808 920 813
Gas Service	Ross Jappy		07703 769 461
ACG General Maintenance	Andrew Grover		07384 466 414
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Following a suggestion from various readers, we have compiled the above list based on their recommendations. if you know of anybody else who would like to be included please inform any of the Editorial Team.

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Answers to puzzles

Sudoku

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

Words using Wreath

- 6 wreath
- 5 earth, hater, heart, threw, water, wheat, wrath
- 4 hare, hart, hate, hear, heat, rate, tare, tear, thaw, ware, wart, wear, what, whet.
- 3 are, art, ate, awe, ear, eat, era, eta, hat, hew, rat, raw, tar, tea, the, war, wet,
- 2 ah, at, er, ha, he, re, ta, we

Can you find any others?

Scrambled Words

technhpao	Cenotaph	wra	War
tarhwe	wreath	ntehleev	eleventh
Raismcit	armistice	pypop	poppy
Leiscne	silence	ardeap	parade
Rmevbeno	November	mrebeerm	Remember

From the Registers - August - September 2023

Burials

	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>	
George KENYON	22/7/23	86	Buried: 15/8/23
Christine JONES	17/8/23	68	Buried: 25/9/23

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Baptism

20/8/23 Maximilian Angus Henry JOB

Wedding

2/9/23 Luke Michael HUGHES and Laura Elizabeth BATSON

Quiz Answers

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. World War 1 | 6. 1925 | 10 Gurkhas |
| 2. John McCrae | 7. King George V | 11 Tony Blair |
| 3. The Disabled Society | 8. The Royal Albert Hall | 12 Versailles |
| 4. The Arboretum | 9. Saturday before | 13 1921 |
| 5. Lord Haig | Remembrance Sunday | 14 Empty Tomb |



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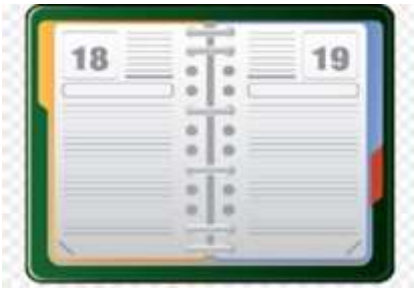
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Parish Diary October — November

September

27	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Coffee Morning
29	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

October

1	Sunday	Trinity 17
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
4	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
6	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
8	Sunday	Trinity 18
	10:30am	Holy Communion with Baptism
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong
9	Monday	
	10:00am	ToyBox
10	Tuesday	
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
11	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	2:15pm	ACF: Home Instead (Emily Rimmer)
15	Sunday	Trinity 19
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
18	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
22	Sunday	Trinity 20
	10:30am	Holy Communion

October

25	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Coffee Morning (Parish Hall)
27	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
29	Sunday	Last Sunday after Trinity
	10:30am	Holy Communion

November

1	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
3	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
4	Saturday	
	10:00am	Autumn Fair
5	Sunday	All Saints' Day (transferred from 1st November)
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	3:00pm	Service for the Faithful Departed
8	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	2:15pm	ACF: Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes (Angela Berry)
10	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
12	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday
	10:30am	Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance
	2:45pm	Act of Remembrance at Village War Memorial
	3:00pm	Civic Remembrance Service
13	Monday	
	10:00am	ToyBox
14	Tuesday	
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
15	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion

November

17	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
19	Sunday	2nd before Advent
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
22	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Coffee Morning (Parish Hall)
24	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
26	Sunday	Christ the King / next before Advent
	10:30am	Holy Communion
29	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion

December

1	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
3	Sunday	Advent Sunday
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Service of music and readings for Advent



**All Saints' Church,
Thornton Hough**

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

Dates of meetings Autumn 2023

Monday 9th October

Monday 13th November

Monday 11th December



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



Sunday Bible Readings

October - November

October		
1st	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Philippians 2: 1-13	Matthew 21: 23-32
8th	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Philippians 3: 4b-14	Matthew 21: 33-46
15th	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Philippians 4: 1-9	Matthew 22: 1-14
22nd	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	
	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10	Matthew 22: 15-22
29th	Twenty First Sunday after Trinity	
	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8	Matthew 22: 34-46
November		
5th	All Saints' Sunday	
	Revelation 7: 9-17	Matthew 5: 1-12
12th	Remembrance Sunday	
	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13
19th	Second Sunday before Advent	
	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	Matthew 25: 14-30
26th	Christ the King	
	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Matthew 25: 31—46
December		
3rd	Advent Sunday	
	Isaiah 64: 1-9	Mark 13: 24-37

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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.

The Magazine

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